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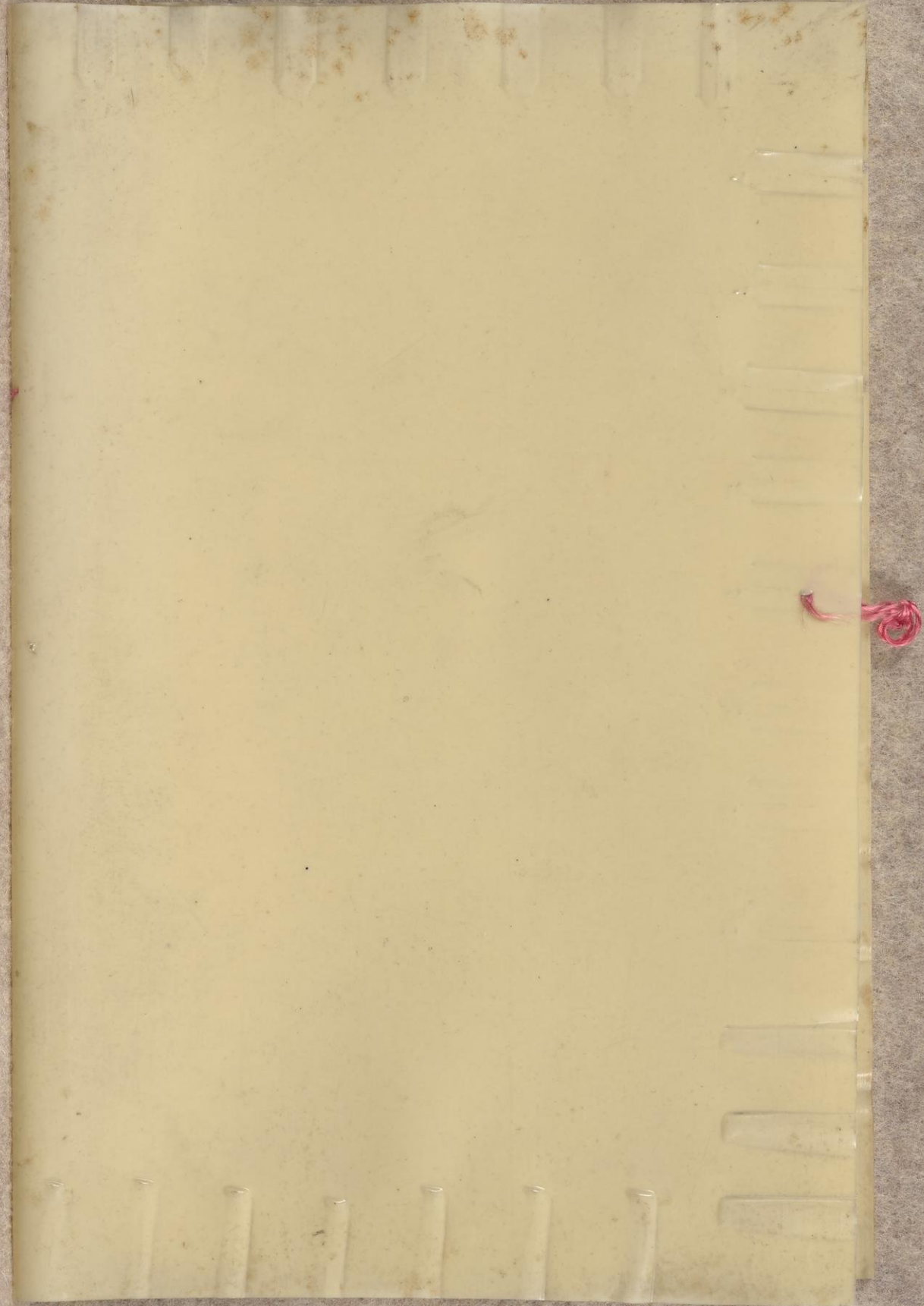
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Southern Elizabeth Voelker -
-1900.-

1900 - -

Friday Nov. 16 -

This has been one of
the most beautiful of days
again and Aunt-Bessie
after your map took us
for a nice long ride -

We drove around in
the City and you seem
to enjoy it more than
I can say. At first
you thought you did
not care to go but -

Mamma persuaded you
to think you needed
it and as you are such
a sensible little maid
you concluded to go -
I know it did you lots
of good.

Saturday Nov. 17 -

This has been such a lovely day too and my little ones have been outside some too.

This friend Poluecia came and played a little while with you and then you put on your wraps and went out - a took a ride or two down the hill with the girls.

Then after your nap you and Mother and Mamma went over to Aunt Bessie and took our supper with them.

Sunday¹⁹⁰⁵ Nov. 18 -

This has been a big day
for my little girl. Just
the day you did seem
to want; Your Papa
took you to Sunday School
and the Uncle Herman
and Aunt-Bertie came
down and took dinner
with us. You did
enjoy their fun so
much. You of course
did not take a nap
and had lots of fun
from beginning to end.

Mamma does love
to see you have a good
time though you
went to bed tired.

Monday Nov. 19 -

Today it made it
rather had my little
ones could not go out -
any for it rained all
of the day. But you
took a good nap after
dinner and after that
you helped Mama do
some work she had
to do about decorating
a room in white
you and then after
supper Papa stayed at
home with us and
this you did enjoy
more than I can
say. You always tell
how to come home
early -

Tuesday Nov. 20 -

This forenoon was not
at all pleasant - and
it rained more than
half the time. But
after your nap it was
much pleasanter and
Helen and Maria came
and you were ready
for fun. You and
the babies just ran
from one end of the
yard to the other and
had a big time.

It does you lots of
good to get out these
days and Maria
loves to have you

Wednesday Nov. 21 -

This is a very pleasant day again and my little ones have been out-snow. Blanche came over this forenoon and you little ones were out more or less.

Then this afternoon Aunt-Bessie took us out-for a drive. She took us over to the farm and we did not get-home until rather late. You were happy all the time we were out and seemed to enjoy it very much.

Thursday Nov. 22 -

This morning my little
ones were outside
playing in the sand
for a little time
while Aunt-Bessie and
Mamma made some

candy. Then after

your nap this afternoon

Mamma took you

up town to meet-

Papa and walk home

to supper with him.

You eyed it and it

did you good as well

as Mamma.

You looked and were
tired today let at bed time

Friday Nov. 23 -

This forenoon my
little ones did go
outside soon but not-
much for it was
rather too cold. Uncle
Herman came here to
dinner and this you
did like very much.

You did not get to
sleep until rather
late this afternoon
so slept later than
usual. Then we went
up town to meet
Papa and you thought
it fine as before -
You are so well and
very happy.

Saturday Nov. 24 -

You had a good time
this forenoon. You
and Mother went over
and played with
Blanchina for a little
while and then after
your nap, your little
friend Margery came
over and you did have
a big time. Russell
was a happy man it
as you were and it
did make good
to see you so happy.
Then after your bath
you were too tired
little over -

Sunday Nov. 25--

This has been another lovely Sunday. You and Papa went out to Sunday School today, and then after shopping afternoon together you took Mamma out for a long walk. We walked as far as the mission bridge and then back. It made us very hungry and tired. Then you and Mother had another night-gown parade and went to bed happy.

Monday Nov. 26 -

Saturday night - you and
Mamma made an engagement
with a little lady friend
of yours that - you would
attend school with her
this day and at eight
o'clock this morning. We
never thought - about it - and
when she came home
I'd hurry and comb those
curls and dress. You did
not get her late either ^{and}
after dinner you went
again. It was a catholic
school and when you
came home you asked
Mamma whether those ladies
there had no hair on their
heads because they wore
a white cloth over it all day.
You innocent little sweet;

and you said they
asked you whether you
liked ladies like them
and you said yes -

You were very good
all day and brought
home two little pictures
for good behavior and
were asked by the sisters
to come again - You
came home very
hungry and were glad
to get some thing to
eat - right away. You
are a dear and Mamma
loves you much. You
have taken a notion to
sleep with Mamma lately
and ask Mamma every
night - not to let Pappa take
you into his bed when you
are asleep -

Tuesday Nov. 27 -

This forenoon one of your little girl friends came over to play with you and you had a good time. Then after dinner you took a long nap from one until four so that you could go out with Mamma longer and feel good. You saw the Passion Play, shown on a carvass of enormous size and you knew of the story of Jesus before and you were delighted. You talked of nothing else today. You exclaimed once right-out-in church - "Oh there is Jesus Mamma"

Wednesday Nov. 28 -

You and Mother dressed
and went over to get
one of your little friends
to come and play with
you. She came and you
had a big time. One
of your little gentleman
friends made an
arrangement with Mamma
over the phone to take
you to school this
afternoon. You went ^{and}
he brought you home
and said you had been
a good girl. You were
exceedingly tired today.
Mamma put you to bed
early and you will
feel better in the morning
sure I know -

Thursday Nov. 29 -

Well my little girl had a big day of it today. Your Uncle Frank, Volker came early this Thanksgiving morning and took you and Mother out for a long morning ride in your car. Then you had a big time helping Mamma get the big dinner. You then spent a little time with us at Uncle Harry's where Grandma and Grandpa were and with whom we all drove home and had a lovely ride over and back. After tea you sat and brushed your Papa's hair while Mamma played and sang for a while then reading a good Thanksgiving story and went to bed.

Friday Nov. 30 -

There has been another very lovely day and this morning you and Mother started out for a little walk over to the neighbors.

You were gone about one hour and a half and when you came back and brought two little friends with you then after you had a good play you had your dinner and then your nap. You then asked Mamma to tell you lots of stories which I did and you seemed quite happy about them and had quite a long sleep after it was all over -

Saturday Dec 1 -
1905

This has been one of
nature's loveliest days ^{and}
we have enjoyed it so
much. You my little
one could not - excuse
it one other minute after
ten o'clock this morning
without one of your
little friends to play
with you so you
started out with your
little brother on your arm.

You brought little
Edward Haight over and
such real good fun as
you did have. Then this
afternoon after your
nap you started over to
one of the neighbors for
a little while.

Sunday Dec 2 -

This has been a very busy happy day for my little girl. You ^{and} Mamma went to church while Russell and Papa waited at the shop for us then we all took a walk home and soon came back to the church to practice for Xmas.

You are to take part this year for the first time.

Mamma almost dreads to think of it too.

It just makes me about sick to think my little Maude is growing so fast. You a dear little girl though -

Monday Dec 3 -

Yesterday being such a hard busy day for my little girl she did not feel much like doing much today. This forenoon you and brother played very nicely together and this afternoon you could not get to sleep for you were simply too tired.

At four o'clock Mamma put you both into your cab and took you down to the church to practice for a social for Friday night. You are to be in your first table. You are in silent-prayer. And it's very cute too.

Tuesday Dec. 4 -

This has not been a pleasant day at all. Mamma could not let her little ones go out to play or walk either one.

It was so very damp. After your nap and Mamma had done a little painting we were going out for a walk when we found it was raining quite hard so we returned and Mamma read stories to you both instead.

You were quite disappointed but felt badly for Mamma too for you feared I was feeling hurt about it.

You are a very thoughtful little one Mamma thinks.

