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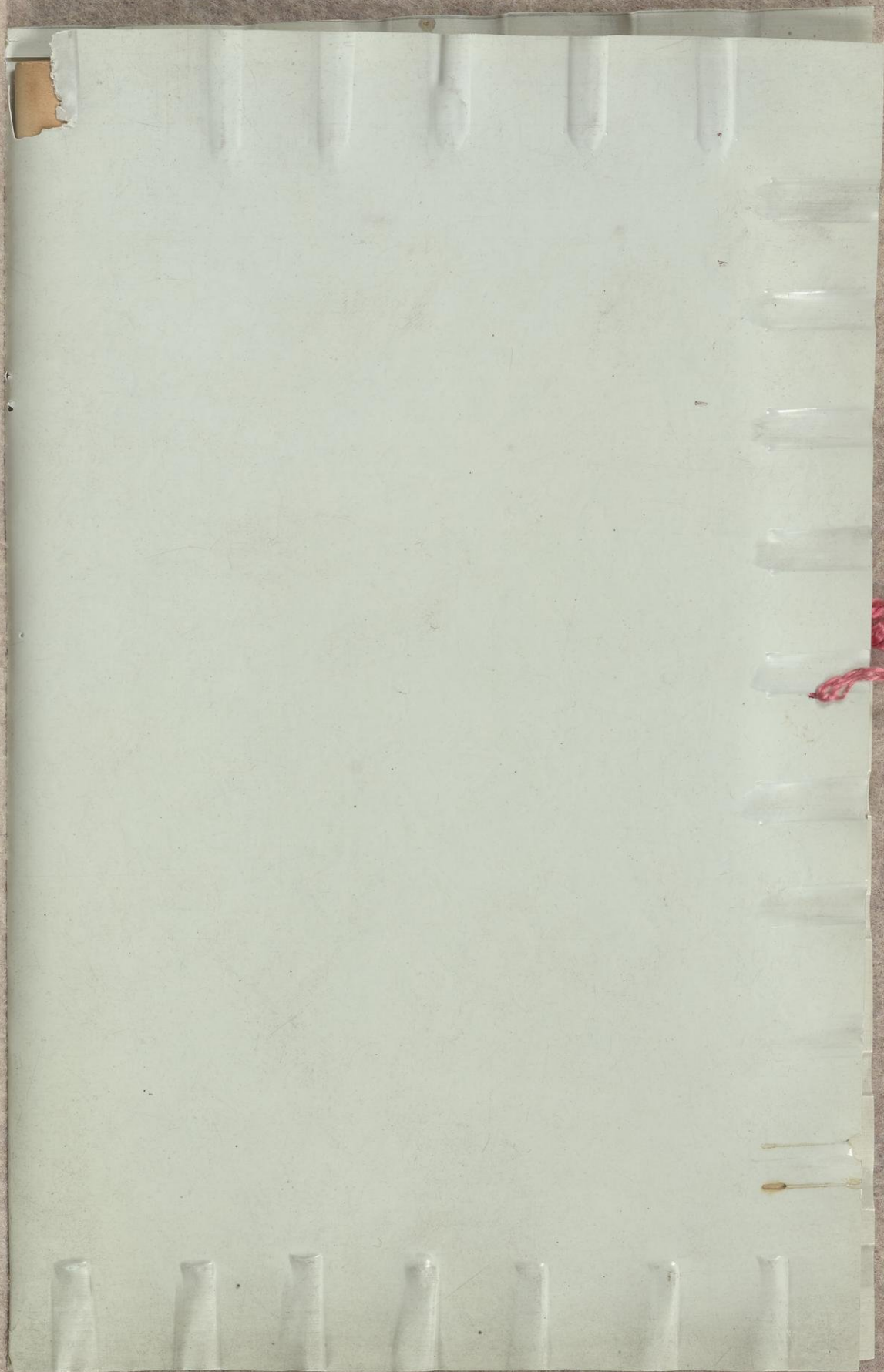
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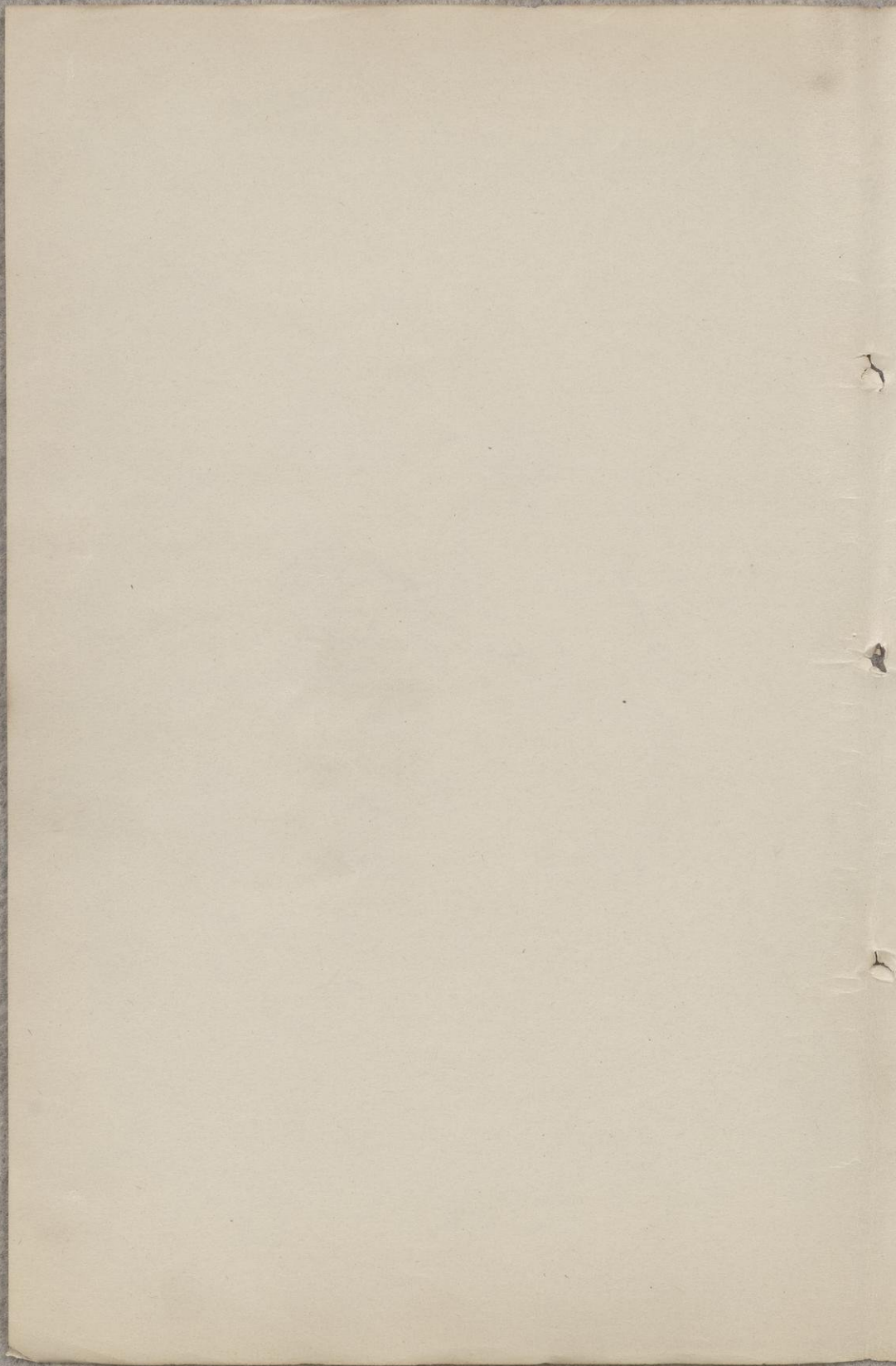
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Sous Elizabeth Voelker -



