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LONA ELIZABETH VOELKER.
Wednesday Aug 18

Some felt this morning that she was not at home. I think for it was very cold outside. But after her bath Marguerite and Helen took her out for a drive in her car. Then before noon Ida Breder and I took her down to the city. She seemed quite delighted with different things she saw. She did not sleep as well last night as she does at home. But all has been delighted with her so far.

Thursday Aug 19

After some had her bath this morning we took her over to Aunt Schueller's to spend the day. She was very much pleased I think we had remembered her to come there before new next morning. Some seemed happy all day there.

Friday Aug 20

Some Papa came down on our
the morning train to go home with us. This afternoon, some was so glad to see train that she could do nothing with her to please her in that least. She wanted her Papa all the time. After spending a few very happy days with our Sunny friends we returned on the afternoon train very tired and glad to get home. Some cold seems better if she throws her arms around us happy every day.

Saturday, Aug. 21

Some slept very well in her own bed, much better than when she was away. She seemed bright and happy this morning. Aunt Bertha Sied & I went down to see Aunt Carrie & little Helen this afternoon. We had a good time being out together. We are looking for Uncle Fred's horse coming tonight.
Sunday August - 22 -

Uncle Fred came home last night, & we all went over home together today. The two babies were together again today. They seemed to love each other very much. Uncle Fred says she has improved very much since he saw her last. He thinks she is so much more intelligent. He bought her a little red cup.

Aunt Bertha & I took her to church this morning & saw papa. She would have him hold her every minute. She was just as quiet as she could be. I think she disturbed none. She talked aloud some but not very much.

Monday Aug. 23 -

This morning while I was about my work, she ate quite a little piece of paper, but it did not seem to hurt her.
in the least. But— I was very much frightened. This afternoon her Uncle Fred was in and played with her quite a little. Tonight I put her on the floor on a quilt— and let her creep. She began to creep backwards the first time she ever did that. She grew quieter as the time goes by. She knows kisses and holds her little mouth to be kind to cul. She seems so affectionate. She loves her Papa most of all. She simply clings to him.

Tuesday—Aug. 24—

This morning after Sonata bath I tried to do a little painting. She was very good all day and I enjoyed the work they made. Every time Sonata Papa came to his meals he takes her
in his arms and he asks her for the different pictures on the wall. As soon as he calls them by name, she pulls out her little hand for them. She has also learned to smell. She always smells very hard when any thing has a good odor. She seems to learn something every day she lives.

Wednesday Aug 26

Aunt Ida came down today to spend the day. She has been getting a few things ready to go to College this fall. Some has been delighted to have her here. She enjoys company so much.

Thursday Aug 27

Aunt Carrie brought little Helen down today to see us. Some did enjoy her so much.
She loved to put her hands gently on her head or face. I hope they may always love each other so much as their lives.

Friday Aug. 27

This forenoon I spent doing some work for our Board. She was just as good as she could be. She became a little lonesome toward noon, but when I began to call her Papa she brightened right up and began to look toward for him. This afternoon two little girls came in to play with her. They had a good time in the yard together. She forgot to eat or sleep just seemed contented to play. She is growing fast and is catching up again what she failed during her last cold.

Saturday Aug. 28

Uncle Henry came in today and said Aunt Carrie was...
going over home today and wished I could come too too. So I have been rushing around trying to get ready. Some still enjoying her ride over there so much. This noon her Papa tried her in the rest of the field buggy and drew her around in the yard. Her eyes just sparkled. She was delighted as usual when she reached the farm. She loves to be there. Aunt Carrie & the two babies and I all slept together. I am sure none of us had any too much sleep.

Sunday Aug 29 -

We all spent the day at home. Papa came over on his wheel. The baby as usual, was very joyed to see him. She kept them all happy all day. So he enjoyed her drink hour very much also. She seems a little afraid of the
crickets and frogs at night for she very seldom heard them at home. She slept so good all night. Her exercise and visit did her lots of good.

Monday Aug-30-

Some little cousin Helen Maurice is just two months old today. We love the dear baby so much. She is growing so fast-and large. We notice the change so much. I took home with me this afternoon to do some shopping and so many saw her for the first time today. She seems to be liked by everyone. Grandmother wished me to begin feeding her porridge so like begun lately and she sleeps nights so much better than she did before we fed her—she seems to like it too.

