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Louisa Elizabeth Volker.

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Lora Elizabeth Volker.



Wednesday May 9 - 1900

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Today has been another  
very rainy day and Aunt  
Grace has been invited  
with little George, cousin  
to spend the day with  
Aunt Carrie. So you  
little ones must stay  
here at home and  
entertain yourselves out-  
in the hammock among  
your lovely maple trees.

You will be very happy  
there too with your  
shovel and spade in  
hand you have a rake  
and hoe too.

You can surely be  
happy.

Thursday May 10 -

Today you have very happy children again, you have played so good together. Grandpa and Aunt-Ida came down a little while this afternoon to see you and you were delighted. Uncle Herman had been here to dinner too which made you more than happy. You just did enjoy yourselves all day I can tell you. Aunt-Grace and the cousins took a nice ride with Aunt-Bessie again today.

Friday May 11 -

Aunt Grace and  
Baby Cousin were at  
Aunt Carrie's today and  
as usual you missed  
them very much.

Cousin Helen came  
down and spent the  
afternoon with you as  
Aunt Carrie gave a  
a tea party for Aunt  
Grace and it made  
it. please ask for Helen  
to be here and you  
were most delighted  
to have her. It kept  
Mamma busy to keep  
watch of you two little  
runaways -

Saturday May 12

Today has been very warm and yet a very lovely and pleasant day, all the trees are in their fullest blossom and how perfectly lovely every thing is.

Mamma is simply in love with the blossoming time. You are so very fond of flowers too. You seem to admire even a little blossoming weed. You have often come to me with only the sweetest-blossoming weed.

Mamma is happy over the love you show for flowers.





Sunday May 13 -

This has been another very lovely Sunday for us all. Papa took us all out for a lovely drive after a good Sunday dinner in our happy little home. We drove to the Welch farm. You saw all the cows come home from their meadow pasture to the barn for the night. You were delighted. Then we drove over to the farm home to see our Grandma who is sick in bed. She was very glad to see us indeed. We were rejoiced that our grandma was happy.

Monday May 14

Today has been a very pleasant-day and you both were very happy with little cousin all of the forenoon and Aunt-Grace took a ride with Aunt-Bessie this morning and took dinner there and supper at our home.

Mrs. Parsons called while Mamma was out for a ride with Aunt-Carrie. It did Mamma lots of good too to get out a little of the tumour.

You stayed at home with Emma and I took little brother with me this time

Tuesday May 15-

Today you were at-  
home all day without  
your little Cousin for  
he was at- Aunt- Carrie's  
all day. You had a good  
time though for so  
many of the little  
neighbor children came  
in and helped make  
the time pass very  
swiftly by.

Then Aunt- Berrie came  
and took Mamma for a  
ride and you said  
you were glad Mamma  
could go out. It seemed  
to please you very  
much.

Wednesday May 14

This has been a most-  
beautiful day. It has  
been warm and pleasant  
to be out and it did you  
lots of good. This  
afternoon you were at  
Blanche's Gallop to  
play and you did have  
a big time and you did  
not miss Aunt Grace <sup>and</sup>  
little George <sup>&</sup> Emanuel  
as much as Maria  
thought you might, for  
Aunt Curim took them  
out for a ride over to  
the farm house very  
early this afternoon and  
they had a good time.

Thursday May 17 -

Today Aunt-Grace took Elmer at Aunt-Bessie's and supper too and it has rained most of the day <sup>and</sup> your little ones could not go out any, but Mamma built a fire in the grate and you played about it as good as two children could possibly be.

You did not care to go to bed tonight for you heard that Aunt-Grace was going to see Uncle Henry from New York.

Friday May 18 -

Uncle George came  
last night and had  
a good time coming  
he said and bought  
some nice rings and  
Russell a stick pin.

He bought Mamma  
a half dozen beads and  
butter knives. It pleased  
Mamma more than I  
can say. It has been  
rather cold and rainy.  
but you were glad to  
have Uncle George here,  
it pleased us all.

Tonight Aunt Grace played  
at the church and she did  
very well and looked nice too.

Saturday May 19 -

Today has been a very beautiful day <sup>and</sup> everything outside has been beautiful all day. After dinner we took a drive over to the farm and then we drove home and had the little cousin with us on the ride too. You little ones came home very tired after your little play at the farm with the rest of the cousins over there. It always does Mamma good to see you



Sunday May 28 -

It has been another  
model day and after  
the babies had their  
baths Uncle George took  
Aunt-Jane and the  
baby to town near by  
and they had their  
luncheon there and the  
children home to take  
tea with Aunt-Bessie  
for the last time before  
they return to New-  
York City. You were  
both in your little  
beds when they came  
home.