Wednesday Dec 5 -

This forenoon you did
have a big time with one
of your favorite little
friends playing in your
playroom. Then very
soon after dinner Mamma
put you to bed and you
took a good nap but - after
you opened your eyes you
did beg Mamma to take
you out for a drive.

This I did and we
went down to see Papa.

He wanted us to take
our tea up town with
him. We did and your
little ones thought it fine.
Then Uncle Frank came
up and spent the evening
with us and that was all.

Thursday Dec 6 -

him has been a
very lovely day only
very cold. My little
Maid did not go out any.
Your little brother had
such a hard day as he
has a terrible cold. You
have felt very sorry
for him and have
done lots to amuse him
too. Mamma loves to
see you little ones stick
so much of one another.

You are very happy in
each others company.

We had lots of fun together
even if brother could
not come in and help much.

Friday Dec 7-

This morning you did
try to go outside for a
little time. You did
not stay very long as
Mamma thought that you
should not. You have
been looking forward
all day to going out
tonight to a little social
at your little infant-
class given to their parents.

You all did very nicely
and Mamma was glad
she took you. You had
a ride home with Mrs
Cull and then you
were quite happy.

You were delighted with
it all.

Saturday Dec. 8 -

This has been a very stormy day and Mamma did let you put on your wraps and take a walk over to the neighbors to take a dolly home that belongs there. You came home quite early and thought you would find Uncle Fay Thompson here for we are looking for him this noon. You were not disappointed and he was glad to see you and you were him. You put your arms around his neck and gave him a good hearty kiss -

Sunday Dec 9 -

This has been a hard busy day for us all.

My little ones had their pictures taken this morning and such a time as they did have.

We took this day for it - as we dreaded taking a week day as Papa could not help us -

They were all quite good too. Then this short-afternoon we spent together.

We read, ate candy popcorn and apples around our library fire. We had jolly good times together. Then we went early to bed.

Monday Dec. 10 -

This has been a very cold, raw day and my little ones could not go out much. Though you did go out and walk up and down the walks a few times about four o'clock. Then Aunt Barbara surprised us by coming in to Tea with her tonight; you did say that. The proofs of your pictures came tonight and they were just fine. Mamma and Papa were both very much delighted with them -

Tuesday Dec 11 -

This has been another very busy day for Maria and for my little girl too. You had to go and rehearse your little piece for 8 mus with the other little ones this morning and then Maria had several other engagements beside. Her Aunt -

Bertie came and stayed with the baby while we were gone and also to dinner which did please you more than a little.

Blanchie came over this afternoon and you had a big day all around.

Wednesday Dec 12 -

This forenoon Mamma had several engagements up town so that my little Son and Mother had to go over and stay with Aunt Bessie. You report a most lovely time and Mamma is glad you could be there.

We were made to feel very bad, and sad this morning for we found little Dickie dead in his cage this morning.

He has been with us ever since you had my little one. He came just a week before you did. You and we all will miss him.

Thursday Dec 13 -

It has not been very pleasant out and my little Russell has not been out all day, but you my little maid took the bus and went up to Mrs. Smiths all alone this morning. You did not seem to strike you had done anything out of the ordinary and came home alright.

You went to practice with the other little ones for your Xmas program. Your brother missed you very much. Uncle Harmon came to stay all night and you are doubly delighted.

Friday Dec 14 -

This morning my little
maid became rather
tired of staying home
I guess so you would
go over and spend a
little time at - B. Lanchie's

You came home and
said you had seen
Papa come and so wanted
to come too. Then

after your nap you
and Mother had a good
time until Uncle Herman
came home from school.

This evening Mamma
left you with Papa ^{and}
went to an entertain^{ment}.
We all had a good time,

Saturday Dec 15 -

It has been very cold all day. You were inside all the forenoon.

Then after your nap after dinner we took a walk up to Aunt-Carris. You and Helen had a big tennis while Mamma and Auntie were out. Then you

had a good ride home in the night-air.

You went to bed early and very tired too.

It does you so much good to get-out-only for a short-tenure.

Sunday Dec 16 -

It has been a most beautiful day and my little girl has had a very hard day of it - too. You went to church ^{and} Sunday School with Papa this morning and then after dinner you had to go up to practice for Xmas again in the afternoon.

You went with a little friend and you had a good time. Mama felt worried for you did not get home for so long a time in the evening.

Monday Dec 17 -

You were at-home
all day today. You
were not as good
natured as usual and
I think it was because
you did not get your
good rest last night.

You have not been
outside today but you
did enjoy one company
this forenoon. You have
seem tired as usual
and have gone to
your little bed rather
early for my little
one.

1900 -
Tuesday Dec - 18 -

This has been another
very unpleasant day
and my little ones
have not been outside
except as you played
in the yard. You did
go over to Aunt Bessie's
for a little time this
forenoon and play
with her bid dollie.

This was great fun
for you and Mamma
loves to see you have
such good times. You
can scarcely wait
for Xmas to come and
neither can Mamma
for our preparations are good.

Wednesday Dec 19 -

You have had such
lots of fun today
for you have been
outside and even
played in the sand as
you do in the summer
time. Then this afternoon

Aunt Bessie took us
all out for a long
drive and we came
in just feeling fine.

You ate a good
supper after walking
down and back and
then went to bed and
had a good rest.

Thursday Dec 20-

This has been another lovely day for little children. You and brother have been outside most of the day. You have played as you would in the summer time.

Then after your nap Aunt Bessie took you both and Mamma out for a long ride. We came in feeling much refreshed and it did us all lots of good.

Friday Dec 21 -

Today my little dear
did not feel very
well. You came down
with a very hard
chill this afternoon
and after it came a
very hard fever of
which you have not-
recovered and are
growing worse all of
the time. Uncle Frank
came in and spent
the evening with us
and this you did
enjoy so very much.
Papa came home early to
his little sick sister

Saturday Dec 22 -

All of today you have
been lying very
still with a high
fever. It makes
Mamma about-sick
herself to see her
dear little Souda so
very sick - Mamma
feels it much better
to be the sick one.

About six o'clock
tonight - you wanted
your cloths on and
walk a little but
you found yourself
very much weaker
than you thought.

Sunday Dec 23 -

This morning my little one got up feeling much better than you have for a few days but - you could not stay awake long before taking a nap then your fever came back and I think you have about as much as ever again. It makes us all almost blue to think it is so, your Uncle Fred came from New York last night and you are very anxious to see him too.

Monday Dec 24 - 1900

You feel if any thing
was today and Maude
sent for a doctor for
you early this morning
so that you play with
your gifts tomorrow and
have a little fun perhaps
on Xmas day. This
noon and afternoon Uncle
Fred came in to see
you and you did enjoy
him too though you
said he did not look
very natural to you.
This evening quite a
number of your Xmas
stays came in to
you and among them
a doll from Mrs. Cull
this did please you.

1900
Tuesday Dec 25 -

When you came down
stairs this morning and
saw all the things and
a tree too you nearly
had a fit. You were
not strong enough to
make as much of it
as you otherwise would
but when you saw two
new dolls and so many
other things you were a
happy girl. You did
play after your naps ^{and}
in the evening Uncle Fred
brought down his son
that he gave Grandma
and he was more
than happy to see you
and bother enjoying it.

Wednesday Dec 26 -
Today you did play
more than yesterday
and had lots of fun
too. Uncle Fred came
in to supper and you
had lots of fun with
him today. You were
so sorry to see him
go and so we all were.
We would all have
kept him longer had
it been a possible
thing. You seem very
much better today and
Mamma is very happy
about it, even though
brother does not feel
so well.

Thursday Dec 27-

This has been a
very happy day for
you and Mamma
enjoyed it. too with
you for so many of
your little friends were
in to see your presents
tree and things. You
all had a big ^{time} ^{man}
together and loved
to see you enjoy your
new things so much.
The box from Reed City
came today and we
found it was to
unpack it too. You
helped as much as you
could -

Friday, Dec 28 -

Today little brother
does not feel very
well, but we hope
will soon be better -

After dinner today
Aunt-Carrin came
down to see our tree
and our Xmas -

It was fine, she
thought. It did you
good to think Aunt-
Carrin would come to
see your tree and
things. You showed
her every thing you
had and could find,
She enjoyed it too,

Saturday Dec 29 -

This has been a very lovely day but my little ones were not feeling any too well and Mamma had lots to do so we all stayed in quite closely.

It did us all good too for we have been quite tired since Xmas.

You and brother played hockey and hard and there were other little ones in to help you out - too. Then you slept very well too and were up rested -

Sunday Dec 31

I - have been a very
lovely day today but
we did not get out
to church today as
Papa slept too late
and I think it - was
just as well for
you were not very
strong as yet. Papa
gets in so late Saturday
nights that he gets
very tired. Then after
we had had our dinner
Uncle Frank came in
took you little ones
out in your cabs, and
Papa and I took a
walk with him and
did us all lots of good.

Monday ¹⁹⁰⁵ Dec 31 -

We are all looking forward to a big time tomorrow as Grandma and all the rest of the family are coming to spend the day with us tomorrow. We will have a big time that - I know and we will do lot of things to please them too if we can - You took your little sled out and tried to slide down hill today for a little while and you had lots of fun by yourself -

Tuesday June 1 -
This has been a big
day for your children
and for Maria too -
They all came and
we had a good visit -
until dinner time
then after dinner
we just - could do
nothing but sit in
heath for we all
too full - for any thing
else - In the evening
Papa stayed with
you little ones and
Aunt - Bertha and Wena
took a ride until
after nine o'clock ^{and}
then we were ready for bed.

Wednesday Jun 2 -

Aunt-Prattia was
with us to breakfast
this morning and we
just did a jing it to
and then this noon
she came again
and then today Ma
did lot of stitching
because we are going
over to spend the
day at - Grandma's
tomorrow. You are
looking forward to
it as much as Ma
for we have not
been there for some
time.

1801
Thursday June 3

Today was a very cold day indeed but we took our trip over to the farm just the same and had a lovely day there. You did not notice the cold nor going much but I did. I felt better it did make sick. You had a good time over there and was not ready to come home when we did. You went to bed early and slept very good.

1906 -
Friday June 7

This has been another
very lovely day and
my little ones did
have a big time.

Your little friend
Blanchie came this
afternoon and you
played with your
dollies until you
were tired, then
stayed evening you
spent the time in the
parlor with Mamma

You are very tired
and Mamma will
now lay this aside
and put you into your
little beds -

Saturday Jan 3 -

You have had a great day today my little maid. This morning you spent part of the time at Marguys and this afternoon after your nap you had a big time again - You had a great time sliding down hill part of the time and then this evening you and Mother had lots of fun together untill your bed time. Mamma is glad you are feeling so much better than you have.

- 1981 -
Sunday Jan. 6 -

This has been another
very lovely Sunday for my
little folks. You did not
get to church again my
little maid for you have
not been very well and
beside your Papa has had
to work so hard and late
that he has not felt like
getting up early this morning.

After our dinner and a
good visit with Papa you
and brother had a good
long ride with Papa and
Mama. Papa was very
thoughtful and ordered a
very easy carriage -

This made it very lovely
for all. Then in evening
Mama and I went to bed early.

