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Southern Elizabeth Voelker -
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Sunday May 26 -

This has been over
very lovely day only
rather cool. You have
had a good time
all the afternoon with
your Papa then after
seeing your Uncle Frank
come, and you can
be always have the
best-kind of romp-

Being memorial day
you heard the band play
and were on the lawn
the most of the time
you did not get your
afternoon nap and were
very tired.

Monday May 27 -

This has been a lovely day and your little friends Blanchie and Jaminie were here all the morning and you had a happy time together. Then after your lovely nap this noon you played nicely with brother then this evening we went up town together and walked home with Papa.

This is always a very great - delight - for your little ones -

Tuesday May 28 -

This has been a very cold day and you were at Blanchies the most of the morning and then after your nap you played with brother for a time and then were at Blanchies and telephoned to Mamma that you would not be right back home - Mamma has been busy all the afternoon with her sewing and you came home a good girl.

Wednesday May 29 -

The morning has been rather lovely for your little ones to be out:

You have enjoyed it immensely. Mamma has been very busy all the morning. This afternoon Mamma has been out quite a little and left you little ones with Aunt Betsey. You all went up to the cemetery for a little time. While there Russell had to smell of all the flowers in the whole place. It did please you quite a little.

Thursday May 30 -

This has turned out to be a very nice decoration day after all.

You have had a most lovely time for your Grandma and Grandpa came down to spend the day. We always do have such good times when they come -

This afternoon you went up to the cemetery again and you did have as much fun as you did yesterday.

Mamma had a good long ride and Mamma went to prayer meeting -

Friday May 31 -

Mamma had to be out-
again today to make
some calls and have
a little work done
at the dentist's. You
were a very good girl
and played very nicely
with your little friend
Blanchie. Mamma
read to you all the
evening and you did
enjoy it. Lots too -

Then too you combed
and brushed Mamma's
hair for a long time
and that always makes
you more than happy
too -

Saturday May 1 -

This has been rather a disagreeable day.

It has not been very warm nor nearly as lovely as it might be.

You played outside with your little friends very lovely this morning and this afternoon you stayed at home very lovely with Mamma -

Then this evening we read a volume about different pictures you admired. Then Mamma gave you a bath and put you to bed -

Sunday June 2 -

This has been another rather cold day, not as pleasant as one could wish Sunday to be.

You went to church with Aunt Bertha this morning and you came home about as tired and hungry a little one as one could wish to see. Then this afternoon you took a long walk with little Blanchie and her Mamma. You then spent the evening at home with Papa while Mamma went to church.

Monday June 3-

It has been quite a little warmer today than yesterday- We had great sport with you and brother this morning.

You both wanted to help Mamma all you could so you decided to fill the wood box.

You did then filled the wood anywhere ^{and} everywhere about the kitchen. You had a

lots of fun all the morning long and Mamma did love to see you.

Tuesday June 4 -

It has been rather
lovely outside today.

Your little ones had
a good time too. Mamma
was obliged to leave
you for a little time
today and go up to
see Aunt Carrie. You
were just as good as
you could be until
Mamma got back.

Mamma was very
tired and your little
ones were very good
and Mamma rested
soon and felt much
better.

Wednesday June 3-

It has been just a beautiful day today and my little ones have made the most of it too. You had Helen with you all of this day and had just more than lots of fun. Mamma loves to see you so happy.

This evening Mamma took you and Walter up to see Uncle Frank ^{and} Aunt Bertha next door and we had just lots of fun.

We all came home simply tired out.

Thursday June 8 -

It has been very lovely today out too so Mamma took you and brother with her when she went up town to see Aunt Carrie.

We enjoyed seeing brother meet Aunt Carrie.

Papa clipped his hair and it has changed him so that our ears help but laugh when they see him - Aunt Carrie could not help but laugh when she saw him I can tell

you, Russell is just 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ years old now and Mamma wanted you should see the color of his hair now.

Friday June 7 -

This forenoon my little ones had a good time watching the men in the yard build a walk. Then after your nap it rained so we had to leave you for the afternoon.

You were very good indeed just the same and Mamma found you eating popcorn when I returned -

Mamma loves you so much when you are good.