1900
- Friday Feb 2 -

It has not been at all
pleasant outside today
and so my little girl
could not go out very
much though you did
take a walk outside
this afternoon with Emma
and then after you
returned Mamma had
callers and you did your
part very nicely toward
entertaining them then
this evening Papa stayed
at home and spent
the evening with us
and we had a happy
time altogether.

- Saturday Feb 8 -

This morning about ten o'clock my little girl eyed so hard for your little friend Ethel to come down to spend the day that Mamma let you telephone to her and she came ^{and} you had a good time as usual. You played from morning untill night. You went with her to a surprise party on one of her little friends and Mamma worried for you stayed out almost too late. You were a little surprised at Mamma for worrying for you were having such a good time you said.

- Sunday Feb 4 -

This has been a day that the kind of which you very much enjoy.

This morning you went to church with Mamma and Papa and then this noon we took our dinner with Uncle Harry Cutler and Aunt-Bessie, then after that we had a sleigh ride the first Mamma has had and Russell was out with us. We did have a good time and enjoyed it immensely. Then this evening we took our lunch with Auntie Hulet and we always have a good time there too.

Monday Feb. - 5.

It has been another beautiful mild day and especially for babies! You were all out for an airing this afternoon. Mamma put you into your little sled and let you hold little brother and the sun all went down and spent the afternoon with Aunt Carrie. You and little Helen did have a big time together and I think that little Morris enjoyed it too more than he could make us understand. This evening Papa came home early and we all had a good night's rest.

Tuesday Feb. 6 -

This noon Papa gave a sleigh ride that I think you will remember for some little time. You and he had a big time together.

Then you came in and took such a lovely sleep.

You did not answer my good natured homages but Uncle Henry & was here and ready to take us for a ride. You went

rather reluctantly at first but soon told us how glad you were you had been along. Then this evening you and Mother went to your room rather early and it did you good.