Monday ¹⁹⁰¹ Jan 7 -

It has been not-
altogether pleasant outside
for little ones and yet
Papa came home early
this morn and took
you and brother down
the hill on your sled -

Then after your nap
you put on your wraps
my little maid and
started out to play alone.

Papa soon came and
helped you with your
fun and took brother
out too. You all came
in very hungry and
wanted to know why
supper was not ready -
You could hardly wait -

- 1901 -

Tuesday January 8 -

It has been very disagreeable outside today and my little girl could not go outside. You and brother have been very contented inside however and have had lots of fun in our way and another. This morning you had company to help you out and this afternoon you have played all by your selves.

This evening you are very busy with your picture books and hobby-horses.

You will soon be almost
over

Wednesday June 9

This has been a lovely day though a trifle cold.

You were out some this afternoon. You took a walk up town with Mamma and while up there I met Aunt-Carin with little Helen and you and she did have lots of fun. You went up the street together as though you owned them and then you took your own pocket-book and bought five cents worth of peanuts.

When you found you had to part with so many pennies you did object and could not understand -

1901
Thursday Jan 18 -

It has been a lovely
day above but - very hard
walking. You and sister
had a good time this
morning playing inside
and this afternoon after
your nap we all took a
walk down town again.
Papa came home with
us and we had a good
hike walk and felt
much better after we came
home. Then this evening
we told a few
stories and then went
to bed early and felt
much better and slept
well all of us -

1901
Friday Jan 11

It has been a thoroughly lovely winter day and how much fun you had playing out in the snow. You took your little sled this morning and went over to Blanchie's and coasted down her little hill in her yard and such fun as you did have.

Then this afternoon Aunt Bessie took us all out for about an hour and we did have such lots of fun. The sleighing was good and it was fun.

1901 -

Saturday Jan 12 -

This was another very
big day for you my little
maid. You did have
lots of fun. Your little
friend Ethel came down
this afternoon or rather
this morning and played
all day with you, then
after your nap we took
you and hocked in
your sleds and gave
you a good old fashioned
sleigh ride. You rode
on your stomach
part of the time ^{and}
part of the time you
walked. It was fun -

Sunday June 13 -

Another very lovely day has gone by for you my little girl.

You had Papa all day and this did delight you more than I can say. After our breakfast we walked up town all of us together and took our dinner at the hotel. Then we took a slow walk toward home. We stopped at the house of one of our friends and you and brother did enjoy the phonograph they had there so much. So you had a big time.

1901 -

Monday Jan 14 -

This forenoon you and your little friend Blanchie had a most lovely time coasting and pulling each other around on a hand sled. Then after your nap you were out-^{ing} again and you did have a most lovely time. I can tell you.

This evening you were not very tired or sleepy either one so you had quite a time to get to sleep and it gave Mamma a very short evening for herself.

-1901-

Tuesday Jan 15-

It has not been the most-pleasant day for you little ones still you have been out quite a little.

Little Helen was down and spent the day with us and my son's girl was indeed a happy little maid. You were very good all day and played very nicely together only did not get your nap as you could not make up your mind to get to sleep together.

- 1901 -

Wednesday Jan 16-

It has been very unpleasant - all of this day for little ones still you were out quite a little this morning -

This afternoon you did cry to go but - Mamma could not - let you as it - was too stormy.

You played with your dolls for a long time and then took a good long nap -

This evening all is quiet and you have both gone fast asleep early -

Thursday Jan 17

It has been very cold outside today and yet - my little Sonna was out with her sled this morning and had a good time coasting as long as you could endure the cold. Then after you nap little Blanchie came over and after you had a good romp then you little brother and Mamma took a walk up to see Auntie Hatch and after that - we took a good brisk walk in the open air you pulling and Russell riding and Mamma shoving

Friday June 18 -
1901

This has been a day
a little colder than
yesterday and yet you
did have such a good
time out. Papa came
home a little early
this noon, for he knew
Mamma was feeling
very poorly, and took you
and brother out-coasting.

You did enjoy it so much
Russell came in so cold
and you both ate such a
hearty dinner to make
up for the good times
you had.

Mamma loves to see
you go out-to play alone,
You are doing so nicely.

- 1901 -
Saturday Jan 19 -

It has been so very cold, much colder than it has been for some time. You tried to go out today but you could not endure the cold so you came in and played very contentedly.

You are such a little independent-maid, you dress yourself from your bonnet to your moccasins - without Maria helping in the least.

You do so much more than your little playmate at your age -

1954
Sunday June 20 -

This has been a very lovely day and after our breakfast - we dressed and walked down to Sunday School. You were very happy there among all the little ones of your own age and then having Mother there with you for his first-time did please you lots. Then from there we took our dinner at a Hotel and then you did enjoy going over to Grandpa's with Uncle Frank and Aunt Bessie -

- 1901 -

Monday Jan 21 -

This day has not been
very pleasant - out and
my little ones could
do no more than stay
in quite closely. You
had a good time
however for Mamma
took you out in
your cab for a time
tonight; You felt
very sorry to bid
Uncle Harry and Aunt
Bessie good by for
they started for N.Y.
tonight to spend a
week. Your little heart
did nearly break.

1901 -

Tuesday June 22 -

This has been a
red little day for us
as Uncle Henry said
we might use his
house while he was
away so Papa took us
out for an hour this
afternoon; out into the
country. You and
brother and Maude
were very happy and
it did us such lots
and lots of good.

Then Papa came home
quite early and was
enjoyed that most
as much as the ride.

Wednesday Jun 23 -

Papa took us early this morning over to spend the day with Grandma and Grandpa and this was did enjoy so much.

Grandma had to be in bed all day and you and brother were a little comfort to her. Then we came home after supper and went to bed early and my little ones were very tired. Papa was home quite early.

-1901-

Thursday Jan 24-

Well my little Sona did not make up feeling very well this morning and you have had a very hard day of it. Mamma has done all she could to make her little ones comfortable but you do not seem much better this ev. than you did this morning-

I think perhaps you must have taken cold yesterday. But Mamma hopes it will all end well.

- 1901 -

Friday Jan 23rd

My dear little girl
did not feel any
better today than you
did yesterday and
Mama has worried
more than a little
about it. Mama
called the doctor this
afternoon. You have
a very high fever.

The doctor says you
have a high fever
and are a very sick
little girl. But - Mama
will do all she can
for her little ones -
for you are feeling
poorly.

-1981-

Saturday Jan 28 -

You had a very
hard night - and Mamma
sent for help to Mait
on my little one -

You were not at
first very much
pleased to have any
one help Mamma but
you soon learned
to like the lady very
much and this did
relieve Mamma lots,

You do not seem
any better tonight
than you did last;

- 1901 -

Sunday Jan 27.

You have been
a very sick baby
all of this day and
Mamma has felt very
sorry for you. Mamma
took a ride over to
the farm to see
Grandma with
Uncle Frank who came
to spend the day
with you babies -

Mr Welch came to call
you tonight - just
before he preached
his sermon tonight.

It did Mamma lots
of good to have him come
in

- 1901 -

- Monday Jan 28 -

You have been a
very sick little one
today and not much
better than you were
yesterday and Mamma
is beginning to feel very
poorly herself. I think
I may have the same
thing that my little
ones have had for I
feel queer - There have
been very few in
today to see my little
ones and Mamma
has been glad for
you need not -

- 1901 -

Tuesday June 27.

My little baby girl
has been just a little
better today so the
doctor says, we can
not see it as yet but
if he can we will
believe. There have
been quite a number
in this afternoon and
my little ones did
not pay much attention
to them. Mamma has
felt very much worse
all day. Could hardly
keep up today.
Mamma hopes she will
get no more with you
are so poorly.

- 1901 -

- Friday Jan 30 -

My girls has felt quite a little better today so much so that you did beg to hurry your dress on and we granted the request.

You could not get about very fast however, and yet you seem very much better tonight. Uncle Henry and Aunt

Bessie came from N.Y. tonight. They came home sick and tired but very they had a good time -

-1901-

Saturday June 31 -

Mamma has felt a little better tonight - but not as much better as she had hoped she would. You and Mother did walk quite a little today and it has done Mamma good to see you have such fun again. You have blown bubbles the most of the day and you have just made the most of your time in a quiet way.

- 1901 -

Sunday Feb. 1-

It has been a most-
terribly stormy day
outside today and
none of us were out-
even for a minute-

Mrs. Henry and
Aunt-Betty came in
and took dinner with
us and we had a
good time together,
though Mamma has
felt very poorly all
day. You and little
Walter are doing very
nicely together Mamma
thinks -

- 1901 -

Monday Feb. 2 -

My little ones are
feeling much better
today and the doctor
thought you were
doing nicely too.

You and Mother are
spending most of
your time playing
with soap bubbles and
Mamma is glad for it
in such a quiet way
for you to gain your
strength back again.

Uncle Frank comes
in tonight to see
you and Mother.

- 1901 -

Tuesday Feb 3 -

My Son you are
very thin since you
have come out of your
sick spell and my
sister to remark about
it too. They cannot
help seeing it as well
as Mamma does -

Uncle Frank came in
again tonight and held
you on his lap for a
long time. Mamma
feels very poorly yet
but quite a little better.
You and Mother are very
thoughtful to Mamma -

-1901-

Wednesday Feb. 4 -

There has come a little change for my little girl today for Mamma did let you go outside for a little time this pleasant afternoon with Emma.

It did not seem to hurt you any as far as in care as yet - discover. And how glad you were to get-out-too. Then you will sleep better than you have for it. too I think -

- 1901 -

Thursday Feb 5 -

The day has been another very pleasant one and Mamma has let her little one go outside again this afternoon. You were

not out long nor so you could get thoroughly chilled. But Mamma

thinks it does you good and certainly has given you a little change again which you need.

-1901-

Friday Feb 8 -

It has been lovely
outside again today -
Emma took you out
again this afternoon
and it will be the
last time she can
take you for some
time as she goes over
to the farm to stay
for a little time tonight.

You came in fresh
and happy.

You entertained yourself
the rest of the day
by blowing soap bubbles.
Mama loves to see you
play.

-1901-

Saturday Feb-8-

You did not get outside today but your little friend Ethel came in and spent a few hours with you and this did make the time go swiftly by.

You got her soon interested in blowing soap bubbles and she did enjoy it too.

Then this evening your Aunt-Bertha Voelker came from Reed City to stay with us for some time and this made you happy.

- 1901 -

Sunday Feb 8 -

We did not get out to church today as we are not driving enough, but we tried to be happy inside. Papa and Uncle Harry drove over to the farm to make them happy there for a few moments and we read stories and blew bubbles while they were gone. Then we all went to bed early.

Monday Feb 9 -

It was not at all pleasant outside today so my little men could not go outside, but your little friend B. Lurkin came in and spent the afternoon with you and stayed with you until dark.

You had a lovely luncheon and Maria loves to see you so happy after being so sick -

- 1901 -

Tuesday Feb 10 -

It has been a lovely day today and your ham has been very good babies. Maria and Aunt-Beulah took you out-for a little airing in your cot and we hope it has done you no harm but-lots of good.

We reached up as far as Aunt-Currier and then came back.

Maria is now very tired for I had not been out-before-

- 1901 -

Wednesday Feb 13 -

It has not been such a pleasant day as it was yesterday and so my little ones did not get outside but Mamma helped you to spend a happy hour.