Saturday June 8 -

It has been such a lovely day for you today. You spent the most of the day looking at funny pictures Papa brought you last night -

Aunt Bertha took you out for a long walk this afternoon -

After your lovely bath tonight - you were sound asleep -

Mamma loves to see her little girl as happy as you have been today -

Sunday June 9 -

This has been another very lovely day just warm enough to suit my little ones.

This morning we did not take you out to church so that you might be rested so you could go out tonight as it is childrens day.

Little Helen came down this afternoon and you had a good time playing together.

Mamma spent a little time in Aunt Carrie's sick room as she has on many days.

Monday July 10 -

It has been another
very warm day ^{and}
Aunt Carrie has not
felt so very well today
so Mamma took little
time with her this
afternoon - You had a
good time as Helen
came down and you
played together and
just enjoyed every
minute. This evening
Uncle Frank came
down and then you
had a big time too.

Tuesday June 11-

It has been another
warm day. Your
little ones have played
out the most of the
time. Maria had
lots to do today and
so you had to look
after your self quite
a little. Helen came
to play with you all
of this day. Your
are having lots of these
days together. Aunt-
Bertha came down
this evening for a little time.

Wednesday June 12 -

This has been another very warm day and Aunt-Carrie is not-well as well so little Helen has come to spend the day with you and nothing could please you any more - You had a delightful time all of this day and tonight - she stays all night - with you for the first time in all your life. She took your doll to bed with her and seems happy.

Thursday June 13 -

This has been the warmest day so far this summer. You have been about all the morning without anything on your arms or feet - all the time. You have had so many little friends all the day that - you have had one glorious time -

Mamma loves to see you have such a great time these days -

Friday June 14 -

It has been about -
as warm as yesterday
except that - it rained
toward night - and
has made things
far more comfortable.

It has been another
lovely day for you.
You have had a big
time playing all of
this day with Helen.

Tonight she became
homesick and wanted
to go home so Mamma
gave her a bath and washed
her hair and took her
home -

Saturday June 15-

So far this has been another grand lovely day. You have had lots of fun this morning looking and waiting for Grandma Mather who was expected today.

She did not come this morning as we hoped she would but this afternoon brought her -

You and I went to the train to meet Grandma and found her alright. She was delighted to see us and we were equally as glad to see her. We drove over to the farm too

Sunday June 18 -

This has been our very beautiful day. You went to the prison to church with Grandma T. and Papa this morning. Uncle Frank came to dinner and after that - you and the rest went up to the cemetery while Mamma dressed to go for a ride with you. We went over to the Grandpa Cutter farm and then home to a lovely lunch that Mamma had ready for us all. You then went to bed and slept with Mamma as happy as could be.

Monday June 17-

This day has been
very pleasant too. You
did play outside the
most of the forenoon then
after your lovely nap
this afternoon you took
a walk with us all
up to see Aunt Jennie
for a little time. Then
this evening Uncle Frank
came in to supper and
stayed all evening. We
just had a good time
and were happy every
minute of the day.
You were tired tonight.

Tuesday June 18 -

This forenoon was
all taken up by trying
to visit with Grandma
and make her happy.
You had a lovely time.
Then after dinner you
took your lovely nap
again. Grandma
helped to fill up your
bank again by giving
you and brother each
a dollar. She just
loves your little ones
almost to death -

Mamma does too so
very much indeed -

Wednesday June 19.

This has been a most-
lovely day and my
little girl has been
very good natured too.

You helped Mamma
quite a little this
forenoon and also
this afternoon. This
noon after your lovely
nap you had a good
rump in the yard.

Then this evening you
have gone up town
with Aunt Bertha V.
to have a good time.

You were very much
delighted too.

Thursday June 20-

This has been a very warm day and Mamma has been out to spend the afternoon and left you my little ones with Aunt Bertha. You had a pleasant day they tell me and Mamma was glad you did too. Then this evening we sat and visited all the time. Uncle Frank came up for a little time. You always have a good time when he comes and it always does you lots of good.

Friday June 21-

This has been another very lovely day. Mamma and Papa got up early this morning and took a horse and enjoyed all the lovely roses in the whole neighborhood. Then Aunt-Carrie came down to spend the day and this gave you a most-happy time as Helen ^{and} Morris came down and spent the whole afternoon with us too.

You had a good time too.