Tuesday Aug-31
Today I have been very busy around the house doing very many different things. I have been spending some little time on the dress some is to wear to a wedding tomorrow night if she as well and the weather is pleasant. The wedding of her second cousin Miss Damaris Cutter. Her little dress is white and done with white silk flax overs the shoulders and hemstitched and open work of silk and lace. She has white silk ribbons no shoe, down the front over shoulders and back. I hope she will be able to go.

Wednesday Sept 1

This day started in very disagreeable and I had planned to take some out to her second cousin's wedding tonight.
but we feared we could not go much out of the rain but during the afternoon it very suddenly changed for the better. I dressed her in her little wedding dress and took her out with society for the first time in her life. Everyone was delighted with her. She seemed very many happy. I think she enjoyed the wedding as much as anyone. We kept her out until after ten o'clock and she never attempted to cry. She slept very soundly after her wedding celebration.

Thursday Sept 2

This morning Lord and I took the bus and went up to see how our new cousin Leslie James fell this morning. During the afternoon some exhibited herself very nicely. Amelia in her coat most of the time. I put her into her little bed much earlier tonight for to gain what she lost last.
Friday August 3

This has been a lovely day for Sonia. She has been good all day. I have done quite a little painting and she took it all very kindly. This morning Aunt Carrie brought the two Helens and Jessie Miller brought little Marceau and the three children had a most lovely time together. This evening Soka Colton brought several pretty cards and a bouquet for Sonia. She could not enjoy them to know who gave them but when she read this book she will know and appreciate. Tonight I had as lovely a surprise as you had in all my life.
wife of the physician, new
employed when Sona came
to us came in tonight and
brought Sona and handsome
diamond ring. It is large
for her now but she can wear
it in a few years and realize
it’s worth and know the giver
better too. I only hope Sona
will always love them both
for they have been very kind
to us all.

Saturday, Aug 4th

This has been quite a serious
day and yet a very lonely day.
Sona has out beside in
her cab quite a little today.
She has enjoyed herself very
much. Tonight her Papa
brought another little cab
for her. It is nice a form
of a wheel chair I showed

day. She enjoys riding in
it very much. She looks so
sweet in it too.

Sunday Aug 5th

This morning Papa and I
took Sony out to church
and she was very good
indeed. She seemed to have
such a good time. In the
afternoon we took her over
to the Bailey house to dinner
and she was just as good
as any child could possibly
be. Then for the first
drive for many years we
walked one hour. Her Papa
pushed the cat all the
way. She never slept
but enjoyed it enormously.
It was a real trip let-
had a good time.

Monday Aug. 6

This has been another

mane day but—some endud

it very entirely. Her Papa

had a half Cholday and

took down for a ride in

her little cab. She enjoyed

too. She is so quiet. Every
day she grows more lady

like. Aunt Ida came down

this morn to stay a

little dinner with us.

Tuesday Aug. 7

Some was quiet this

morning but this afternoon

we put her into her cab and

took her out for a drive.

She says her little cousin and

had a very good time.
While down town Mrs. Rutherford gone had a little rub in the tattle. She had a good time with it too.

Wednesday Aug 8

Aunt Ida and I have been very busy today and so did not get out very today. But this evening we took doctors in her little wagon and went down town. She was very happy on our way home and stopped at Mrs. Morgan's house to have some cream at her lawn social. The baby was the delight of all the little folks there.

Thursday Aug 9

Son has been very good again today. Has played on the floor the most of the time. Aunt Ida and I have done quite a little sewing.
Friday Aug-10 -

Some has been so good today, her old mkeys makes her sleep so much better and she seems to be going very fast. We took her down again tonight and she was happy all the time.

Saturday Aug-11 -

This has been Aunt-Ida's last day with us for this week and we have been busy. I could not later go out tonight as it has been cooler, shall it has for some time.

Sunday Aug-12 -

This has been one very warm day and we have had lunch out quite a little.
Drums to endure the heat quite a little better than I thought she would. We took her out driving and she was delighted. Her Grandpa and Grandmama come this afternoon. She was at the Bailey House to drink today with us, and behind just finer as usual.

Monday Aug 13

This has been very warm again for some but she seems to endure it nicely. Little baby Somes called to see some this afternoon and they had such a good time together. This evening we went down to the store to meet Popow and some was happy.