- Wednesday Feb 4 -

This morning you have
been a very busy girl
helping Mamma about the
house and about now
you wanted your wraps
for you were going to meet
Papa you said and then
this afternoon you took a
nice walk with Emma
and when you came
home you found Uncle
Harrison here and you
did have such a good
time too over it all then
this evening you were
very tired and Mamma
lucked you into bed soon.
Papa could not be home
very early on account of business.

Thursday Feb-8-

This has been another ideal day for you and little brother my little girl for we all three spent the day at Grandpa's. Early this morning Aunt-Ida came down and took us all over. We did have such a good time. You could not take the time to take your nap, nor could brother until after dinner and then he slept the most of the afternoon. It was very warm outside but very damp but you both came home without having taken any colds.

Friday Feb-9.

Today Mamma was
up town with you
to do a little shopping
and as we passed
Aunt-Sophias you
wanted to go in and
spend the day and
so Mamma did let-
you. You were so
happy and did make
them so happy too
that it almost makes
us glad to let you
go. Aunt-Sophia came
home with you and
spent the evening -

Saturday Feb 10

Ethel was down again today and spent the whole day with you or rather no, you were up at her house today and it is left little brother alone all day with us. Her mind you more than I ever saw and always acts a little crosser when he is alone, but he was delighted when you came in tonight and made up for all lost time by showing it.

-Sunday Feb-11-

Today you had a
good time again as
Aunt Bessie and Uncle
Harry took you over to
the farm to spend
the day with Grandpa
and Grandma. Your
little brother and Papa
and Mamma could not
go as brother has been
sick all the week ^{and}
feels very badly today.
He has cut his two
eye teeth and now
below this week-

Monday - Feb 12 -

Today it has been
rather cold but Mamma
took a little outing
this afternoon and attended
the St. Cecilia at the Hall
and left you and
Russell in Emma's
charge. Papa took Mother
with him after dinner
and you came soon
after and took your
dinner this afternoon.

Mamma loves to see
you come in after
you have been out -
for you look so well.

Tuesday Feb 13 -

This has been a bitter
cold morning but - you
and I did venture out -
after our morning
walk was done, and
wandered on down
town to do a little
shopping. You enjoyed
it all except - the walk
home when you became
very tired and wanted
your Papa to carry
you. but - you finally
gave in and did the
right thing -

Wednesday Feb 14

You did have such a good time this afternoon for Uncle Herman came and took you for a sleigh ride down our hill near by. You did shout and lounge to the top of your voice, and you could not have enjoyed it more in any way than you did that ride with Uncle Herman.

Then this evening you did have such a frolic with Papa -

Thursday Feb 13-

Today you were inside quite closely for it has not been very pleasant outside and your little brother has not been well so Mamma could not take you out any either. But your Papa showed for you to meet him with your little sled both this noon and this evening this you did and what great sport you did have -

Friday Feb 16-

This afternoon you were indeed very happy, for at dinner time Aunt-Carrin phoned me that Helen would be down to spend the day or at least the afternoon with you. This made you more than happy. You took your nap very good naturally and then you did have a big time here with Emma while Mamma went up to spend the afternoon with Aunt-Carrin. You were a very tired little one tonight.

Saturday Feb 17

Today your little friend Ethel came down to spend the day with you again and you as you always do had a very good time together. This afternoon she took you in your little sled up town to see all these new stores to see and then you came home and had a good time here with your dolls and string. This evening you were so tired that you were very cross, so I went but you to bed early.

Sunday Feb 18 -

This morning you ^{and}

Papa and Mamma started
out to church and we did
have a good time going
and after we once got to
church we enjoyed the
services very much. You
again stayed and attended
your S. S. class and had a
very good time with
the little ones. You seem
very much interested with
them all. On our way
back we stopped in and
visited with Dr Allen a
few minutes. You were very
happy and it did you
and him lots of good for he
has been very sick.

Monday - Feb. 19 -

This morning Aunt-Ida came down to spend the day with us and we were delighted for it. has been such a long time since she has been here. We all took a long walk this afternoon after you all took your naps and we did have such good times too. It did Mamma good to see all you little ones enjoy it so much.

It is the first time little brother has been out in quite a number of days and it made him quite happy.

Tuesday Feb 20-

This morning as soon as you had eaten your breakfast- you asked Mamma to let you go over to Aunt- Berries to spend the day as I had promised you last- night. You were there until about four o'clock and then you came home and Aunt- Ida, Russell, you and Mamma all took a good long airing of about- an hour and a half. This did us all a great deal of good ^{and} your little dears had so much fun too.

Wednesday Feb 21 -

This has been a very unpleasant day outside and yet my little Louisa had quite a little fun anyway for she took a long walk with Aunt-Ida this forenoon and then had a good appetite for your dinner. We could not have our fun as we had planned this afternoon on account of the terrible snow storm but Uncle Herman came in a little while this evening and that made you very happy.

Thursday Feb 22 -

This has been a perfect day for you my little son. The kind you like best of all. Papa took you out courting most of the afternoon as he was home today. You did have such a good time.