Saturday June 22 -

It has been most-
warm all of this day
and we all had quite
a little to do today as
it has been a very
full week. Then tonight
after supper we went
up town and all did a
little shopping. Then
after your refreshing
bath my little son
found himself all tired
out - and ready for
nothing else but bed ^{and}
sleep and rest. You slept
well all night - too -

Sunday June 23 -

There has not much
been going on all of
this day. Maria has
been all tired out - and
has not felt very well
because of the very sick
so we stayed at home
and kept very quiet -

You enjoyed yourself
all the afternoon and
with Papa too, in the
hammock most of the
time. Maria felt
much better towards
night - and so did
we all -

Monday June 24 -

It has been a most beautiful day but Mamma had very much to do because of the busy day, the first of the week. You and Mother always keep yourself very busy doing your dolls - making too so we are never alone and we enjoy seeing you so anxious too. Then this afternoon we spent quietly on the lawn and trying to keep cool.

Tues day June 23-

It has been an
unusual hot night - and
the morning has been
no better. So we just
kept as quiet as we
could. Harry kept inside
with closed doors and
windows and find we
are now too cool even
then. You have almost
nothing on in the line
of clothing these days -

Mamma loves her
little one just lots
these days -

Wednesday June 26 -

It is a hot-a hotter
today than it was
yesterday. It is impossible
to keep very warm
today. It rained very
hard last night but
did not cool things off
very much. It was
so warm that Mamma
took a lovely ride with
Aunt Bessie this evening
and it helped to cool
Mamma off just lots.
You played in the
yard with brother till quite
late.

Thursday June 27 -

It has been warm
all the morning but
has cooled off quite a
little this afternoon -

After your nap you
asked Mamma to let you
go out to Aunt Bessie
for a while. This Mamma
did then you heard little
to this crying and
missing you so you
came for him. Then
this evening Mamma had
another lovely ride while
you cooled off in the yard.

Friday June 28 -

Mamma was quite busy all the morning and you had lots of your little friends in about any number. You made mud pie and cubes and came in first covered from your heels to your head.

Mamma gave you a good bath and after your nap you felt very good and was glad for a rest.

Saturday June 29 -

It has been a most beautiful day not nearly as warm as the days before have been -

Mamma went to the Rapids to do a little shopping and among the things I got was a pair of black slippers and blue stockings of your my little maid - You are very much delighted you had them all on today and looked very sweet. Mamma loves to hear and have her little one so happy -

Sunday June 30-

It is another very
warm day about as
warm as we have
had. You went to
church with Maria
but your new shoes
hurt you very much
so we did not stay
to Sunday school as
Maria very much
wished to do. You
took a very nice long
nap after dinner and
it did you lots of good
to -

Monday July 1 -

It has been another
very lovely day and
my little Son has
had a lovely time.

You had a good ride
with Mamma and
Aunt- Bertha tonight
and you are very
happy over the whole
thing. Then too
you have had a good
time playing outside
and have been a very
happy little girl all
around.

Tuesday July 2 -

It has been so warm today our cows scarcely endure the heat. We did take life about as easy as our cows could and yet we did our and all suffer very much.

You and brother could not help it - you had a big time just the same as you always do.

We sat on the lawn tonight until quite late.

Wednesday July 3 -

It has been very warm here again today. We do not know where we will go tomorrow to spend the day. It may be here and may not be. You will have a good time in either place.

You and brother need with Mamma stop nursing to get the kids and you had a big time too -

Thursday July 7 -

This has been about
the hottest day so far
this summer,

You enjoyed it very
much however as
Papa was home all
of this day and helped
you celebrate.

Then this evening
we all went over to
the farm where we
had five racks of all
kinds. This was a
great surprise to you
and mother -

Friday July 5 -

It has been much
pleasanter today than
yesterday. You and
Mother have been very
happy and comfortable.

This evening Aunt-
Barrie asked us all
over there to take tea
with them. You
had a big time we
did too. Then this
evening you went up
town with Aunt Bette
too and that always
makes you happy.

Saturday July 8 -

It was very warm today and your little ones spent the most of the time playing with other little ones in the yard. Then this evening Aunt Bessie and Mamma took you up town with us. You were very tired before we reached home, but you had been happy so Mamma had an easy time with you.

Sunday July 7 -
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It has been a very cool day and we were at home all of this day except that after dinner Auntie Halch came and took Mamma for a ride. You were fast asleep when Mamma left. And you were very good when Mamma returned and told her you were glad I went and that it was all right.