Tuesday Aug 14
The heat is terrible today.
I took some charts to see
her little cousin Helen
tonight and to meet her
Papa. She has learned
to fold her little hands
during prayers at the table
now and she does it so
very quietly too.

Wednesday Sep 13

Some weeks she still worries
unwisely well and happy
and I think it must have
been because she is just
ten months old today. She
had a ride down to Severy
and back with her Uncle
this afternoon and she had so
much fun. Tonight we took
her out for a ride again and
I think it did her lots of good.
Thursday-Sept-16-

This has been a very busy and also a very happy day for our Son. Ethel Fuller, a little friend of Son's came in to spend the day with her. Sonna loves her and she played all afternoon and tonight fields her very tired and sleepy.

Her Uncle Frank was also here and gave her a ride in his little wagon. Every day she grows in interest and we love her more all the time.

Friday Sept-17-

This forenoon Sonna cut in her cab out in the yard quite a long time. She enjoyed herself so much. This afternoon Mrs. Brooks and the two children Stuart and Gertrude came in and the little
men had a big time playing on the floor together. Today, she tried to sleep but was tired.  

**Saturday Sept 18**

Some has been at the yard quite a little this morning again alone in her cage. Grandpa put her down and took her with us today and some model down home held her. This afternoon Winnie Schulte came and took her out for a ride. She fell asleep in her cage. Then I took her to your street—and on my way back stopped at Mrs. Morgan's. She gave her donuts. We had a good time together.

**Sunday Sept 19**

Grandpa came down and took us all over there to spend the day as Idea could not be much see for some reason again for she is going away.
to school tomorrow. We all
had a lovely time together.
Then how pleased she told
better go with her to
some thing I will go tomorrow
morning at seven o'clock.

Monday Sept. 20-

Some slept until heart-
night. I was not ready to
offer her wish this morning
when she was obliged to
in order to catch the train.
She told her trip nicely.
But is very tired tonight.

Mrs. Cuttsdenls pronounced
her as a very lovely little girl.

Tuesday Sept. 21-

I were very much surprised
this morning to find Papa
here when Mama came back
from college. He rode from
Albion on his
scooter and gave us a
most thorough surprise.
As soon as we all were delighted to see her.

Wednesday Sept 22

Aunt Ida is getting quite well settled and I think we will return to our home tomorrow morning. I have met many of my old friends and they have all been so much delighted with the body. Aunt Ida dreads to have us go back without her.

Thursday Sept 23.

Some took her trip home a little more easily than she did going. She seemed very glad to get back. We stopped at Mrs. Thompson for a few moments. She was very glad to see Papa well and glad to have his little girl home again.
Friday Sept. 24

We have been busy around the house today; both seem tired and wanted to be outside most of the time. Her Uncle Hermann had her out for a ride this afternoon.

Saturday Sept. 25

Some has been very good all day, I have been busy all day but thought - what afternoon I must have her and a little while, I did and we - Aunt Carrie and only Helen. The Chidren had a big time together as they rode along. She saw but cattle from the slow window and three kisses at him from these.

Sunday Sept. 26
Some cooks up very early and happy too. After her breakfast, bath and money sleep her. Sundae comes down and looks at us all over home to spend the day. We had a very good time as we always do there.

Sept. 27 — Monday

This has been a very lovely day & I took Sonda out for a ride in her little chair cab. I take her out every day some times to get the air. She has found out something new again. Just found her eye winkers.

She plays with them very often and it usually ends by tickling her fringe in her eyes.

Tuesday Sept. 28
We have been thinking about buying a home just across the way and today we bought the house across the corner from us. Some at least shall never know what it is to be without a home.

Wednesday, Sept. 29.

For the first time today I took some over to see her new home. She got on the flow and began to look around as though she liked it very much. How taken her out quite a little after dark of last night, it seems to make her sleep better.

Thursday, Sept. 30.

This has been Papa's birthday.
and he is thirty one year of age. Marie gave him a watch chain and some gave him a kiss. I guess this was worth as much as the other two.

Friday, Oct. 1st

I had gone out this afternoon with mum making calls. She seemed to have a good time too. I called on the half and she met quite a number of children alive. She came home quite tired.

Saturday, Oct. 2nd

Little Ethel Fuller Cannon down to spend the day with the baby and me the after. Minnie Shultz came down too. If they had a most lovely time playing with the baby.
Sundays came down & called for us again to go home with him. Uncle Henry & Fred came down too. Some rode over with them & I went with Grandpa. We had a most lovely time as we always do.