Then this afternoon Blanchie came over and you had a good time playing together and blowing bubbles and lots of this and that - that - fabric how to do -

Thursday Feb 14

It has been much colder today than it was yesterday and Mamma did not venture out any today nor did you. We are all getting very anxious to get over to the farm to see Grandpa and Grandpa and you my little maid cannot say enough about it to Mamma. We will hope to go soon and when we will have a big time when we do go -



*I'll be the cat's meow,
if you will be my Valentine*

GERMANY

Love to
Sammy
Charlotte

Friday Feb. 13-

It has been very cold today but my little Sonna wanted to go out - so you did with Blanchie for a little while with your sled, but you had a very hard fall. You hurt your nose and made it bleed very hard. You had never seen blood before and it frightened you most terribly. Mamma knew it would do no harm but could not convince you.

Saturday Feb 16 -

It has been another
very cold day but -
Sonia had her little
friend Ethel with
you all day and that
made another very
happy day for you.

You dressed all your
dolls from start to
finish and it kept
you busy for you
have a great supply
of dollies, all ages,
and all styles -

It does our good to
see you enjoy them

Sunday Feb 17 -

Papa and Mamma
went out to church
this morning. We did
not think best to take
you this morning, but
after dinner Aunt
Bertha gave you a
very pleasant afternoon
by taking you and
Little brother out for
a nice long ride in
your car. It did
you lots of good, for
you were so happy
over your popcorn
when you came in.

Monday Feb 18 -

It has not been a very pleasant day and yet not so very cold. Aunt Schenck came down today to spend the day with us. You and brother did all you could to entertain her and she did enjoy her visit with you too and could see that. - Then this afternoon you went out to find a little trim with B. Larcher.

Tuesday Feb - 19 -

It has grown bitter
cold again and my
little one could not
go out - but a very
few moments of
day and Maria
was with you.

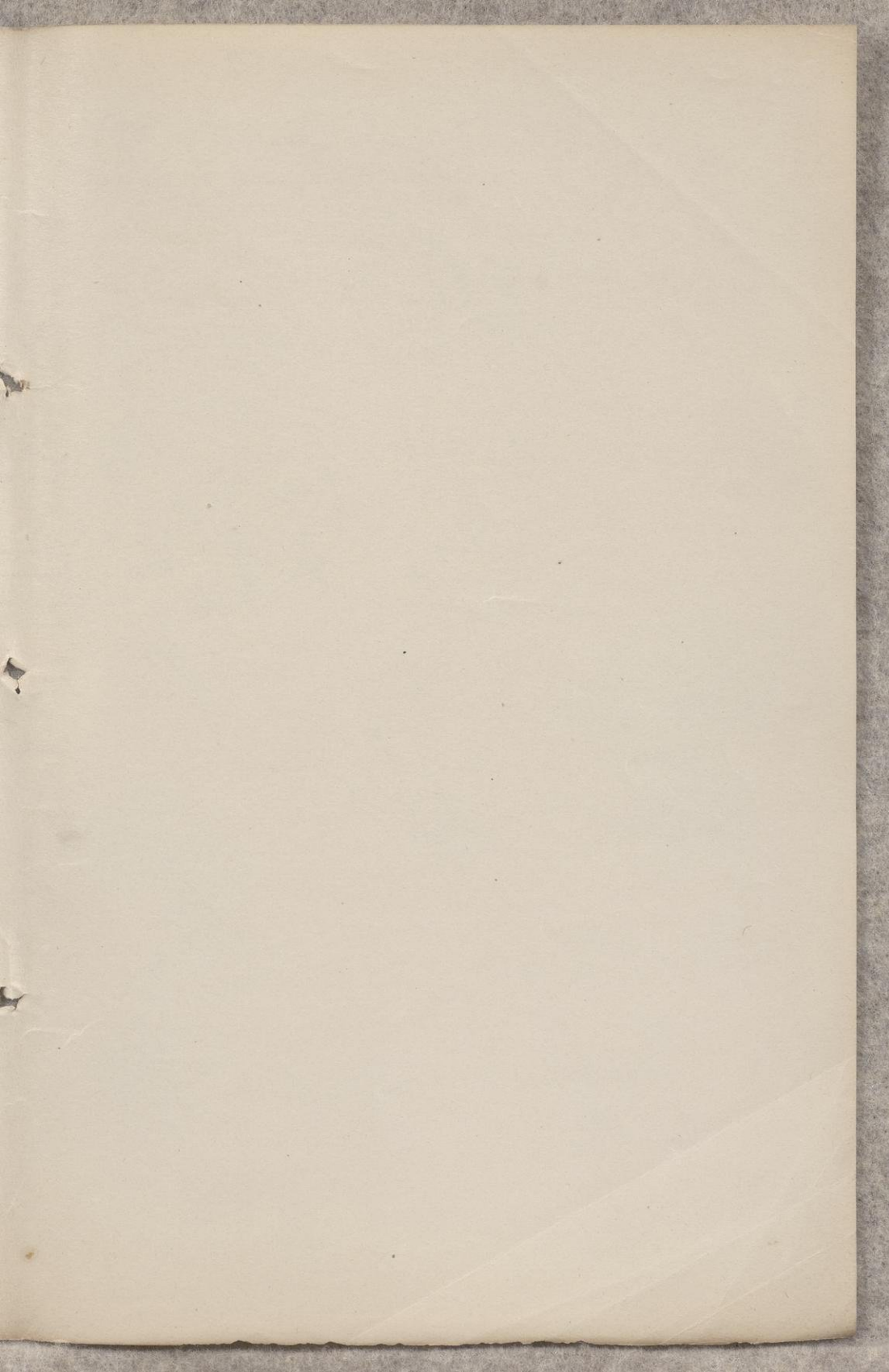
We started to go
up town, when we
found how cold it
was we simply
spent the time at
Aunt Bessie's and
then returned home.

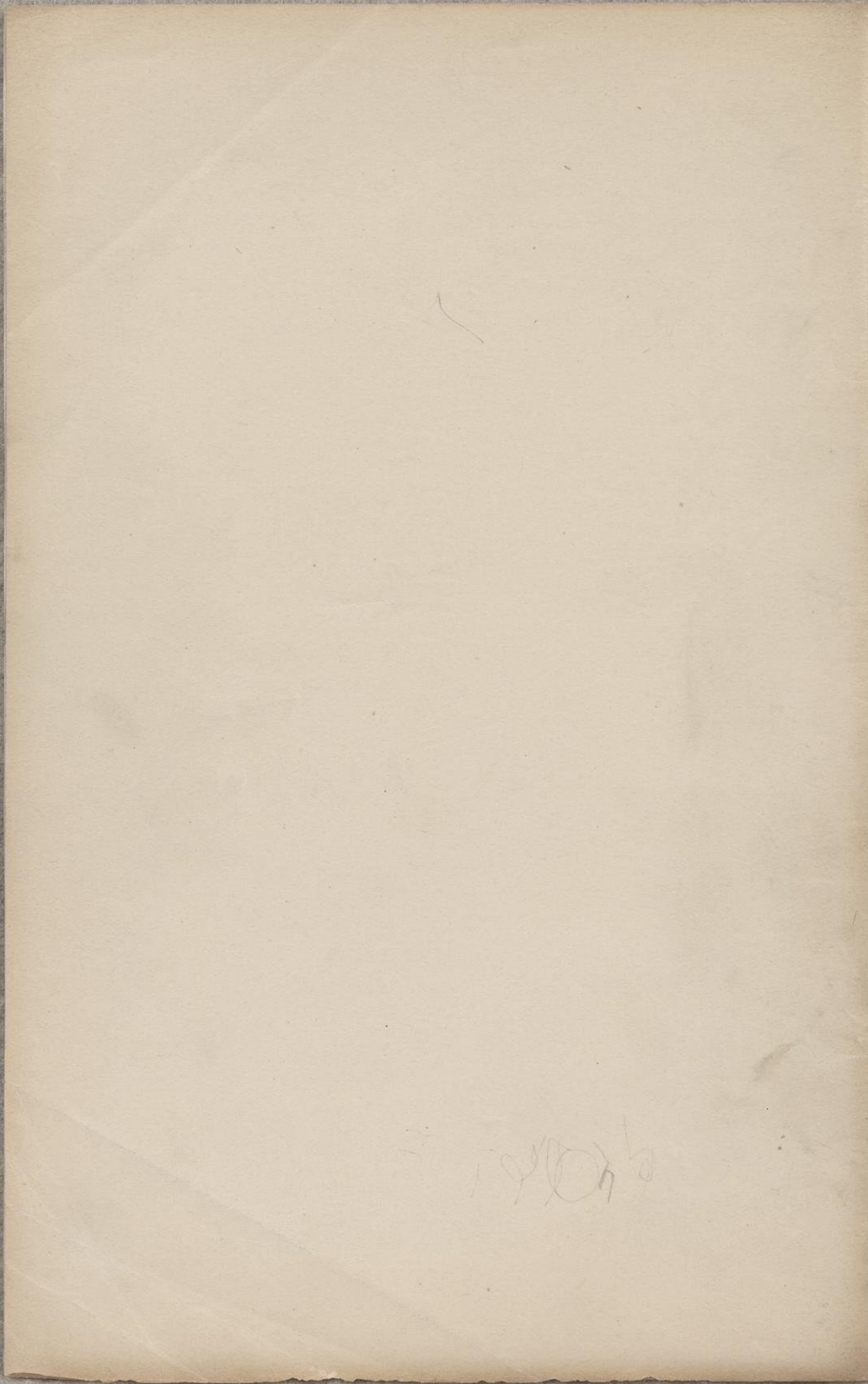
You found our Aunties
here still - pleased you