Monday July 8-

It is a very lovely day and Mamma was quite busy too. You were so busy too for Mamma has lots to do on Monday and of course you little ones always want to do the same.

Mamma left you with Aunt Bertha while I made a few calls and you were very good too while I was gone. You were both glad to have my back

Tuesday July 9-

It has been very warm and Mamma was busy at home too. You and Mother were very happy doing this and that and having all sorts of fun with the little mischievous children -

Mamma lives to have her little ones so happy and having such a good time as you do these days -

You took a walk after supper and did you not?

Wednesday July 10

Today mamma had
lots to do again of
all kinds. The most
was making a few
dresses for hockey to
take north with us.

You did have a
good time and Mamma
was glad. Margery
and Edward were over
and spent quite a
little time here
with you and it
did you good too.

Thursday July 11-

This day Mamma kept sacred for Grandma and Thomy at home. We just had a lot of fun and we had a good rest before going north.

You were sick the most of the day, but still had a very lovely time. Mamma brought you home rather early and you slept well and feel much better-

Friday July 12

It has been very warm today and my little girl could not play quite as hard as she hoped she could. You did still have a big time.

You played out in the sand in the street quite late and then came in had another dish of bread and milk and then went to bed.

You were very happy today.

Saturday July 13-

It was rather a
warm day and
you were out just
the same. Russell
did get his little
neck quite badly
sunburned, and yet
he had a good
time. You were
not as good natured
as usual but you
were not feeling as
well. Mamma thinks
It makes all the
difference how you feel.

Sunday July 14 -

It has been very
lovely all of this
day but rather warm.
Mamma did not
let you go out - say
as she wanted you
to be rested for your
trip and also to keep
all your good things
clean for your trip
tomorrow.

We start early in
the morning and the
excitement has been
great for you today in
getting ready.

Monday July 15 -
Topinabee

We arose rather early
this morning my little
maid to take the train
to Topinabee. You were the
last one up however. You
ate rather a good breakfast:

You and brother were
rather tired when you
reached Bay City where
you had an hours rest.
Then on for the rest of
the trip. It was extremely
warm all the rest of the
day when we reached
Topinabee you ate a good
supper and were then
very ready for a good
night's rest.

Tuesday July 14 -

It has been a most lovely day and it has been just fine to have Papa with us all of this day. This forenoon we spent the most of the time sitting on the beach and watching others have a good time. This afternoon after your nap you put on your bathing suit and simply played and sat down in the water. It did delight Papa very much to see you. Then this evening we called on the Courser girls and you saw the inside of a cottage on the first time.

Wednesday July 17-

~~Topinadee~~

This morning early Mr. Bailey took us all out on his launch and we had a good time. It was the first time we had been on the water and we did enjoy it so much. Then you little ones did eat a ravenous dinner and then had another great time in your bathing suits. It's just fun to see you. But you do not seem to enjoy wearing them as much as Mamma wishes you would. We took another ride on the launch tonight before Papa left. Then he went away today.

Thursday July 18-

You and Russell had a big time this morning playing around in the yard. And then this afternoon Mamma had a few callers and you simply did the entertaining by paddling around in the water with your bathing suits on. Then this evening we called at Mrs. Snells a little while. We did not stay so very long and came home and enjoyed the moonlight. From the dock and it was beautiful.

Friday July 19-

~~Toptun~~
This is certainly a great-
deal for children as
young as you are to be
at such a lovely place
as this and spend so
much time here near
this beautiful lake. It
is fine. Mamma is drinking
in its beauty from time
to time. You were out-
in the water until long
after dark tonight.

You seemed to be having
a most-delightful time,

Mamma is simply
waiting to see what it
will do for her-

Saturday July 20-

It's simply very warm today. Yet my little girl is ready for a good swim early this morning.

You were in the water the most of the time today. This evening we took a long walk until you were very tired then you slept very well all night.

It did storm terribly tonight and looked frightful up here among all these trees.

Mamma enjoyed very much however.

Sunday July 21 -
~~Optimist~~

It has been simply
an ideal day after the
storm last night.

Mamma has been very
comfortable all day ^{and}
has not suffered any
with the heat.