Monday Oct-4

We are beginning to move into our own house and it keeps us very busy. Some went down town this afternoon with me and so many seem to love her more than ever.

Tuesday Oct-5

Wednesday Oct-6
These days have been much the same to some of myself. We are getting things packed ready to take over into the other house. Aunt Carrie and little Helen have not been down to see us in some time.

Saturday Oct 10 -

Some has had a big time today as Wini Schultz has been down most of the day and she has seemed delighted.

Sunday Oct 11

Uncle and Grandma were down to spend the day and so was Uncle Herman.

Now some enjoyed it so much she could scarcely sober the lines to sleep.
We all enjoyed the day so much together, Monday is the last time we stand houses too.

Monday Oct. 12

It looks very much nice as though we were coming. The parlor is all cleaned up.
Some has been exceptionally good through it all. Her teeth double teeth bother her quite a little.

Tuesday Oct. 13

Wednesday Oct. 14

About half of our things are at the other house and the rest will go very soon.

Aunt Carrie was down and bought me little Helen pictures. It looks very much like her indeed.
Friends have been very good about coming and taking the baby out for a drive and giving me more time for reading.

Thursday Oct. 18

This is the first day we have been in the new home. Tonight we sleep in the new home for the first time. Sonia feels more as though she were away visiting Christmas day and yet she is being good natured about it all the same.

Friday Oct. 13

Sona is eleven months old today. She seems 15
feel more and more contented in her home all the time—Uncle Herman took care of her the most of the time this afternoon—

Saturday Oct. 14—

Ettie Fuller came down the morning and stayed with the Holy and cared for her entirely. She has been very well all day too. She took her down down this afternoon—

Sunday Oct. 15—

This has been one fine Sunday in the new house it has been very pleasant too. Grandma & Mr. Schneider were down a little while.
Some was delighted too, they think our home quite lovely.

Monday Oct. 18

Some has been very good all morning & Mrs. & Mr. has been sitting with Mrs. Sarrow the lady upstairs. She has not felt very well and has had to struggle quite a little to be as good as she has been.

Tuesday Oct. 19

It has been a lovely day today & Mrs. Sarrow took Some out in her little cart & gave her a drive and also quite a little fresh air. She came home feeling very much
better and slept good all
night. We spent the evening
with them in their rooms
until eleven o'clock and
had a very good time. Some
dropped asleep about nine
o'clock. When out for a
ride this afternoon her Papa
said she raised her hand
across the street at him.

Dr. [Redacted] was first one
year ago today that Grandma
had her terrible operation
of having her limb removed.
I don't mind much to
anyone about it; because
I thought it best not to
tell. I now thought. If I do
she has been spared to us one
year more at least. How
I hope it may be many
more so that we may be.
her lovely influence over me and soba learn to know
her better and better all the
time.

Wednesday Oct. 20-

This has been a lovely day
and I have been happy
while at my work. Love
has been very good too.
It has been my birthday
and I have thought about
much I have to be thankful
for after all. We are nearly
settled in our new house
and luck has been with
us so far in every respect.

Thursday Oct. 21-

21 has been just one tonight.
since we moved into this new home, Sonea has become quite accustomed to her surroundings. For the first time, I have noticed that she seems the minds, see others' "looks here," "body," and try by any plans. She sleeps across the room, my rapidly too. She seems to grow annules every day.

This has been a very busy day for Sonea. Her grandmother has been here all day. She seemed to want to be gone but all the lines. Uncle Fred & Henry came in to drive and Stephen & I have simply been delighted all day.
Saturday Oct--23--
I took Sonu out in her wheel chair afternoo and she seemed
to enjoy it as much. This afternoon, little Winnie
shiltz came down to play
with Sonu. They seemed to have such a good time
gether. Aunt-Carrie came
down with little Helen.

Sunday Oct--24--
We all went over to Grandpa
to spend the day. Sonu
was out in the air most of
the day. We took a drive
in the afternoon. Helen
boby was on their tour.

Monday Oct--25--
Sonu was very good all
day. This afternoon Mrs.
Serous had her head for an outing. She seems to enjoy the air and ride so much every day.

**Tuesday Oct. 25**

Today Sony and I played in quite closely. A little boy bought in his mother's hand for Sony to see. He blew it so loud that for the first time she became quite frightened. They had a good time together after that—however.