Mamma enjoyed seeing you both come down the hill together on your sleds. Then too a little friend Annie Gaud came to spend the day with you and you were both out together some of the time. You were both very tired babies tonight.

Friday Feb 23 -

Today my little son
went over to spend
a part of the forenoon
with your Aunt-Bessie
and came home about-
noon. Then this aft-
Mamma took you and
little brother out in
your sleds and gave
you an airing. You
did enjoy it very
much too and it did
Mamma lots of good
to see you. Then some
of your little friends
came in and helped
make a merry time.

Saturday Feb. 24 -

You was rather a
very disappointed little
girl this morning when
your little friend Ethel
did not come to spend
the day with you as
she usually does. It
left you rather alone
you thought. This aft.
work it became so
dreadfully cold that
Mamma could not let
you go outside any as
much as she would
love to have done. Then
this evening we had a
regular old romp -

- Sunday Feb. 25 -

It is a very cold day but my Sore wants to go to church so I think we will go just the same. You became very much out-of-patience with the weather before you reached the church but had a good time in S. School. This afternoon Papa was here and we did much as each one pleased and had a very pleasant afternoon of it and were very happy together.

We all went to our beds early and had a good night's rest. It did us all lots of good.

- Monday Feb 26 -

This has been rather a
pleasant day and Cousin
Helen and Aunt Carrie
and Ida came down a
little while this forenoon
and then my uncle
invited over to Aunt-
Berrie to dinner. We
had a good time there
and had a lot of fun
as my little Sona would
say. Then after we came
home you took a ride
on your little sled with
a little friend and we
all your life you never
came home as cold
before. Mamma was frightened.

Tuesday Feb 27 -

It was a lovely day
for little folks and as
Mamma had quite a little
to do Emma took you
up town and gave both
you and little brother
a good airing. You both
came home much
refreshed. This forenoon
you went over to spend
a little time with
Aunt Bessie. You
were both very good
babies all of this day
and Mamma was very
glad you were so happy
together.

- Wednesday Feb 28 -

Mamma left - you little
focker at home with
Emma a little trim
this afternoon while I
did a little very
necessary shopping up
town. ~~to~~ When Mamma
returned she found you
had gone up over to
Aunt Barrier and
were visiting as hard
as you could.

Mamma called your
home soon to visit
with little brother who
was missing you very
much.

-Thursday March 1-

Today Mamma has been very busy and has taken up some new work for this week. It will leave you and little brother quite to look after yourself and Mamma must teach you to look after yourselves. Emma took you both out this afternoon again and brought little brother in fast asleep. You did not come home as good natured as Mamma hoped you would.

- Friday March - 2 -

Today Mamma has spent most of the morning picking up and you have been very busy with your room and sweater too.

Grandpa and Aunt Ida came down this morning a little time too and you did enjoy that very much too. Then this afternoon Emma took both you and brother out for the afternoon again. Mamma was out this evening for a short time too.

- Saturday March 3 -

This has been to you
a very lovely day and
for Mamma rather a
hard day. We all took
a ride of about eighteen
miles south, making it
in all nearer thirty five
than thirty. You seem
just-diligited with it
all and came home
feeling just-simply
good. Grandpa and Aunt-
Ida, Uncle Harry and
Aunt-Bessie were there
too. It all seemd very
nice and we were
glad when it was
all over with.

- Sunday March 4 -

This has been rather a very stormy day, but you begged your Papa to take you to church and Sunday School which he did. How says there were only about six little ones there but that they were very happy little ones and you seemed glad you went and looked much refreshed when you came home.

Mamma loves to have you go and you seem almost as glad to go too.

Monday March 5--

This has been another
very stormy day and
you could not go
out - any at all. Papa
came home to feed
the evening and you
had a big time
with him and
Mamma was relieved
quite a little and
could get - quite a
little sewing done
beside caring for
her little ones for
the joy of having
Papa a whole evening

- Tuesday March 8 -

I have not been very
pleas ant- outside
today so my little
girl could only ride
out- in her little
cab but- I think it-
did you lots of good.

Mamma and Papa
went- out- to spend the
evening last- night-
and left- you and
brother with Emma
untill quite late but-
you were very good
and not- aw bit- of
need for money so
Emma said.

Wednesday March 7-

Today little Helen
came down to see
you a little while
this morning and you
little ones were just
having such fun.

Mamma loves to have
you together and wishes
you could often be
together. It would do
you good.

You and Mamma
took a little walk
together this afternoon
and I think it did us
both lots of good.

Thursday March 8-

Today my little girl was kind of under the weather. She did not feel very good and so wanted lots of attention and wanted Mamma to love her lots, which she tried to do, at every turn. You are a great comfort to your Mamma whether sick or well. Mamma hopes you may always be such a comfort to her as you are now my own little girl. —

Friday March 9 -

Today was a very
warm day and very
good sleighing so your
Russell and Mamma
took a ride over to
Grandpas and I think
I never did enjoy a
ride any more than I
did that - for we took
our turn and the
trees covered with frost
did look most - fine.