This morning we went up
to call at Mrs. Sells
cottage and we all
went picking buckaleberries
and we had such a
good time too. We ate
and ate berries until
we had all we could eat.
Then this afternoon we
took a little milk and
picked lots of water greens -

Monday July 22 -

This has been another most lovely day and my little son has had a big time. You played in the water in your bathing suit all the morning and this afternoon we took a trip by boat to Cheboygan.

It was simply fine and no one could have enjoyed it any more than you and little Walter did.

You were never in so large a boat before and it was simply fine for you. Then this evening you spent on the water again. I hope this life will make you strong.

Tuesday July 23 -

~~Topinabee~~

The weather at Topinabee has been fine today and you began the day by taking a long walk this morning, then about ten o'clock you had your pictures taken in your bathing suits. After your lovely nap this afternoon you spent some time on the grounds. You had a lovely time all day. You wrote a letter to Papa and did lots of things. You called at a cottage with Alice Woodard this evening and did not get in until nine o'clock. Now you are sweetly slumbering -

Wednesday July 24 -
- Topinabee &

This has been a most perfect day here & this place - This morning we gathered watermelons and sent Papa a box of them.

We found some large red berries and we thought it quite fine to find them out of season to find them now. This afternoon after your nap we took a walk over to Mrs. Snells and you did help Mamma cut balsa needles for a sofa pillow - We are having a good time every day and hope are growing fat through it too.

Thursday July 23 -
- To remember -

This has been rather a hard day for the little ones. It rained hard today all day and you could not go outside. Mamma had a hard time keeping you busy too. You slept quite a while this afternoon and Mamma had a little time of her own. This evening you had a good time in the parlor and then you were ready for bed. It did Mamma lots of good to see you so happy this rainy day.

Friday July 28 -
-Topinabee -

This forenoon was rather
pleasant. It looked some-
like rain but we went
to cut balsam needles
and stayed until noon.

Then this afternoon after
your lovely nap we
sat in the yard and
visited and played
about. Then this evening
we took a nice long
walk and spent a very
lovely day all the way
through. The evenings
are fine and the moths
can't help but attract
your attention.

- Saturday July 27 -

- Topunabac -

This day has not been very pleasant. We took a little walk this morning and were caught in the rain storm. Then my

stap-around a fireplace to dry our feet. While the people at-home were perhaps sweating. It keeps our busy here to look after you little ones who are in mischief all the time. You have a good time here and Mamma believes you like it and are very happy too.

Sunday July 28 -
Topinabee -

This has been a most beautiful day after the rain this morning. There has not much been going on but still we have kept ourselves rather busy to. We rambled out into the woods this afternoon and had a good time looking after some watergreens. You ^{and} brother have missed your Papa lots to.

This evening you have asked for him quite a little.

Monday July 29 -
- Toquimbé -

This was another hard
forenoon for you and your
little brother for it rained
all the morning, but you
spent the most of the
time blowing bubbles and
having lots of fun -

Then after dinner
you took a very long
nap and then had a
big time down by the
beach and such fun
as you did have -

This evening we sat on
the dock watching the
beautiful moonlight on the
water -

Tuesday July 30 -
Topinambert -

It has rained most
of the day today
and Mamma has
been up stairs with
some of her friends
while you were in
the parlor having a
big time with little
Alice Woodward and
then after your nap
and supper we took
a lovely walk which
did us lots and lots
of good I think
Mamma is tired tonight.

Wednesday July 8 /
- Topunber -

It has not been
as pleasant as it
might be for little
ones today. It has
been almost too
cold to suit my
little ones and yet
you have been very
happy. Mamma has
gotten quite a little
rest this afternoon.

You wrote me Papa
a letter after your
nap today and you
were happy over that.

Thursday Aug 1 -
- Topinabeau -

This morning has
been a full one -

Mamma has done
quite a little fancy
work and my
little ones have
kept themselves
quite busy in different
ways.

This forenoon
on the big boat - Topinabeau

Mrs Page and her
family came to spend
some time here. You
were very glad to think
Mamma had come -

Friday Aug 2 -
- September -

This forenoon my Aunt
on the lane with
Mrs Page the most
of the time as she
only came yesterday
and does not feel
very well acquainted
then after our nap
and supper we went
up to the depot to be
weighed and found
that you had gained
two pounds and

Mamma has gained
five pounds since here

Saturday Aug 3
- Topunaba -

Today was quite a big day
too for we took a
big frown on the
hillside and then
this afternoon we
took the boat "Charles
D." and went to
Chebygan and what
a big time we had.
You and Mother had
your warm up corn
as usual there and
had a great big time.
You did not get us
tired as usual either.