**Wednesday Oct. 27**

It has been such a lovely day that 2 felt guilty but think I had not had Sony out so this evening I took her after puppet. She frightened her very much though for she cried her aunt's hand.
Thursday Oct. 28 -

Papa surprised Mama this morning by sending up a shawl as her Birthday present. It was certainly very kind of him & it looks very well in the parlor. I took some donuts down for the air this afternoon. She had a big dinner. She is cutting back teeth. She can point to her eyes when asked where they are. She can say many cute things. She imitates a cat & dog very nicely too.

Friday Oct. 29 -

Some has been such a dear good little thing. She
has slept most of this morning & this afternoon. I took her out again — she always dreads coming back into the house to stay.

Saturday Oct. 26

Some has had a good time today. It has been one of her big days. Elsie Feller came down to play with her. & Hattie Reed another little girl came in too. She could not take the time to sleep this morning. This afternoon Mrs. LeRoy gave her a little toy kitten. It pleased her so much. She had a big time with it. I can tell you.

Sunday Oct. 27

Papa started out this morning.
to attend a funeral at Howell
elita left. See and I to spend the
day at best we could. But-
Grandpa came down and
took us over home with
him. Some enjoyed the day
more than I can tell. She
crept around on the floor
and entertained them all.
Papa came home on the
seven o'clock train and Son
ewas simply delighted to
see him.

Monday Nov. 1

This has been a rainy
during day and I could not-
take Bond out any. She was
very good all day. Melvin
Mitchner came in to tea
before going back to New
York. When he was ready
to start away. Some lucky
to him and would not—leave him without crying. Some thing for him to remember. It seemed to please him too.

Tuesday Nov. 2

This has been a most lovely day. Mr. Strong took some one—out—for a ride in her car today. Mr. Whitney was in this afternoon and said she did miss us so much as she did not see so much of the baby since we had arrived.

Wednesday Nov. 8

I have been very busy this morning. Some one has kept me out of the firesom. Aunt Carrie came down this afternoon and we took the babies to call on Mr. Putney. The first time the two little
ones have been out-calling together. They were both very happy most of the

day. We saw Ellen Tomsen and Delia Leibner there and they saw the babies for the

first time. They enjoyed it. They thought them such large babies for their

ages.

Thursday Nov. 4

Snow does creep so fast it keeps our busy washing lady and she does have

such good luck. I took

her out-calling again this

afternoon. She lives to be

out so much.

Friday Nov. 5

Papa and Auntie Jenny
took the baby over to
Grandpa is this morning for the ride. I could not go for I was too busy. They said the lady enjoyed it so much. For the first time some took a few steps today. She stood up by a ladder and then pushed the chair along. It pleased her so much. She laughed right out aloud. She has walked quite a little in that new suitcase this afternoon. This morning Uncle Henry brought her a little cup and saucer from the Niagara Falls. It will please her when she knows of it. I know as much as it did now.

Saturday Nov. 3rd
This has been a lovely day for me but not for them.
just the least bit cold. I still Mrs. Berry and I took some out this afternoon. I made a call. We and she both enjoyed it so much.

Sunday Nov. 7

I went to church this morning for the first time in a long time and left Papo home to care for the baby. They had a lovely time together. After church Uncle Fred and Henry came down and took rest home. We had a lovely time as usual.

Monday Nov. 8

Some was so good all my life. This afternoon Mrs. Berry and I took her down town and for the first time in her life she spent the afternoon with her Papa in the
store. She had a big turn but was glad to have her Mama come back and take her home for she was so tired with sleep and play.

Tuesday Nov. 9 -

Sora did not get out into air much this morning but this afternoon we took her out calling again. She seems to really enjoy getting into different houses. She makes herself perfectly at home everywhere.

Wednesday Nov. 10 -

Sora walked way across the room now the pushing or chair ahead. Her little feet almost give out but she will reach just the same. It has been so riding and glazing all day. Sora could not get out.

Thursday Nov. 11 -
Sona has learned to love Ms. Siroy next to her Papa and Martha. She loves to be with her and near her. We all went out together this afternoon again and Sona had a most lovely time.

I made her a creeping skirt and she gets along so much better with it now. She looks like a little dainty girl in it now. It is made of red goods.