You did your Grandpa
lots of good too I can
tell you and they did
us lots of good too.

Saturday March 10 -

Today it has not been
very pleasant outside.
It has been so dusky
that I dreaded letting
you walk any but
this afternoon Ellet
Fuller was down and
took you out for
a little ride in your
cab which you seem
to enjoy more than
any thing during the
whole week. You
seem to enjoy better
company more than
other kind. You
slept well this
morning but you see too.

Sunday March 11-

It was a lovely day
aborn today but - not
below for it has simply
been terrible to walk.

You walked to church
and every step back but
it was hard for you
and you were very tired.

Uncle Henry, Aunt
Bessie, and Grace Duffell
and Miss Cavanaugh
were here to dinner today.

We all had a pleasant
time together and then
this afternoon we had
quite a number of
gentlemen called to
with pleasure you much.

Monday March 12 -

Today Mamma was
very tired for yesterday
she was very busy
and today Mamma found
just to rest. You were
quite happy because
Gracie Herman came
here to dinner and
you all did have
such a good time
together. Then this
afternoon you were out-
with Emma and little
brother Mitch you always
seem to enjoy very
much too. You talk
almost all the time
when you are out now.

Tuesday March 13-

It was a very lovely day out today and if Mamma could have done so she would have taken a drive this afternoon that was so kindly offered her but as she could not she let you take it her stead. You took a good drive with Pick Henry and Aunt Bessie over to the farm to see Grandma and Grandpa.

You were very tired because of so much fresh air and sun.

Wednesday March 17

You had quite a big
time today as your
little cousin Helen came
down to spend part of
the forenoon with you.

You did have a good
time and lots of fun.

You always do have
when you are together.

This afternoon you were
out with Mamma to
make a few calls
right here in the
neighborhood and you
had a good time
as usual.

Thursday March 13-

Today we had a great surprise for our Uncle William T. came to us this afternoon. It was the first time we had ever seen him and the first time he had ever seen us. You little ones were more than delighted at having him here with us and the evening was one of great rejoicing among us all at our surprise we had had all around. It was lots of fun too.

Friday March 16.-

Today it was a most-disagreeable day very cold and damp. Mamma took you both over to Ginnelpar to spend the day. We had a lovely time and found plenty to do and lots more to do after we were gone. We became very cold and damp before our arrival at home. You were two very tired little ones and Mamma was tired too. She wanted to go out - this evening but felt too much used up.

Saturday March 17

Today has been a very stormy day and Mamma almost-dreaded dressing you in white to go out this afternoon.

You were invited out to a birthday party at Conny Bastes this afternoon. You seemed very anxious to go and Mamma was glad to have you only for the terrible risk there was connected with the whole thing. You came home very much delighted and very tired.

Sunday March 18 -

This has been another
very beautiful Sunday
only just a little cold
for this time of the
year. Today some my
little girl started out to
church with her Uncle
William. You were not
quite satisfied however
at not being in your own
church. You found
Mrs and Mr Hatch and
Miss Fisher at our house
to stay to dinner. We
all had a most lovely
time and lots of
fun too as we always
do.

Monday March 19.

It is rather stormy
outside and we have
feared that - you and
little brother looked
very much as though
you might - be sick
with measles as
you have been exposed.
We shall keep you in
rather closely until we
are more sure about
it and then we will
give you the proper
care. You have not felt
very well now here
very good natured either
for some time.

Tuesday March 20

Mamma has been quite busy this morning with her house work and you have kept your self just as busy helping her and the little brother is trying to want to help and so he gets in our way all the time and does not help much after all. You have been a dear good little girl all day and Mamma will let you go out this afternoon a little time. It will do you good.

Wednesday March 21-

This has been rather a
bushy day and
Uncle Frank and Willie
Voelker drove down
from Woodland. They
were there for a few
days and now are
here to stay a few days.
This will please you
little over more than
almost - anything else
possibly could. Mama
is glad too for Uncle
Willie loves to take you
out - and it does you
lots of good too.

Thursday March 22 -

I - have been very cold today but - your Uncle Willin took you out - this afternoon just - the sun and you seemed to have a good time and Russell came in fast - asleep.

Mamma has been giving lots of her time to embroidery of late.

Miss Fisher of Jackson has been here visiting Mrs. Hatch and it has made it very handy for Mamma. I am afraid my little ones have been a little neglected.

Friday March 23

This was not a very pleasant-day at all but you, Russell and Mamma spent the day at Grandpas again and we found it very bad about getting back home. You my little girl became so cold that you fairly chipped before Mamma could get you home again.

We have not felt very good this evening in consequence, but perhaps time will do lots for us.

Saturday March 24 -

It has been quite pleasant
outside today again ^{and}
your Uncle William took
you both out this afternoon.

Then he went out to
spend a little time.

You were very tired
and very nearly sick
today and it made
you both uneasy tonight.