Sunday Aug 4
Tojriabae

This has been a big
day for us for Papa
came this noon on the
big boat Tojriabae -

We went wintering
and stayed up in the
woods intill just about
time for Papa to come
then we ran down to
the dock. You were
so glad to see him -
You loved him most -
of the afternoon and
it did him lots of
good to see you too
I know - We were
all just delighted -

Monday Aug 5 -
- Toquibale -

This morning you, brother and Mamma sat near a tent where we could see Papa fishing from an old dock. He did not catch a fish however, and never has and says he he strikes he never will.

This evening after taking a nice lovely walk and drinking lots of good water we went up stairs and you and brother went early to bed for you were very tired -

Tuesday Aug 6
- Topinabee -

Today Papa and the
Uncles Henry and Herman
were out fishing all
of the day and they
left us to entertain
ourselves. This afternoon
after your nap Papa
came home for a little
while and you had
a big romp.

After supper Uncle
Herman took you and
Mama for a trip in
a row boat and a wind
storm came up and
frightened you terribly -
You said you would
never go out after dark again

Wednesday Aug 7 -
- 1 September -

This morning you and
brother took your last-
bath in the lake with
your bathing suits on.

You had a big tree
little brother fell into
the lake and had his
head under water for
some little time, and
it frightened you
almost to death. You
reached down and
helped to lift him
up. It frightened Maria
too I can say.

Thursday Aug 8 -
- Petoskey -

You had a big time
near the lake this
morning with your little
friends and Mamma
was very busy getting
her trunk packed I can
say. Then after dinner
we took the boat "Thunder"
and had one of the most-
lovely inland boat-trips
we ever had to Petoskey.

Here we shall stay
all night - and take a
trip home to Grandpa's
in the morning - You
and Mother are very
tired and I know all
else good.

Friday Aug 9 -
- Reed City -

This morning my
little grade had to get
up very early at a
hotel at Petoskey to
get ready for his trip
home - You were
very good all the
way to Grandmaris.

When you reached
here you ate a ~~amazingly~~
good dinner, made yourself
perfectly at home, and
took a long nap and
soon felt like yourself.

You will have a big
time here with your Uncle
Stanley I know.

Saturday Aug 10 -
- Reed City -

You had a good time
this morning playing in
Grandpa's yard though
it was just a little
cold. Then after dinner
after your nap you
went up town with
Aunt Bertha and came
home much delighted
with your trip, riding
after the old big
hours - Then this
evening you had a
big romp with
Grandpa and Stanley
You are a happy little
girl here -

Sunday Aug 11

-Reed City-

This has been another lovely day at Grandpa's for my little son -

You went to church this morning and enjoyed it too. Then after dinner Grandpa took us for a ride to Big Rapids about eighteen miles away. You had a big ride and then we stopped at the fish hatchery and saw so many trout and also met water greening.

You came home a tired little girl and night ready for bed -

Monday, Aug 12 -
- Reed City -

This morning you
have kept yourself
quite busy sweeping
all Grandma's porches
and walks. It's fun
to see how busy you
are anyway.

This afternoon Aunt
Bertha and Uncle Stately
went up town and
you and brother went
along and had lots of
fun. You came home
with your little hands
simply loaded down
with candy and were happy.

Tuesday Aug 13 -
Reed City &

This has been a
warm but beautiful
forenoon and this
afternoon has been
the same. We took
the Barry horse today
and all took a long
ride over to Hearsy and
saw a very sick Cousin
and a dear sweet little
baby. You held it all
alone in your arms
and it was only two
months old. You were
simply overjoyed with
the little baby.

Wednesday Aug 14 -

- Reed City -

This has been a lovely day, not quite as warm as yesterday and my enjoyed it very much.

Your took another ride up town with Stanley and thought it fine.

This morning you had so much fun in a sand heap Grandpa has given you right near the door -

Mamma loves to see you look so home and happy

Thursday Aug 15 -
- Reed City &

It has been a lovely day today. It has grown just a little cooler and the weather is just right -

You had a great time with Grandpa tonight. He played Barney horse with you and you had a great time.