**Friday Nov. 12**

We had a little surprise this morning. Sona came home from college in a hurry and conditions. Sona was glad to see her and Ida was more than glad to see all of us. Papa was away with Uncle Fred to travel.
the day. Some missed him lots for when I asked her this now when he was she began to realities as much as to say I know it and I wish I could see him too.

Saturday Nov. 13

Some was rather happy this morning as Estel Fuller came down to spend the day with her and play.

Auntie Thompson came from Samson to dinner today for she was passing through here on her way home. She was very glad to see some and some was glad to see her too.

After Auntie went away Estel and I took Santa out for a ride.
Sunday Nov. 11th

Just one year ago today I was very sick and it was also the day our little dome came to us. And my birthday is tomorrow as it is the fifteenth of the month tomorrow. This is really the last day in her first year. We will spend it quietly at home. This day is sunny and the sun has been just as happy as a bird all day for she has had her papa and to herself and that has happened to her.

Monday Nov. 16, 1897

Some woke up early and more than happy this morning. She could not have been happier on this morning.
of her first birthday. Her Papa put another five dollars into the bank for her this morning so she has forty there now all her own. He has faithfully kept his promise made at the beginning of the year that she should have ten cents each day. Dottie Leya gave her baby a silver spoon today when they named Leya to push it. Some can always know gave her the little spoon as she can read it, her name was certainly very kind and thought of her to remember done to soon again. She gave only a short time ago a toy dog. Her Papa gave her her second pair of little shoes and Mame gave her a big hug and kiss and sent self a brilliant prayer that her dear
little girl may grow up to be pure and good and love as many true friends all through her life as she has now and that she may see many more happy birthdays. I should have taken her down and had the picture taken today but the weather has been better but now I think I must wait a few days. I hope faithfully kept bonds diary every day of this year and it is a great pleasure as great a pleasure as it has been to care for her. How I hope I may never know what it is to be without her to love and to care for

Tuesday Nov. 16.
Some has been good all morning and the weather has been good so I took some down and had her picture taken as I had planned to do yesterday. She sat very quiet for a baby and I think they will be good.

Wednesday Nov. 17

It was not very pleasant so Some and I stayed in all day, but in the evening Mr. Serby and I went out to a flower show and left the baby with Mr. Serby. She made very good all the time. I think the first time I have been out all evening for a long time.

Thursday Nov. 18

Some and I were over there at Grandpa's to spend the day
and we had a very good time. She always is a
great comfort to the grandma
and Grandpa.

Friday, Nov. 19

Mrs. Mercy and I took some one to
get with air and made
several calls at the same
time. She seems to enjoy
calling very much.

Saturday, Nov. 20

It has been the most
lovely day of all the fall
and the look seems but
this afternoon. She seems
to have a good time too.

She turns herself entirely
by bedtime for
she is walking around
most of the time.

Sunday, Nov. 21
As Sona and I were home one day this week we chory bit-us would stay at home today so told Grandpa he needed not call for us. Papa Sona and I had a good time together. Papa had Sona out in the afternoon to get the air and we were all very happy together. Uncle Fred called in the forenoon.

Monday Nov. 22

Sona was being good all the morning. She was going out this afternoon to get the air, but her little cousin Helen called so she stayed at home and went with her. They seem always to how such a good time together. Emma Johnson the girl we had when Sona came was down and gave her a little rattle for her birthday present.
discovered this morning that some had cut one of her back teeth though, she almost walks alone. With just a little help in one hand.

Tuesday Nov. 23 -

We stayed in quite close this forenoon and then this afternoon we took Lord Down town with us.

It was rather cold but we had her well wrapped up so she bore it well. Her back Hennan came in this afternoon and they had a big time.

Wednesday Nov. 24 -

This has been a very busy day preparing for our Thanksgiving dinner. Some Elizabeth has not
been out today as it has been damp and cold. Quite a number of our people have been down today.

Thursday Nov. 25

Mr. and Mrs. Sargent & a large friend of theirs took their Thanksgiving dinner with us today. Our family all but Henry & I took their Thanksgiving dinner at Carrier. We feel that we are so much to be thankful for. All in such good health. Such a lovely, darling baby & such happiness in our home so new & sweet. May our hearts may ever become more thankful to our giver in my prayer daily.