Uncle William took you
down this afternoon and
had you weighed and
found you weighed just
thirty five pounds. You
see you are not losing
much flesh now, again.

You have been very
well this winter.

Sunday March 25

This day has been
very beautiful, and it
has been full of
surprises too. You and
I went to church and
S. School. We enjoyed
the walk together and
the school too. Then
when we had reached
home Auntie Hatch had
invited us to dinner
with her. Maria was
very proud of the way
you behaved but she
was terribly ashamed
of Russell. How would
not be good from the
moment we reached the

Monday March 26 -

It has not been
at all pleasant - today
and my little folks
could not go outside
even for a minute.

Your Uncle Henry
came in to dinner
which you enjoyed
very much and
made the time pass
more swiftly by than
it otherwise would.

This is political week
and I do not think
that you will see
very much of Papa this
week for he will be
very busy every minute
of the whole time.

Tuesday March 27

Spring is surely coming
for it has been really
lovely all of this day.

You were outside
with Uncle William ^{and}
seemed to have a good
time. This evening
after you were both
asleep Aunt-Ida came
down to stay all night.

You did have a good
time in the morning
when you found so many
here. You and Mother
always enjoy lots of
excitement - of any kind.

Mamma is glad you
are having so well.

Wednesday March 28

It looked like rain this morning and yet it turned out very lovely. This afternoon Uncle William Volker who has been here for some time, and Roy Miller started out for the west in search of work. We will no doubt not see them for some time to come. You and Russell have enjoyed Uncle William's being here more than I can say. He took your vote out for your last ride this afternoon. You will miss him.

Thursday March 29

This forenoon you took your little doll cab and crawled out - quite a little. It seemed like last summer to see you out with it - for the first time this year.

Then this afternoon you went down town with Auntie Hatch and Mamma and Russell went down with Emma. Mamma put you both to your beds early and you slept very well as you were both so tired for sleep and play.

Friday March 30

It was very pleasant today and we were very much delighted about it too for you, brother, and Mamma and Emma all went over to the farm and spent the day. We were very glad to be with Grandpa and Grandma for a whole day. They did enjoy the babies very much. You did lots to make them very happy. During the afternoon I saw you and Grandpa working around on the farm having a good time.

• Saturday March 31

It was simply lovely outside today for little ones like you and brother, so after dinner you and Auntie Hatch and Mamma started out to do some shopping and you did enjoy it very much and then afternoon you and brother went down again with Emma. You seemed to enjoy it very much. Uncle Henry came in to supper and this evening you were very tired and terribly sleepy too.

Sunday April 1 -

This has been a very lovely Sunday and you and Mamma started out for church together. We had a most lovely time together. You asked Mamma this morning while I was getting you ready for S. School to be sure and wash your face clean for Uncle Mark the pastor might want to kiss her and then he would not like to see her face untidy. This has been camp any week and you have not seen Papa before today.

Monday April 2-

It has been rather
dreary all day and
you have not been
outside very much
only a short time
in your cab with
Emma. You have
been nervous as Mama
has been anxious to
have Papa elected
Supervisor of the first
and second wards
and he has been
It has made us
all much easier this
evening.

Tuesday April 3 -

It has been raining
and snowing most
of the day and my
little ones could not
go out - for any long
walks but - you took
your cab out - little
Pauline had a fall
on the pavement - and
crushed her head. A
man passing along
picked up the pieces
for you and helped
you in this seemed to
be a great comfort - for
you. You could not
remember his name.

Wednesday April 21 -

This forenoon your
niece a call with
Mamma at - Mirror
Bastedon. - You were
in hopes that - some
one would bring me
your little friend Cozy
but - it seems she was
not - at home. You
were much disappointed
to find that you had
missed seeing Grandpa
fa being out - this
day. But - my little
girl always has a
very good time no
matter where she is.

Thursday April 5-

It has not been
at all pleasant - and
Mamma thought -
you best not go out -
any. You had a
good romping time
in the house. But -
Mamma says - always
let her little ones
do as they are
romping most
of the time now,
It will all come
to some issue.

Friday April 6
Today Mamma
went up to Auntie
Sophie's to spend the
day and to sew for
Mamma Carter. We
made her two sashes
and they look well
and we had a good
time too. You were
away and had a
big day, a good
time and so my
tired when I reached
home. It did you
good to go I know.

Saturday April 7.

This has been
another happy day
for you as little
Ethel Fuller came
down to spend the
day and that is
all there is needed to
make you very happy.

You and Ethel
took a long ride
and that refreshed
you very wonderfully.

Then this evening
you and Mamma
went to bed very early
and it did us good.

Sunday April 8.

This has been a
very nice Sunday
for now we are all at-
home today and
that-always makes
it-pleasant. Mother
was not-feeling
at all well and it-
worry us lots.

But- she is looking
forward to their coming
out- from New York
and that- makes
her very happy ^{and}
makes her forget-
everything else.