Wednesday Feb 20-

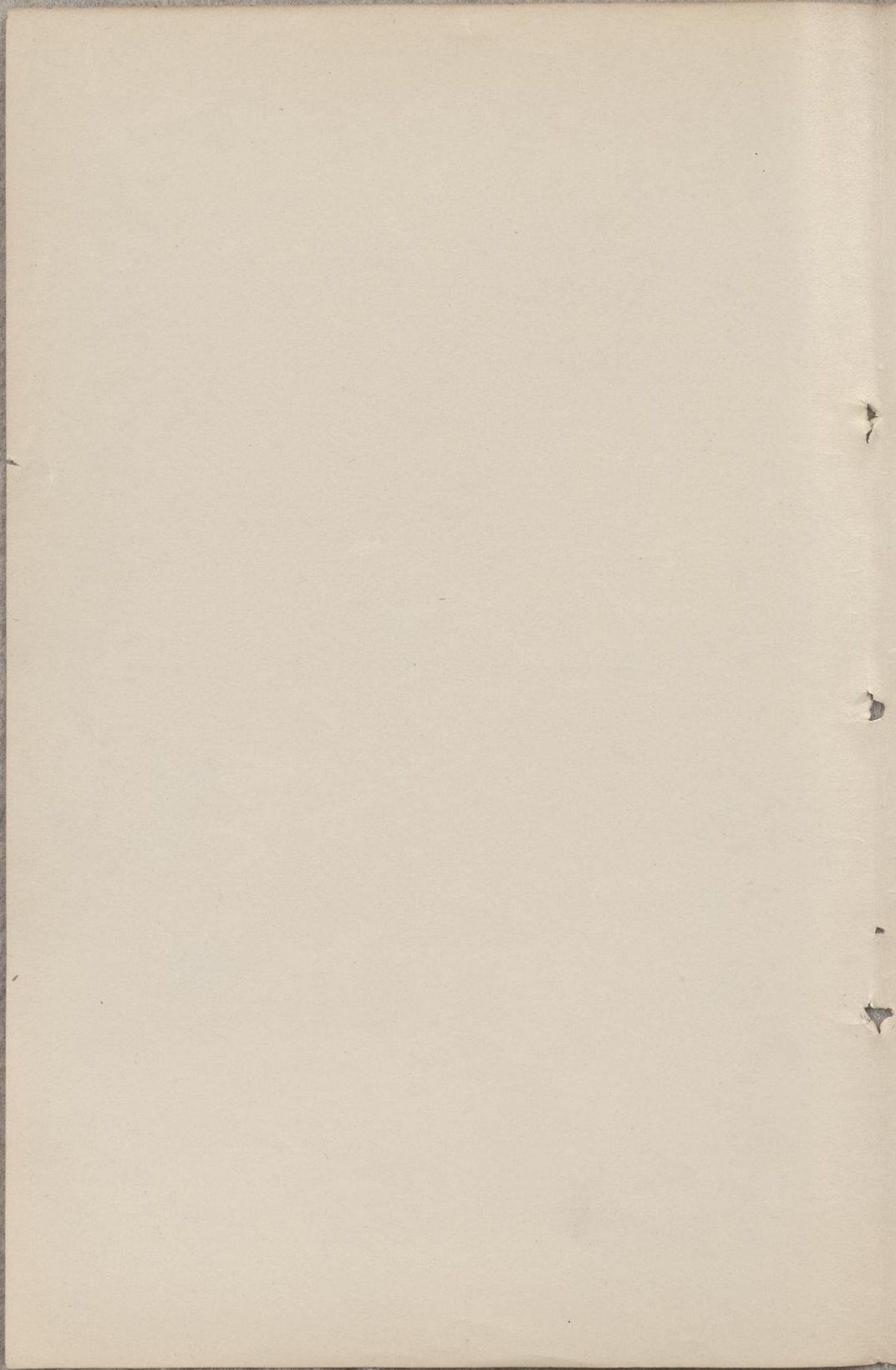
Today Aunt- Ida
came home and
spent the day with
us and my little
sister was just
delighted to have
her. You could not
wait on her enough
and were not-
willing to let her
go home when she
did. Mamma was
glad to see you so
kind to sick Aunt-

Ida - You were a
very tired little my
sister -





Southern Elizabeth Volker
- 1908 -



Thursday Feb 21 -

Well I am sure you were
about the happiest
little one for you
had your Papa with
you today. The whole
half day of a week
day. How did all he
could to make the
time slip by for you
too. Mamma is as
delighted as you are
when he stays at-
home. The times are
only too few. You
asked Papa whether it
was Sunday because he
stayed

Friday Feb 22 -

Blanchie came for
you right and early
after dinner and you
had a big time together.
It has not been so
dreadfully cold today
and it has been
pleasant for you -

My little Sonna
you little ones have
planned for a dinner
party at Blanchie's
tomorrow. You are
getting all there is in
life for my little
and I think -

Saturday Feb 23 -

This morning you told Mamma almost before you opened your eyes that this was the day you were going over to Blanchien to a dinner party. You did not you came home about four o'clock about the most tired lot of little girls I ever saw. You were so cross and your feet were red, but you said you had been very happy.

Sunday Feb 24

This morning Papa
and Mamma took you
to church. You took
your dollies and found
Papa and Mamma
rather hard to please
for we would have
both you and the dollies
to sit still. You
saw Grandpa there ^{and}
you him our great-
big boy and his

Then he brought
us home in his
cutty so we would
not-hurry to walk-

Monday Feb 26-

It has been a lovely day and my little quinia could go outside soon today. You are so much delighted to think you could.

You wanted to know whether you could not walk barefooted today. You cannot seem to understand that it must be much warmer soon -

Russell has not been on his feet outside as yet this spring -

Tuesday Feb 28 -

You have so much
enjoyed seeing the
children counting
down our hill this
winter. So after
supper tonight you
and Blanche took
your sleds out. You
did not succeed to
make your sled run
more than a few
feet - ahims -

You had a big
time you thought -
all by yourself as you
always do -

Wednesday Feb 27 -

This has been another
very lovely day and
we have decided
that we will go over
to the farm as soon
as our dinner is over.

We did go and how
the time did fly -
You did make up
the flocks too. They
were so glad to see
us for we had not
been there for so
long a time -
You were glad to hear
the music again -

Thursday Feb 28 -

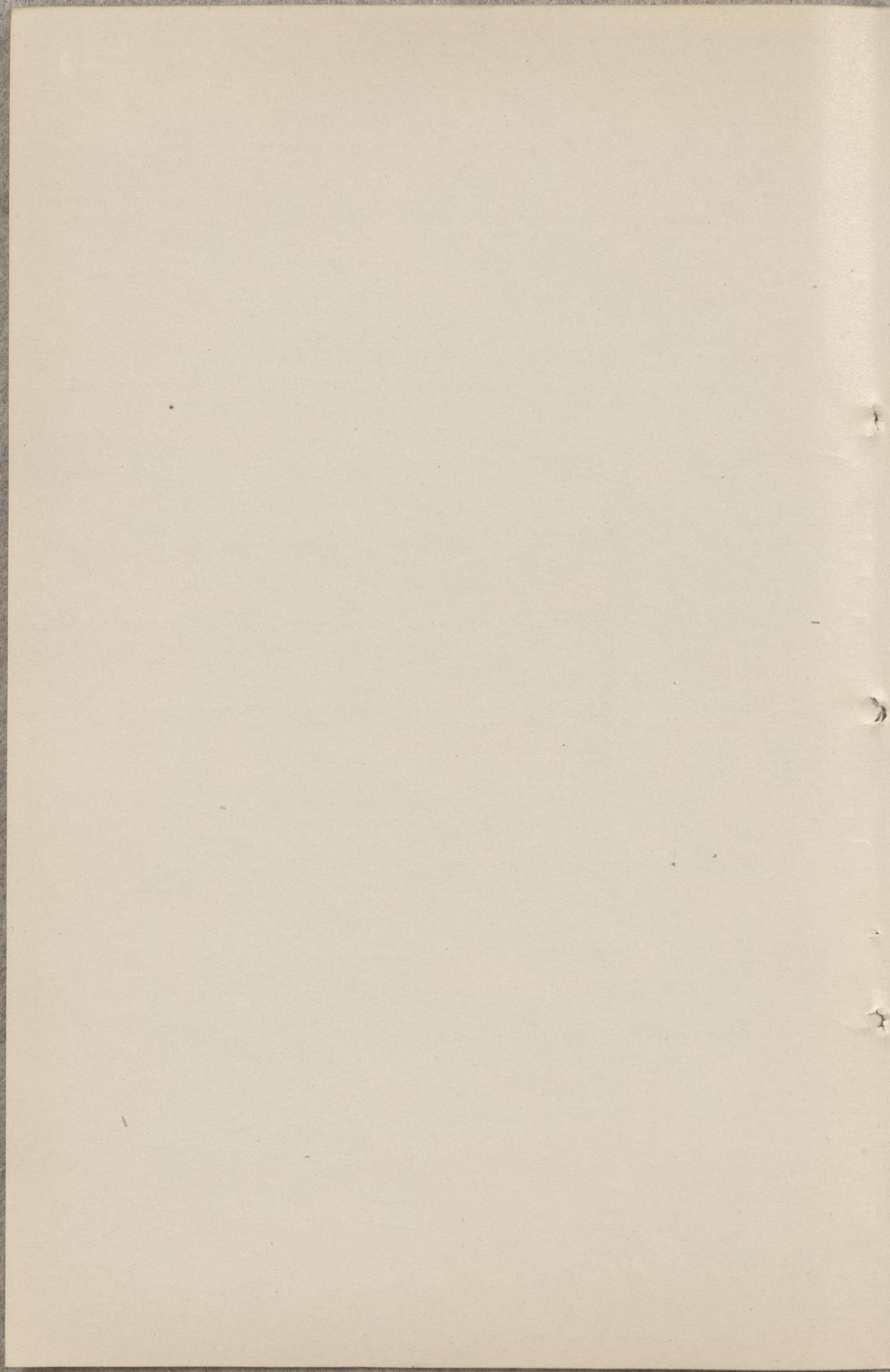
This month has
gone and Mamma
is very glad for her
little ones for it's
very hard to keep
you in the house
all the time. You
do so much need the
outside air -

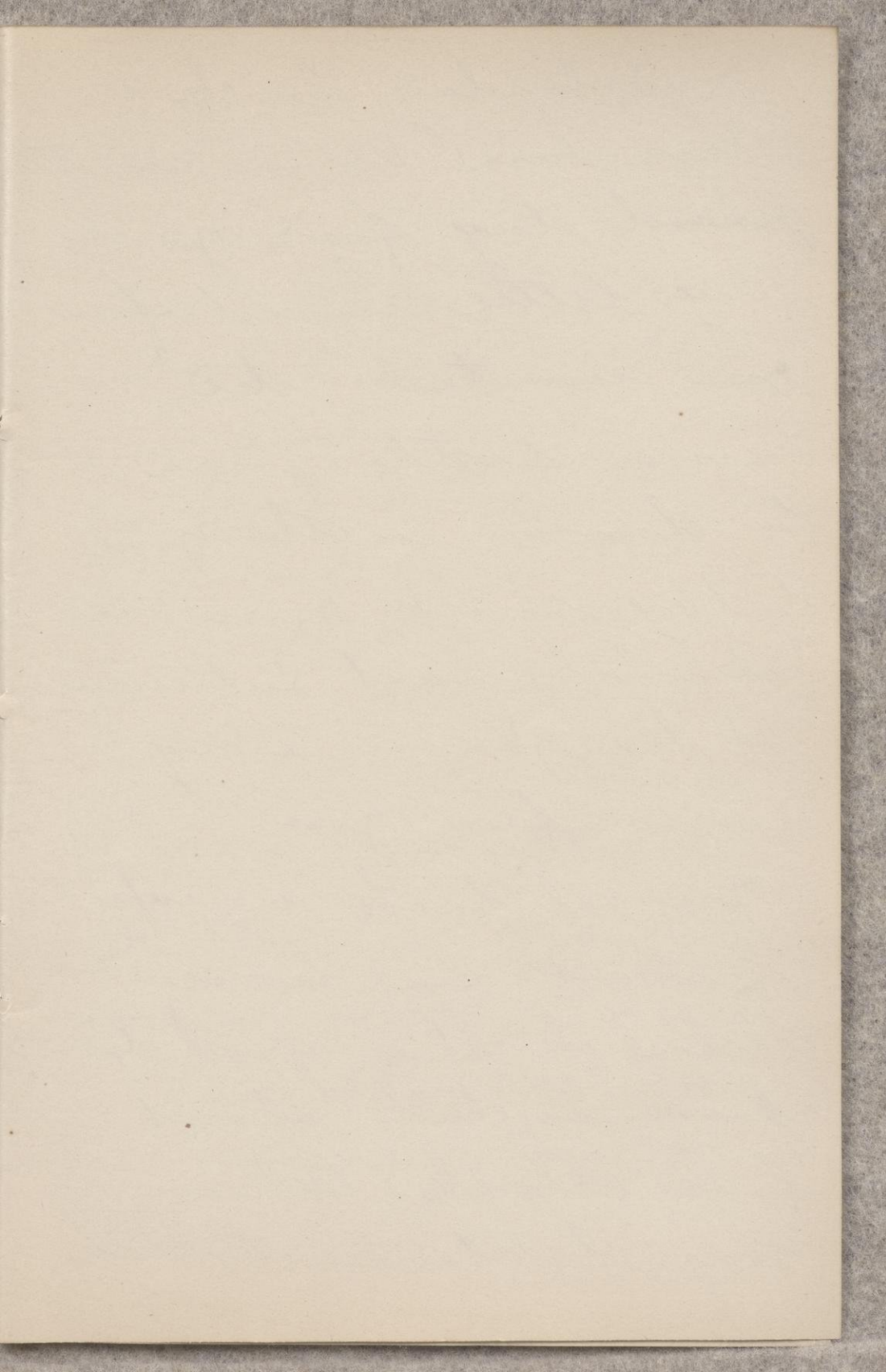
Samma did a magnificent
and still a cute thing
today. You cut a
lock of Russell's hair
today and also some
of yours. I meant to
keep it and pin it
in here but - I could not