Friday Nov. 26

Uncle Fred and Henry
in its help cut out lines of yesterday as it reminded. They seemed glad to be here and we were delighted and Sara Elizabeth always enjoys a large gathering. Those the lines. Tonight we were invited to eat our little baby girl seemed to love a cold already if it is dawning to Pepsine and we played at home and in the scare and play Saturday Nov. 27

Mama was quite busy this forenoon preparing some of some things for her to send tomorrow for she thinks we will need her in church. She has not been there for some time. This afternoon I took her out to get a little of the fresh air.
Sunday Nov. 28 -

This is one lovely morning and we will take our baby out to church. We did and she was very good only wanted to sleep so I took her out into the hall and put her to sleep. She wanted to visit with all the little girls and boys she saw. Everyone just loved her.

This afternoon we went over to Grandpa's and had a good time as usual.

Monday Nov. 29

Some must-have taken cold yesterday when we took her out into the hall for she has a high fever today and chills too. I think her teeth are troubling her too.

Tuesday Nov. 30

Uncle Britton was down today to spend the day with us. Some was no better and
her fever seemed to come off and the doctor came ac- 

c2 her and gave her medicine. She seems cross and 

errow and I don't blame the 
little thing, her gums are sore 

and swollen.

Wednesday 11. 1 -

Some seem to be better today 
though has some fever. 

Clint Carrie brought little 

Helen down to see nouns and 

they both seemed to enjoy it so 
much. Some seemed delighted 

when Helen came in.

Thursday 11. 2 -

Some seemed very much 

more like herself today. 

She seems to eat and 
sleep better than she has 

for some time back. I 

think she wants ice 

for some time.

Friday 11. 3 -
This morning Mrs. Simp took out some but for a ride in her car. She seemed so glad to get out into the air again. It seemed I got her so much good too. She slept very briefly after her ride & I hope will keep better hence.

Saturday Dec. 4th

This has been rather a dismal day. It has rained & snowed most of the time & I have been in very close with some. She has been restless most of the time.

Sunday Dec. 5th

Papa was out to church & S.B. his morning. Of this afternoon he took some but for a walk in her car. She seemed to him much a good time. This afternoon little Winifred Lethby.
Monday Dec 5 —

It has not been altogether pleasant today but Mr. Seroy and I put some into her sled this afternoon & took her down town. While we were on the street I found two two dollar bills & one one & five in all. The first money I came found & have put it into Sonny's back for her & feel just as rich as ever.

Tuesday Dec 6 —

No heard yesterday that —

Mrs. Thompson of Sweeney would he much was today but he has let me know today that he cannot he here.

Mrs. Seroy look some out.
Wednesday Dec-8-

We took some out this afternoon and while dressing her for the ride she had her first little tumble. She was sitting in the rocking chair and rolled off. She never uttered a cry. She looked at me briefly.

Thursday Dec-9-

Mrs. Ding took some out this morning and she slept most of the trick. For the first time, dropped four pennies into her little bank this morning and several times afternoon again. She does it so cute.

Friday Dec-10-

Papa has been in Grand Rapids all the afternoon. It has been so rainy I could.
not take some out nor let any one else take her. This morning while dressing she I found she had cut another tooth through. I hope through but a little corner of late but I don't mind it now. Yule Herman comes in and plays with his swing this Saturday Dec 7th.

This has truly been one good day for our Ethel. Settle Ethel Fiddler came down to play all day and night with Ethel. They had a big time together. This afternoon Winnie Schultz came over too and between them they had a lively time.

Sunday, Dec 12th

Ethel has spent the whole day with downtown again and stay them played as hard
and as fast as they could. We then began to refrain her today and I dressed it too too much. I went to church with Henry tonight. I left the baby with Mr. and Mrs. Seryngs. I always feel perfectly safe with them.

Monday Dec-12

Mr. Seryngs neither slept well last night. Sara was determined to have me come to her. I slept most of the night on the couch. She seemed determined to have her. Mamma said she didn’t. I felt so so sorry for both her and her Papa. Her Yoruba Friends. She has been very good today. Mrs. Seryngs put them to stay this afternoon for I cannot do it as yet for she wants her hands.
Tuesday Dec - 13 -

Uncle Frank came today and he has had a big towns with him. He cell run by holding only with our hands and she has kept him walking most of the day. Her Papa put her to sleep this morning.

Wednesday Dec - 14

Uncle Frank took some out for a lonely drive today. He took her I don't know and down to the creamery and allowed and it did her lots of good. She slept much better last night.