Monday April 9-

This is the day
that Emma always
finds very hard of
all the days of the
week. You little
one always find
so much you want
us to help do on
Monday. You have
been very good nature
however. You have
been giving Papa a
list of what you
want when Mama
gets down sewing
for yourself. Russell
just stands and listens

Tuesday April 10

It was very
raining and unpleasant
outside again today
and my little ones
could not go out-very.

Mamma was very
busy sewing but you
did all you could
to help out. You
were better natured
than Russell for
he did not feel
very well and expected
you to do most of
the playing all the time.

Wednesday 11 -

Mamma was very busy today and she could not give you very much time but you and Russell were very good babies.

Papa surprised you tonight by bringing you a new dollie wagon. You put little bottles into it the very first thing that you did.

You drew him all around the house and it was very cute and sweet for you to think of it.

Thursday April 12

Today you and
Mama went over house
early this morning and
spent the day with
Grandpa and Grand ~~ma~~
and helped anything
we could to make all
things come out-right.

It was not a very
pleasant day, rather
raining and slushy.

We drove home early
in the afternoon and
had lots to do here
that had been very
much neglected by
our lots of fun we
had while at Grandma's.

Friday April 13-

This has been rather a busy day for Mamma for we have yet to go to the train this afternoon to meet Uncle George^{and} Aunt Grace and little baby George. You took your lovely nap before Mamma had to start to the train and then you spent the most of the afternoon at one of your little friends near by while Mamma was away.

Grandpa called and took Mamma out for a ride and down to Aunt Carrie to see them all there together and to have a good time for a while.

Saturday April 14

You did not see
your Auntie and
Uncle yesterday for
they did not come
down here before going
home. Your Uncle

George came down
early this morning ^{and}
found you on the
floor eating a banana.

As soon as you were
spoken to you stood
on your feet ready
to give him your
hand and meet him
as you should. You
seemed as much
pleased with you as you
with him -

Sunday April 15-

This has been a very
sweet-Sunday. We were
all at church and your
my little girl were
there and wore your
new Spring and Easter
bonnet, which was given
you by Miss Stetbyer.

You looked very sweet-
in it. To meet your
Auntie for the first-
time since she came back
home this time.

Then after dinner Papa
took us all over to
Grandpa's to spend the
afternoon and your babies
all were quite happy
together -

Monday - 16

It has not been
very pleasant but
we must make the
best of those things
these days. Aunt-
Grace, George and
the baby came down
today to dinner and
we had a very pleasant.

Then they stayed to
supper too and Mary
felt she had had
a great day. The
baby, Russell, and
you all slept and
took your naps
together -

Tuesday Ap. 17.

It has been a very disagreeable day and we could hardly go out - any, so Louisa was not-out either.

Our New York friends came down today and spent the most of the day with Aunt-Bessie. They could not even peek in at us for they were so busy there until the rain came.

Then they had a cozy ride home in the buggy with the lovely night-air.

Wednesday of. 18.

Today Sord did not see anything of her Auntie or Uncle - for they did not come up town today. They were so tired of yesterday that they felt they must stay in over night and day.

We are in hopes to see more of them soon and later.
You have been my good today. -

Thursday April 19.

This has been another very different-day from those just gone by. Aunt-Grace went to Aunt-Carrier to dinner and supper and you spent the forenoon at Aunt-Bessie's. You came home with words of praise for your visit.

Then this afternoon while you were taking your nap Mamma took a ride with Aunt-B. and took little brother along. You were very glad to have us get back I can tell you for your eyes fairly danced.

Friday April 20

His has been another
unpleasant day and
Sara could not go
out much of any.

This morning you
played outside a
little though it was
too damp for you
to be out very long.

Uncle George, Aunt
and the baby were at
Aunt Carrie's dinner.
So you did not see
much of any of them
today.

You have been a
very dear little girl today.

Saturday Ap. 21 -

After your battle
your little ones were
rather neglected for
Mamma had quite
a little to do to get
ready for Sunday for
they are all coming
to spend the day with
us tomorrow.

You were both kind
good babies and did
lots to help Mamma
very much.

You have talked
all this day about him
He will ride too.

Sunday April 22,

This has been a very
busy happy Sunday.
All came from the
farm to stay all
the afternoon and so
did Uncle George and
Aunt Grace and the
baby. Then after
their visit Papa had
ordered a nice carriage
and took us all for
a ride. The first-
time you and your
New York cousin were
ever out-together.

Monday April 23 -

This has been rather a busy day for Maria for this morning Uncle Frank & Mother started for the West and with all my other duties I have been busy. This afternoon after your nap you were over. A Mr. & Mrs. to help welcome Aunt Grace, Uncle George and the baby to our house for a visit of some time. This evening you played outside in the yard for some time and came in very tired -

Tuesday April 24

It has been lovely today and Maria was very thankful for it - for Uncle George and back to New York today and learn Aunt Grace and the dear little New York cousin to give a little time with us.