Mamma loves to see you have such lots of fun -

- Friday Aug 14 -
- Reed City -

It has been just a
great-day. The weather
has been just-right;

This afternoon we
took a good ride -

We went to Camp
Meeting. You had
had no map and
so did not behave
our bit-good. You
had a big time
however though it
was, not the kind
of a time. Mamma
likes you to have -

- Saturday Aug 17 -
- Reed City -

It has been just another very lonely day and we have had a good time. Grand ma and Aunt Bertie are trying to do all they can to keep us happy and we are happy too -

This afternoon we were out for a nice ride or rather this evening and you did enjoy being up town after dark so much.

- Sunday Aug 14 -
- Reed City -

This has been a
happy day for us
for our dear good
Papa, that - you love
so much came early
this morning to spend
the day with us -
We loved him almost
to death. It rained
most of the day but
we loved him just
the same. I think
you love him more
all the time any-
way.

Monday Aug 19.

Breed City -

This has been
rather a rainy day
but - it has not interfered
in the least - with
your fun. This morning
you sent - with Mamma
to take Papa to the
train and this afternoon
you went - up town
with Uncle Stanley
to get Grandpa.

You were having
a very happy little
girl.

Tuesday Aug 20 -

- Reed City -

This has been fun for you today. We all took old Barney and had a nice long ride after your nap and you did enjoy raving about eating wild cherries and sweet grass for the first time. Then we called for Grandpa and started for our lovely ride home -

In the evening you were showing signs of being very sleepy, as well as Mamma.

- Wednesday Aug 21 -
- Reed City -

It has been a
most beautiful day
only a little sultry.

We had a lovely
ride today again -

Grandma and Uncle
Stanley took us out
to the place where
they bottle the Spring
water. We had a
good time there and
a lovely ride home.

You were very
happy all the time
and came home a
good girl -

Thursday Aug 22 -
- Road City -

Today it has
rained the most
of the time and
my little folks
had to stay in the
house the most
of the time -

Grandma ^{Valerie} cut and
entertained you all
afternoon by cutting
paper dolls of all
colors and kinds -

You are simply
spell bound and are
as happy as though
the dear new ship
had you - here outside -

Had me made in a hurry of a red dress

Friday Aug 28 -
-Dorkid-

This has been rather
a hard day for us.

We took the trip even
much easier than I
would have thought
we could. It was
very warm and the
train was crowded
but we had a happy
time getting back. You
were so glad to see
Papa and he was
very glad to see us
and have us all
back too. Mamma is
glad to be home again
too and all is well.

Saturday Aug 24

- Louis -

It has been a busy day. We have met so many today and have had lots to do too and it has made it a very busy day all around. Mamma has had lots of fun too with you and brother for you are fairly lost and scarcely know where to begin or leave off.

You have enjoyed your play things more than ever today too.

-1901-
Sunday Aug 25-

This has been a
very pleasant-day
and you have enjoyed
it-very much too-

We took our dinner
out-then took Aunt
Bessie home and
drove over to the
farm to see the
folks over there-

You were very happy
meeting little Cook
your little cousin George
Emmanuel, and you
were very happy
over meeting him
too. Mamma loved
to see you together-

- 1901 -

Monday Aug 26 -

Mamma found this a very busy day and lots to do. You were over to see Blanche for a little while today and you thought you had a big time.

I hope you will get along as nicely as you did before you were separated for you were always so happy playing together. Mamma loves to have you together too -

- 1901 -

Tuesday Aug 27

This has been a most-busy day and you were very good through it. This evening we took a little walk and then spent-the evening on Aunt-Bessie's porch, listening to the Salvation Army meetings -

You enjoy this too as they have a band and plenty of music and singing. You enjoy their tent too so near here -

- 1901 -

Wednesday Aug 28

You have had lots
of fun today again
It has been rather
raining this morning
so you had to play
inside some. But-
you blew bubbles and
had lots of fun in
that way. Mamma
loves to entertain you
as much as she
inside when its so
damp but you had
so much rather outside.
Mamma took you up
to meet Papa tonight -

- 1901 -

Thursday Aug 29 -

Today my little
one had company
most - all of the
time and you were
very happy about
that. Mamma let
you take all your
play things on
the lawn and you
had a big time there
too. It's fun to
watch you and see
how much fun you
do get out of your
play things even of
the time -