Friday March 1 -

This day was rather pleasant - but - rather cold. It did not seem strange then any other day. You were out - the most of the whole day with Blanchin having a good time.

When you little ones get - started you always make the good time come come any and it - always does too -





Saturday March 2 -

This has been another grand day for you my little maid for you invited the durny little ones in to dinner with you today that you were out with last Saturday.

It has been a big time for you.

You all took a nap of about an hour ^{and} then had a good time again until about four o'clock. When your little party broke up -

Sunday - March - 3 -

This Sunday morning
you Papa and Maime
all went to church
together and we
were glad when
we reached the church
for you declared you
were very tired long
before we got there
as it was very
hard walking and
we could not hurry.
The S. School room
was so damp that
Maime could not
let you stay there - You
have stayed since you ^{were sick}

Monday March 7 -

It has not been
the most pleasant
day and yet you have
been out a good share
of the time.

You took a nice
ride in your cab
with Russell and
Aunt Bertha had
you out. You came
in feeling much
better and looked
refreshed and happy.

Then this evening
you had a big time
with your Papa
and Russell -

Tuesday March 3

This morning you were
out and had such
a good time with
Blanche then this
afternoon Grandpa
came down for a
little time and that
did please you
more than anything -

You told him every
thing you could think
of that had happened
since you had seen
him last. He loves
you and Mother very
much and loves to be here

Wednesday March 6 -

You did have such
a good time today -
Mamma went up town
this afternoon to do
some shopping and
you went along with
two of your dolls
and when the room
got too warm for you
or you for the room
you would go outside
and entertain yourself.

A good time you
did have from
start to finish -

Thursday March 7 -

We promised Grandpa
the other day that
we would go to the
farm house and spend
the whole day and
we did and had such
a good time. We all
love to go and have
such a good time
when we do. We were
just as happy as we
could be all the time
and it did the people
there to have your
little ones with them.
You did romp and play
so much -

Friday March 8 -

This has been another lovely day outside.

Not very cold so your little ones could play out as well as not. Then this afternoon

Mamma called you in and dressed you to go out to tea at Auntie Maryant's.

We had a good time there and you had and made lots of fun. Sonia Russel got-carry with a pencil and made the scratch across the page. You can lay ^{it} all to

Saturday March 9 -

This morning you spent - the most - of the time at - Blanches ^{and} you seemed to have lots - of fun your day. Then this afternoon you went up town with Aunt Bertha and Mamma to do some shopping that is the part - you always seem to enjoy so much -

Mamma was glad you were such a good little girl -

Sunday March 10 -

It has been such a
very rainy Sunday
and at first we
thought we would
not go out, but finally
Papa and Mama
started up town and
how tired we were
when we reached
home. You are such
a good little lady
about it too for you
tried in every way
to show Mama that
she could go just as
well as not. You
said you would be a
good girl while we were away.

Monday March 11 -

The weather has been
somewhat better today and
yet - not much. You
could not go out the
whole day. You spent
some of the time
blowing bubbles and
cutting corn and candy
part of the time you
were a little naughty
and yet - take it all
in all you did quite
well.

Mamma feels quite
proud of her little
pudic the most of
the time -

Tuesday March 12 -

You were quite
delighted all of this
day to think you
could go out - this
evening with Papa
and Mamma. You
did enjoy the play
so much and have
talked about the lovely
lady and why she
the naughty man
wound her so bad
to her - You were
very tired all the
next day and Mamma
cannot let you go out
very often -

Wednesday March 13.

A new happy day
again for my friend -
Your cousin Helen
came down to spend
the day with you.
Of all days there
are the most complete
you think that you
spend with Helen -

You both play so hard
and fast that you
are completely tired
out - by bed time.

Mamma loves to see
you play together and
after dinner she had
nothing else to do -

Thursday March 14

You had such a good
time playing today
with your little
friends outside that
our car hardly tell
much days we
could call the best.

This afternoon after
your nap you played
at home with the
but- some of your
little friends came
in and you had
a good time. Mamma
is glad to have
you at home in
that way.

Friday March 13 -

You were a very good little girl this morning and took your dollies out for a walk and you for the first time went up town and walked into a store and asked some one for a little bag of candy. He gave to you all you asked for and then you told him you had no money. You came with it as happy as could be -

Saturday March 16-

It has been very
pleasant-outside
for little ones and
Mama did let you
walk out a little
while this morning
and then this afternoon
Aunt-Bertie took you
over to Aunt-Jennie
and you had a good
time for you say
she has a large picture
book that you love to
read and look over

Mama had had a
rest about-tatting you and
since Aunt-Bertie has been

Sunday March 17 -

It has such a pleasant
day outside about
but - the walking has
been terrible - Mamma
did not go out this
morning but - You and
Aunt Martha went to
Church and Sunday
School. Then you
took a walk this
afternoon with your
rubber boots on -

You tried to make
Mamma think the
walking terrible so that
I could stay at home
with you

Monday March 18 -
This morning there
still was enough
snow that you all
started out with
your little sleds ^{and}
had a big time
pulling one another
around. I am afraid
this sport will soon
and for another
year. Mamma has
enjoyed seeing her
little girl out this
winter but it cannot
last. Soon it will
be bare feet and cold.

Tuesday March 19-

Uncle Bertie comes
down this morning
to spend the day
and go out with
us this evening -

You are going with
us to attend your
first ministerial and
I wonder how your
eyes will open -

Papa always enjoys
seeing you more
than a little -

The night is terrible
and we will ride
down in a carriage -

Wednesday March 20-

Aunt Bertha stayed
with us all of this
day too and it has
been more than a
big treat for you.

You have not-
cared to go outside
today. Mamma will
be glad when you
can go out each day
every day and
when ever you care
to. Mamma loves her
little ones inside but
she knows how good
it is for you to be out.

Thursday March 21-

This day you have
been outside all
morning. You look
very tired from being
out last night and
it will mean a good
long nap for you.

You did take a good
nap and then out -
you were as soon
as you could go -

A very tired girl
tonight - and early
to bed and tomorrow
you will look rested

Friday March 22-

This morning you took little Brother outside and drew him around all morning in his little bed.

He seemed so happy there as he did not feel very well. Then this afternoon Aunt

Bertha took you up to Aunt Jimmie's again.

You did have a good time there and Mamma was glad you did.

Saturday March 23

This forenoon Mamma
dressed you and
brother and you
played outside all
the morning and
then after your
nap my & your
little friends came
and took you both
out for a long
walk. You all came
in very rested and
much refreshed.

You played out-
till dark this night.

Sunday March 24 -

You did fairly cry
to go outside this
morning and to church
and P. School. Papa
could not go with
us so we did not go.

This afternoon you
begged to go with
one of your little
friends and Mamma
has let you go for a
little time. You
said you knew she
was a nice little girl
for her name was
Ethel -

- 1906 -

Monday March 26 -

This has been another
great-day for your son.
You played so hard
outside with so many
little friends with
your rubber boots on
for it. has been very
damp - Then you
ate your dinner, took
a nap, and then went
down to the flats to
see the high water. You
never saw anything
of the kind before and
you were very much
delighted. You
told a great-story
about it. all at tea tonight.

Tuesday March 26

You were outside
the most of the
morning while Mamma
was quite busy. You
gave us quite a scare
for you with four
of your little friends
did not come home
at noon. We called and
called. Aunt so could
not understand it for
you had never done so
before when finally
Aunt - Bertha found you
out in the barn having
a most delightful time.
Your Papa gave you
quite a little talk, I hardly
think it will happen again!

Wednesday March 27 -

It has been quite
cold outside but - you
have been out - just - the
same. After your
nap you did not find
Mamma home. You did
not - walk up for so long
or Mamma would have
taken you out with
her. But - Mamma took
you and little Merl
Out - for the lecture
tonight. We had a
good time together but -
were tired and glad to
get - to bed. As we left -
the church you said
"Oh my I wish I was home

Thursday March 28-

You did have a good
time this morning for
Helen came to see
you for a short-time.
She and Helen's Mama
asked you to come
there tomorrow and
spend the day and
I have heard nothing
else since -

This afternoon you
went up town with
Aunt Bertie and
came home with
your hands full of
grain - Tonight you
are sleeping with
Aunt Bertie for the first ^{time}

Friday March 29 -

To day has been
pleasant - outside,
again and you have
had a lovely time.

You and Russell
have played from
morning untill night.

It has been so different
than when you were
in so close - It makes

it much easier for
Mamma for she does
not have quite as
much entertaining to
do as she otherwise
would.

Saturday March 30.

It has been a lovely day today only a little damp for my little ones. Mamma put you both into the tub this morning and you did have such lots of fun together. You splashed and kicked and had no end to real good fun. Then this afternoon Mamma ran and left you for a few minutes and did a little shopping.

Sunday March 8,

This morning Papa
went to the prison
to services and you
started out with
Aunt Bertha to church.

You had a good
time and brought
Mamma two papers
to read to you and
were a good girl to
so Aunt Bertha reports.
Mamma loves to hear
such good things
from you -

You are Mamma's
good baby any way.

Monday April 1-

This day has been fun for you for you have played outside all the morning. After your lovely nap after dinner Aunt Bertha took you out for a nice long ride in your cab. You had a good time and came home very happy and spent the evening quietly at home with us.

1901
Tuesday April 2

It has been very nice outside this morning. You saw over to Blanchier the most of the morning and then left little brother all alone at home. Mamma had to go up town in a hurry and so Aunt Martha entertained him nicely. Uncle F. & Willie came in to take dinner with us and this did please you very much indeed.