It makes us all feel very happy and you and little brother will get the most fun out of it all I shall promise.

You seem very much delighted about having the baby here and he seems to love you just as much.

Wednesday April 25-

This has been another grand day and after the babies had had their morning nap Aunt Grace and Mamma took little George Emmanuel up town to have him sit for his picture.

He did look very sweet and we hope many have good pictures. You are having good times with some of the little folks in our yard when Mamma left but you seemed very much pleased to have Mamma return. Russell has not been very well for several days.

Thursday April 26.
Today has been one
of the most beautiful
of spring days. You
woke up early happy
and well and asked
Mamma kindly to spend
the forenoon with
Aunt-Bessie. Mamma
consented then after
dinner you took your
map while Mamma and
little brother took a
ride of about an hour
with Aunt-Bessie
and her new horse
Budd. When you came
home you were having
a good time in the yard.

Friday April 27.

This forenoon you played about the house and seemed very happy. You spent a few moments of this morning with Hattie Reed as she has been quite sick.

Then this afternoon Papa was fortunate in getting us a two seated carriage and saw had a most lovely time.

It was the first time that you little cousins all had a ride together and especially with your Mamma for a drive -

Saturday April 28

This has been rather
a queer day. Nearly
every thing I undertook
to do today did not end-
ure and was almost
frantic for everything
went wrong.

This afternoon Aunt
Grace invited us to
dinner over there to
supper and we all
had a big time, but
you were tired and
when you reached
home you were
ready for your
little bed.

Sunday April 29.

This has been another lovely Sunday. We did not go out to church, but stayed at home with Aunt Grace. Aunt Grace went out to dinner with Aunt Carrie however.

Papa took you and Mother and Mamma out for a lovely ride this afternoon and then on our way home we stopped at Aunt Carrie's. We had a lovely dinner then you walked all the way home and did very nicely too for a little girl like you.

We had a nice little lunch together and then you took your little beds for the

Monday April 30.

This has been another very pleas-ant-day outside and you little ones have again been very happy. You did plead for Mamma to let-you go over to Aunt-Bessie's this morning and I did so and you had a most-pleas-ant-time.

Then this afternoon Aunt-Bessie and Aunt-Grace took a good long ride and you did not have little cousin Coover to play with, but-you were very happy with your dear little brother as you always should be.

Tuesday May 1-

This has been another
very pleasant day and
I have had a good too.

Your little cousin
has been at home with
you all day and we
have spent quite a
little of the day outside.

It has been lovely there.

You will indeed your
dear little cousin when
he has gone back to
the great City and left
you all alone again.

He is getting more
playful all the time
here and seems very happy.

Wednesday May 2-

Aunt-Grace and the
baby cousin were at
Aunt-Carrius to spend
the day and so my
little girl Susan and
her little brother Russell
had the whole day
all by themselves and
Mamma. You seemed
very happy too. Mamma
put the hammocks up
for the first time
this year and that
seemed to please you
more than I can say.

You had many of
the little neighbours in
too to help you out.

Thursday May 3 -

Today we had lots
of fun we took for
Papa got us a horse
and carriage and we
drove over to Grandma's.

It pleased dear
Grandma so much for
she is suffering so
much in her leg again.

You little ones always
do so much toward
making them feel
so happy while we
are there.

Mama is so happy that
you love your Grandma
and Grandpa so much.

Friday May 4 -

Today it has not-
been as pleasant as
usual outside and yet
my little ones have
been very happy too.

The little cousin boy
and his Mamma had
a nice long ride with
Aunt-Bessie and took
dinner there too. They
came back home to
us for Tea and then
just-sited you my
little maid.

You spent a very
lovely evening together,
Mamma has been very
busy all of this day
and is very tired too.

Saturday May 5-

Today has been a very warm day and we have been outside most of the day under the trees trying to keep cold and happy.

The little cousin baby and little brother were very exceptionally happy.

Several of your little neighbor folks came in and you just had a big time.

Then this evening after your little evening romp in stocks but you went to your little beds happy and very tired.

Sunday May 6 -

This has been a very warm day. Aunt - Grace and you and Mamma started out to church this morning.

You became very warm and tired and did not behave nearly as well in church as you usually do.

Mamma did not stay to Sunday School as other times but came home to rest you.

Mamma hopes this will never happen again as Mamma has always been so proud of you in church.

Monday May 7 -

Today has been a
very trying day again
every thing seemed
to go so very wrong.

You and Mother seem
to feel it too for you
were not as good as
usual and this made
Mamma feel very unwell.

Aunt Grace and cousin
spent the day at Aunt
Carr's and perhaps you
did miss your little
cousin. Mamma wishes

there may be few
such days as this has
been.

Tuesday May 8 -

This has been rather a gloomy day and Mamma and us all just-stayed at-home and worked hard on our fancy works we have begun. It has been very pleasant-work to do too and yet it's all been an effort;

Your little ones have been very happy all day however and seem very little moved by the change in the weather now about-being shut-in. You have been very good.