Thursday Dec - 15 -

Mr. Semy took some out for a ride this morning. It was very cold but she seemed to enjoy it. I think it did her good too. She
Friday Dec. 16th

Something has been going on all morning. Her Uncle Fred was here to dinner and seemed to make her feel good. He has poisoned his hand and is compelled to wear it bandage. She seems to feel very badly about it all and she absolutely wants to put it for him.

Saturday Dec. 17th

This morning Aunt Carrie and Uncle Fred were in bureau and planning for Xmas. Ethel Fricke came in to spend the day with them again. They had a lively time. Mr. Jerry had been out in her cab this afternoon.
Sunday Dec 19

It has been a very cold day but Grandpa called for us and we went over to spend the day with them. They were all surprised to think some could talk and walk with help so well. They brought us home quite early in the evening. Helen seems these all day too. While we got home trouble Doris a very dear gentleman friend of ours called on us. We had not seen him in seven years and he was very glad to see us. He thought he a very dear little girl.

Monday Dec 20

Son was very good this morning and Eliza afteron. Auntie took her on a walk. She simply tires herself out trying to walk. And Cousin was done stii moving a
little while.

Tuesday Dec 21

Mrs. Soule, the lady nurse I had when Sona came, came on a visit last night. She has had a big cold with her today. She brought some to stand alone and how to eat apple alone without choking. She returned tonight.

Wednesday Dec 22

Sona has not had very much care of late. She has taken most of the care of herself. Auntes takes her out nearly every day and I fear she could not get quick eating over dances tunes!

Thursday Dec 23

Auntes Seony and I have dressed Sona and a doll today to put on the xmas tree at the church for her. We went her her piano yesterday, and...
The sun simply delighted
with it. She is growing
sweeter every day. She fell
asleep on the floor today.

Friday Dec 24

This has been a cold but
lovely xmas day or day before.
We took Grandmama to the
services tonight and she had
a big tune up. She loved to
see the lights and strings
and all the children. She
could not help but scream
right out when she saw
little dolls. She was delight-
ful with her doll. Auntie
Seron gave her a xmas
picture book. She seemed to
study more of it than
she did of her doll.

Saturday Dec 25

This is xmas morning. We
saw more of husky
as a little bird. Last night she slept quite well. Uncle Fred and Henry came down after me. And my mentor to Grandpa to offer xmas. Then soon got their she found Uncle Fred and Henry had given her a little doll carriage and her Auntie in a game box a horn and Grandpa and Grandpa gave her a dollar so she was feathery well. Before going she there was found two dollars in a letter for Sonia from her Grandma. To other for her gift. Sonia saw her first xmas like today and she seemed to enjoy it so much. The only thing that moved was
happiness was that Papa could not be with us as xmas came on Saturday.
and otherwise we had at happy xmas time.

Sunday Dec - 26 -

Son and I stayed all night at Grandma and Papa came over after church
to spend the day. We enjoyed our presents very much again and had a
good time together. We started for home again early and Son was glad
to get home again. She slept well all night.

Monday Dec - 27 -

Son had another gift.
It was a music box that plays a tune every
She likes it very much and now home about it. Daming kinds.

Tuesday Dec-26-

Saw and I have been quiet today as I have not felt very well. Yesterday we ran down to call on Helen and she had a good time with us.

Wednesday Dec-27

Today I have stayed in all day. It was not very pleasant out and we both felt not very good.

Today Aunt Bertha and little Annina made of Grand Rapids more here to spend the day. We all had a good time together.

Thursday Dec-30
Today Mrs. Putney came down to spend a little time with us. We enjoy seeing her very much. She was so surprised to see some walking about all alone. Some have got to she can only walk the young plain. The first name she has tried to say as yet.

Friday Dec 31st

Little Sonja had a New Years gift of a pair of black broadcloth slippers by her Grandma Volker. She is the only one in the family that had a New Year's gift.

Saturday Jan 1st

We were very quiet all day. Volker Fred, Henry and
and Herman were in this morning and this afternoon Aunt Carrie came down and we all took tea together. We had a lovely time. Soo is sick however. She looks dull in downswing and does not seem well now.

Sunday Jan. 2

Grandma and Grandpa came down this morning and surprised me very much. Some enjoyed it in being here to dine and much. Grandma had her and she thought she fared quite well.

Monday Jan. 3