- 1901 -
Wednesday April 3

You had a good time today for Blanchina came in this morn and played with you and brother and then you took a good nap after dinner and you felt quite a little better and were full of more mischief so you went over to Blanchina and had the afternoon out there.

Mamma can hardly deny it for you do love each other so much.

- 1901 -

Thursday April 4-

This has been another rather gloomy but-pleasant day after all. You had a good time and Mamma was glad to see it-

Then after your nap this noon you went up town with Blanche and Mrs. Gallagher and Mamma went up with Aunt Berta and Russell. We all reached home about the same time - It was lots of fun and you were happy.

-1951-

April 5

It was not nearly
so pleasant today
rather rainy and my
little ones had to
stay inside more or
less. You did
get out just a little,
Mama popped you
some corn just
before you were
ready to play this
afternoon and that
gave you a big treat.
You had a good little
tea party with your
little friends -

- 1901 - April 6 -

You did have such
a lovely time today
and Maud did too,
it being the day before
Easter of course was
talked of nothing but
the rabbit coming in
the morning. You
and Aunt Bertha
made each one of the
family a little nest-
and such fun. Out-
in the back yard you
made it of sticks
and hay and such
real good fun for
you. You could hardly
wait until morning -

Monday April 7 -

It has been a lovely day. The morning bright and beautiful. As soon as you opened your eyes you wanted to see your colored eggs. You and Bessie and Papa and Mamma and Aunt Bertha all started out to look for eggs. We found one behind every tree and were busy in the yard and there. How you laugh and jump. We drove over to Grandpa's in the afternoon and they were delighted to hear you tell about it all -

Monday April 8 -

It has been lovely
today too. Aunt
Bessie came and
brought us some
brown radishes from
the country some where
and it was fun
to see you and both
taste it for the first
time today. It brought
tears to your eyes
and you seemed quite
out of sorts toward
us about it. You
could not understand
why it did not affect
us in the same way.

Tuesday April 9 -

It has not been very
lively today and so
my little ones had
to stay inside. It
did not make it
very pleasant for you
though you tried
to be nice about it
too. Blanchie
came over and helped
to make the trim
roll around quite
rapidly too. Then
toward night Ethel
Fleming came in
a little trim and this
pleased me.

Wednesday ^{12th 1/2} April 10

Today Mamma was
quite busy and could
not give you very
much time as two
ladies were in to
help Mamma with
her sewing. Then
Aunt-Ida came down
for the day, this
part of it. Seemed very
good to you and you
were quite happy over
that. This evening
you were very tired
and hurried to bed and
sleep -

- 1901 -

Thursday April 11 -

It has been rather lovely outside again today. You were invited up to Doris Wilcox to spend the day and a good time you did have indeed. Mamma was glad you were so happy. Mamma and Russell had lots of fun too for Aunt Bessie gave us a good long ride too.

-1901-

Friday April 12-

It has not been so
lively outside as it
has been colder than
usual but Mamma
did not mind as
she stayed inside
and did lots of sewing.

Mamma took a long
walk this afternoon
and I am afraid
took a bad cold
too though I am
not so dreadfully
sure either. We are
all together at supper
time however -

-1901-

Saturday April 13-

It has been very pleasant - today and my little ones were outside almost constantly this afternoon - Mamma loves to see you get outside lots -

Then Mamma and Aunt Bertie were out too for a little while - Russell went out for a walk with Aunt Bertie and came in a little unclean -

- 1901 -

Sunday April 14-

Early this morning
Aunt Bessie and
Uncle Frank started
out for a long drive
and to spend the
day together - This
left you little over
for Papa and Mamma
alone - We all went
to church. You and
brother walked all
the way up and back
but - you were very
tired and it will be
a long time before
brother does again -

Monday April 13 -

It has not been
very pleasant all
of this day and my
little ones had to
stay in the most of
the time only as
Aunt Bertha took
you out for a little
time this afternoon.

You were however
quite tired too as
you did lots of
walking and riding
around. Maria was
quite busy too and
could not give ^{attention} much

Tuesday April 18

Mamma has been very busy today - We have had a lot to do as we have been very much behind today.

Mamma loves to see you try and help her as you sometimes do all of your own free will and accord.

Mamma has been out a little today even if she has had a lot to do -

Wednesday April 17 -

Uncle Geny's came
today from N. Y. C.
He was surprised
to see such a change
for the better in
little Robert and
Mamma was glad
he was and could
be so surprised in
you both for your
lives not been feeling
very well of late -

Mamma is glad you
can run out some thing
you did for you will
soon look much better -

Thursday April 18

We were quite a little surprised to-day to have Uncle Frank dinner with us to tea with us tonight.

You were sure surprised when I can say my little man for you loved and buried him good. You loves you just-as dearly as you do him too I can tell you. Why Maam can not say but I am glad for he needs your love.

- 1901 -

Friday April 19 -

Mr. Lind. hoped and planned to have Uncle George with me to dinner today and he can not. For he started for N. Y. again today. We were sorry and especially you for you saw him only for a moment.

Then too Papa had to be in Lansing all of this day and that left us all alone for this day.

- 1901 -

Saturday April 20

This morning your
men over to B Larchies
all of the time and
then after your
nap Maryery came
over and visited you
then so I did not see
anything of you only
for a few minutes
until evening. This
does not please
Mama so well
for I love to have
you right near me
all of the time -

- 1901 -

Sunday April 21 -

It was not a pleasant
Sunday at all but you
wanted to go out -
to church with
Aunt Martha so I
did let you go. Papa
and Mamma and Mother
stayed at home, we
were all feeling
very poorly. The
day was spent very
quietly here and
we felt very much
better as night came
on -

- 1901 -

Monday April 22 -

It has been a very
raining and gloomy
day and Mamma has
been quite sick all
of this day - You
were in all the
morning and after
your nap Aunt-
Bertha took you
out for a little time
and you did enjoy
it too but felt very
badly when your
found Mamma sick -

1901

Tuesday April 23

Mamma feet very
poorly this morning
but am feeling
much better this
afternoon. Aunt-
Carrie came in a
little time this
afternoon and we
ratched as fast as
we could and had
a lovely time too-

We were plaining
things for the
babies as fast as
we could.

- 1901 -

Wednesday April 24

It has been such
pleasant today
again - You were
one at Marguerite
all the morning and
Papa forbade your
going so much
again as he thinks
you are gone too much
and have made a
good home you ought
to stay at home just
a little more.

Mama loves you with
her best love -

-1881-

Thursday April 23-

It has been a
most- lovely day.

Mamma left- you
while you were
asleep to go and see
Grandpa who is
very dangerously sick.

Papa has been
home all day sick
in bed and it has
been a treat- to have
him home even
though sick for
his never had any
other home-

-1901-

Friday April 26 -

It was lovely outside today and my little son was outside from early morning until bed time. Papa was here the most of the time sick. You helped take care of brother all day.

You were at the neighbors quite a little too. For the first time you and little Blancher had a little falling out.

You were playing together within an hour after. Mamma will be happy when house cleaning is over so I can watch you all the time.

-1901-

Saturday April 27 -

My little folks are
having a great-time
today. It has been
so lovely out. You
had every one of the
little ones in the
neighborhood here this
forenoon, and you were
very happy. Mamma
is trying to teach
Russell not to run
across the street. And
so today she had to
punish him very much.
It frightened you
somewhat - but you
soon did learn to
trust Mamma and
not be afraid -

-1901-

Sunday April 28 -

This has been a most lovely morning. The most beautiful of all the spring

Papa felt very poorly so he stayed in bed and had a good rest - and sleep

You my little maid took a walk up to the prison to services with

Aunt Bertha, then this afternoon we all took

a lovely ride, then Papa took us over to see

poor Grandpa who has been sick for a very long time. We then

came and enjoyed our ride home and then you were a tired little

Monday April 29 -

This has been another
very lovely day only a
little warmer than
yesterday. You have
been outside the
whole day long, every
day and have been
very happy there
too. After your
nap this afternoon
Blanchie came over
and you had a most
delightful time with
her I can tell you.

Then tonight ^{Maud}
sat on the porch ^{and}
loved you good and
hard much pleased you ^{too}.

Tuesday April 30 -

You little ones have
been very busy today
for Mamma has been
cleaning house and
you were here there
and every where You
took Mamma's pillows
and had a bed on
the lawn and such
fun as you did have

This evening you
played on the lawn
until long after dark -

Uncle Frank came
and spent the evening
with us and we all
sat on the front - upper porch

Wednesday April 31 -

Today has been a great day. You little ones have been out all the day long.

You have had company and been at your little friends too. It rained just a little this afternoon and that was lots of fun for you.

You do have such lots of fun in the farm these days. It makes Maria happy to see you have such lots of fun -

— Thursday May 2 —

This has been another
very busy day for
your Maama my little
maid but a very busy
and happy time for
you. You have just
had a jolly time from
early morning untill
bed time. Tonight
you said while trying
to say your prayers that
"Maama did I not have a
good time tonight and
did I not have a lots of
quills". I thought you
you had about seven
little ones in tonight.
It did Maama good to see
you so happy tonight.

- 1901 -

Friday May 3 -

It has been another
glorious Summer day and
my little ones were
out with your hammock
for the first time
this spring. You had
a most delightful time
with it and so did
all your little friends
in the neighborhood.

Then this evening you
were not quite as
happy for Grandpa
was unwell and they
phoned for Mamma to
come and sit up with
him tonight. You said
it would kill you to
have me go and that you
would pray to Jesus to let
you do it I went.

Saturday May 4 -

It has been another grand day for your little folks. You were at one of your little friends this forenoon and also part of the afternoon. You were a tired little one after your bath tonight.

You took a walk up town with Aunt Berta and had your first glass of soda water of this season with her. You came home a very loving little one toward Mamma - You loved and kissed her many times -

Sunday May 5-

This has been a lovely day and my little Sofia has made the very most of it too.

This morning you were out bright and early ^{and} then with a little friend took a walk up to the cemetery. There you sat in a shady place and ate a luncheon. Then you came home to dinner and after dinner you went to Sunday School with the little girls and then you played all the afternoon so nicely.

Monday May 6 -

This has been another very busy day for Mamma but you and brother were very good except the terrible fight Russell gave me this forenoon. He did climb up the hill back of the barn and got on the roof of the shed and there he stood near the edge and called to Mamma and looked calmly down. It was simply terrible. Aunt-Bertie caught him down for Mamma could not stir from the spot. You were not near to see -

Tuesday May 7 -

My little girl had a
good old time today.
You were playing out
in the barn all the
morning with all your
little friends. You
say you are going to
have a play house up in
the barn - It is a lovely
place for you too, in a
cool dry place - This
afternoon you took a
nice long nap, then
you were ready for
the rest of the day.
You are having
more than a basket of
fun -

Wednesday May 8-

This morning your
went early with Maud
to gather Landshier
greens for dinner. You
thought it quite
wonderful to have
them cooked and good
to eat. You did not
like their taste however -

Then it rained the
most of the day and
my little Soud could
not go out-side very
much. You had a
good time inside
however and played
all the time -

Tuesday May 9-

You had a good
play outside this
morning but - this
afternoon it rained
quite hard again
so Mamma popped you
down, come and you
stayed inside quite
happy with it. Then
this evening we went
up town to meet
Papa and we waited
some time but he
could not come
back with us so
we came home
alone -

Friday May 10 -

It has been very lovely outside today and my little girl has had a very lovely time. After your nap, Mamma took a ride with Aunt Bessie over to the farm to see Grandpa.

We found him very better but - very weak.

Tonight Jack Frank came and gave you a most lovely time. You had a very happy time -

Saturday May 11 -

This morning it was almost too cold for my little ones to play outside any, but you could not be entirely contented inside, so you did go outside a little of the time. Then after a lovely refreshing nap you took a walk up town with Mamma.

You were delighted with a new pair of shoes and hat and also a new dolls head.

You took it out and showed it to all the little girls before you could contain yourself.

Sunday May 19 -
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It has been a very
disagreeable day. So
cold you could not go
outside any to play.
You did go out to
church with Mamma
and the wind did
nearly blow you away
as you were coming -
home. You took your
dollie to church and
Papa carried the cab
all the way home for
you for you were so
tired out and so cold
you could not go alone.
You took a long nap
this afternoon and then
went to church tonight.

Monday May 13 -

It has not been much pleasanter outside today for little over today than it was yesterday. You did play out a little however this afternoon. Then after your lovely nap you went with Mamma in the bus and we did a little shopping and came back very tired though we did have a good time and lots of fun together -

Mamma loves to take you with her when you are a good girl -

Tuesday May 14

It has been one of
the most lovely of days
today. You were early
ready for your nap this
noon and while you
were fast asleep Mamma
started out for a long
ride with Aunt-Bessie.

You and Brother were
most delighted as we
returned a little after
tea time. You loved
Mamma half to pieces.

Then this evening
we were all very
tired and sleepy too.

Wednesday May 15 -

Mamma was busy
painting on a new
study I have begun
and you and the
others were out around
having a good time, then
in the afternoon Aunt
Bartha took you ^{and}
brother up to the cemetery
and there you played
untill Tea time -

You came home
with a bunch of all the
flowers you saw there
and your things - they
were all

Thursday May 1st -

Mamma was very
busy indeed today
and you see a
good little way about
helping to entertain,

They were Papa's
friends and they
made quite a little
of my little mind -

This evening we
went up town as
usual as we used
to walk home with
our Papa -

Friday - May 17 -

It has been a lovely
day. A trifle warm
if any thing -

You were out - all
the day having a
most delightful time
with your little friend.

Papa got a lovely
rig after tea brought
and had Uncle Frank

come and take
us for a ride - Mrs
Wood has had a
good time.

Saturday May 11 -

Mamma had a
friend come to
visit with her today

You thought it
quite fine and had
her lots and many

times You went
to the depot with
her when she left
and I have no doubt
but that she enjoyed

it a very great deal -
you give a tired
little girl as you
had not had your
nap today -

Sunday May 19 -

It has been a most-
deagreeable day and
my little son could
not go out to church or
Sunday School, nor could
any of us. A gentleman
old time friend of Mamma's
came in to dinner and
you did enjoy that very
much. Then you
had a big time with
Papa after our company
went away. Mamma
was glad you were
happy for I saw a
very tired Mamma &
can tell you.

Monday May 20 -

It has been another
very damp day and
I could not go out
but a very little this
forenoon. Then we
had a hard scare, for we
heard that Aunt Carrie
~~would~~ be home very sick.
After you were asleep
Mamma ran down to see
her. She is much better
again and I am so
glad. You were quite
worried too for so little
a child for you feared
for Helen and so were
very glad when Aunt Carrie
was better -

Tuesday May 21 -

It has been another very damp cold day but you were very happy for little Helen came down to spend the day with you. You had a very good time together as you always do. Maria spent a little time at Aunt Carrie's today and found her much better.

You and little brother were exceptionally tired today for having had such a good time the whole of this day.

- Wednesday May 22 -

It has been a lovely day until about five o'clock and then it rained very hard.

Helen came down this day again and such fun as you did have. It rained quite hard late in the afternoon and then you played inside. Had a tea party of popcorn and did every thing you very much liked to do. You were tired at night-time -

Thursday May 23-

This morning you and brother and Helen played outside very nicely then this afternoon inside again.

Mamma had to go out a little this afternoon and learn you with Betty.

You had a big time for Morris came down for a little time too. Mamma came

home and you were very glad to see her too I can't tell you.

Friday May 24 -

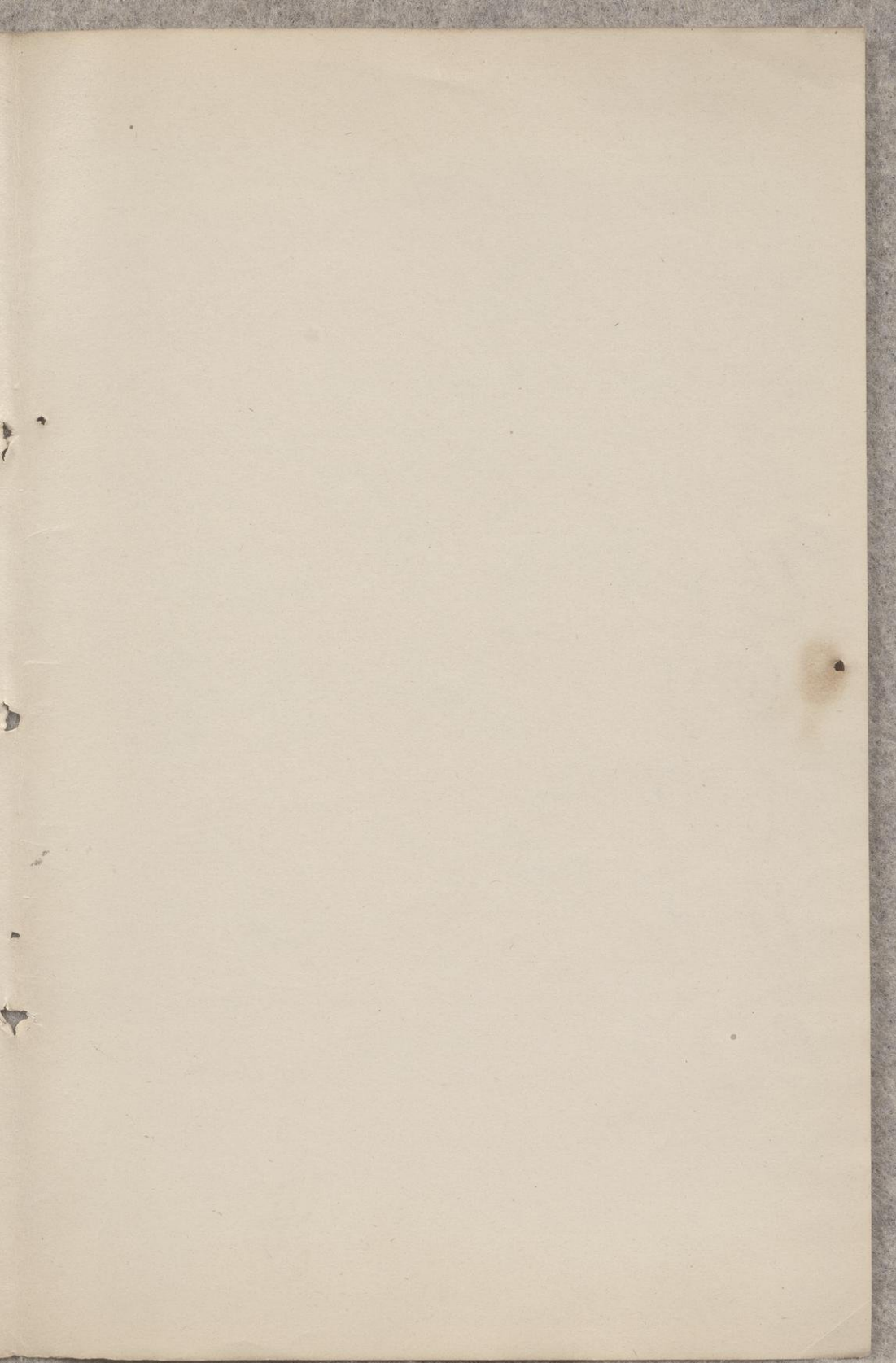
It has been a very rainy and dumpy day and my little ones could not play outside at all. Mamma went out for a little time and Aunt-Bertie let you go out for a little time over to Aunt-Bessies where you stayed to supper and had a most lovely time there -

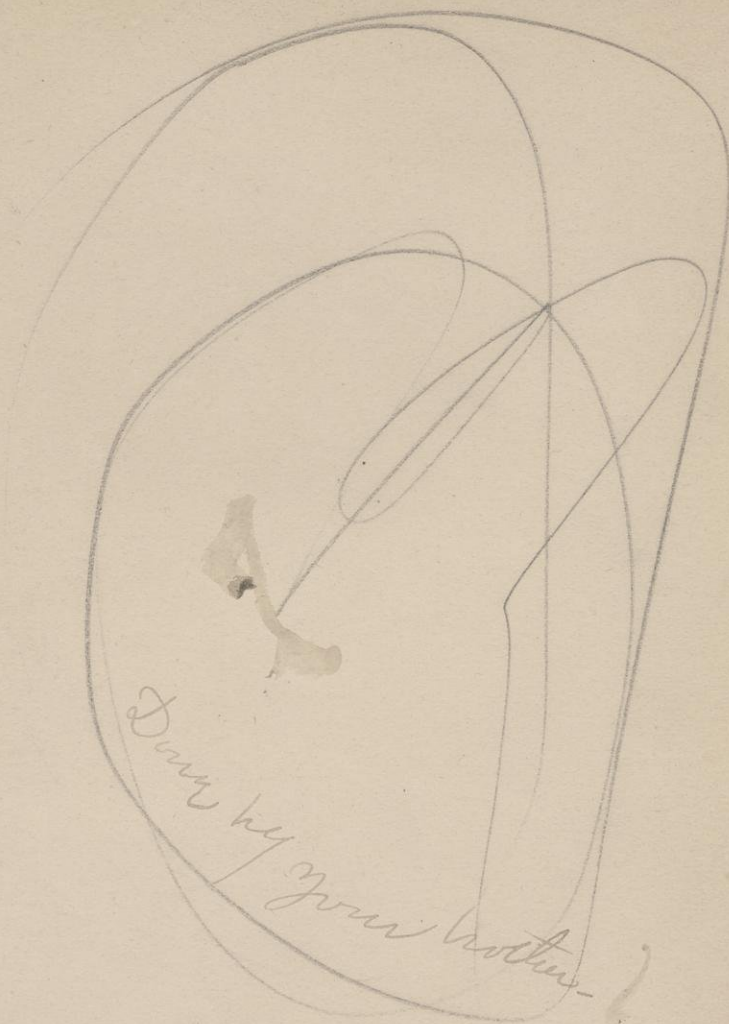
You can now ^{just} hear all about the letter S. and E. This pleased you

Saturday May 25-

It has been a lovely day outside - My little ones had a lot of fun too. You had your friend Ethel with you all the afternoon and to supper.

She cannot endure being without you only for a certain length of time. Then this evening Mamma read stories to you untill you were almost tired of the whole thing and wanted to stop.





Done by your brother