Monday May 21 -

This has been a very busy day for us all as Uncle Gugs starts for the City tonight.

It is your last day of play for and with your little cousin Guga & Emanuel. They have been at the fair and other places most of the time today and you did not see very much of him, but you love him just the same. You went to the train and saw them leave on this train.

Tuesday May 22 -

This morning early and before my little girl was up from her little bed we had all the carpets up down stairs and were all town up for house cleaning. You did not know your home and how little Walter did open his eyes. He likes the bare floors and seem to enjoy getting around on them. He kept us all busy trying to keep track of things.

Wednesday May 23 -

This fine new little  
friend Blanchy came  
in to play with you  
again and it did  
Mamma good to have  
it. so for Mamma had to  
go up town to pick out  
some carpets and  
had lots to do. Then  
Aunt-Bessie asked us  
to come over there and  
take dinner with her  
which we did and  
then this afternoon  
you were at Blanchy's  
after your nap.

Thursday May 24.

You simply know  
how a poor neglected  
little girl since this  
house cleaning first-  
began. You have looked  
as though your Papa <sup>and</sup>  
Mamma had your  
backs on you sure <sup>and</sup>  
yet you are just as  
happy as you can  
be never the less.

There were several  
of your little friends  
on the lawn with  
you this afternoon. Your  
ring of laughter could  
be heard above them all.

Friday May 25 -

Today you have  
seen a sight - that  
will please you to  
say the very least -

You never had seen  
any one nail a carpet  
down before and to  
nail - down today and  
you simply could not  
understand. Little  
Crocker was afraid of  
the man who did  
the work and stood  
and eyed every time  
he turned and saw  
him.

Saturday May 24 -

Today you were at  
Coryn Bastard's part  
of the time and at  
Blanchier too some  
of the afternoon.

Mamma called you  
in very early and  
gave you a lovely  
bath and then put  
you both to bed early.

This did you lots of  
good and Mamma was  
very glad it had her  
down for Mamma is  
tired and sleepy  
so I can tell you.

Sunday May 27

This has been a lovely  
useful day for us all  
and it is what we  
all need here very  
much. It has been  
raining all the morning  
so we could not go  
out to church and  
so we stayed at home  
and rested in the  
morning and then this  
afternoon Aunt Bessie  
and Uncle Harry  
took you over to  
Grandpa's. You had a  
most-delightful ride and  
then they came to church.



Monday May 28 -

This has been a  
much pleasanter  
day than yesterday  
so your little ones  
put-on your rubbers  
and started out - this  
morning on the lawn  
for a good time,

You both did ham  
it - too. You did all  
you could to keep  
little Walter happy  
untill his bed time  
and then you ran  
and spent - the rest  
of the day at - Hatten  
Puedn.

Tuesday May 29 -

This day has been hard for us in many ways. We have kept very busy and we hardly knew what to do first or last.

You did play here all day and Mamma was glad of that - for Mamma could not spend much time with you after little ones & the house cleaning time.

You had a good romp this evening and then on your bed.

Wednesday May 30

This has been a wonderful day for you. You could not quite understand what-to make of decoration day. You went-up to the cemetery this morning and placed a bunch of flowers on Grandma's grave your self. Then a little later you sat-in the hammock and watched the parade pass by and you were very much surprised.

Thursday May 31 -

This forenoon you  
and Russell played  
very contentedly in  
our yard. Then after  
the train came for  
your little brother to  
take his nap you begged  
to play with Father  
this Mamma granted.

This afternoon little  
Blanchie came and  
you played very  
peacefully together. Mamma  
was obliged to spank  
you quite a little and  
you cried very sweetly  
& did not love my any more.

Friday June 1 -

This was not a very pleasant forenoon for my little son for it rained the most of the morning and yet Blanchie came over and asked for your company until dinner time and you of course went. You came home however about eleven o'clock with a cut in your finger. This was your first and so Mamma of course made lots of the trouble, but you soon returned with Blanchie quite happy. After your nap this afternoon you got ready for the band concert this evening.

Saturday June 2 -

My little Bessie has had a good time today. She played with her little pocket untill it was time for him to nap then you ran over to see your little friend Hattie for a little while and then after your nap this afternoon you and your little friend Blanchie took a walk up town with Mamma.

You were delighted with a little hat. Mamma gave you leave to play in the yard with.

Sunday June 3 -

This has been the kind of a day that you are in love with above all other days -

You had a good long ride over to the farm house after you had been at church. Then you spent a happy afternoon with Helen and Marie,

This evening you enjoyed your ride home and were very ready for your bed and sleep when you reached it. Maria was very tired too, for we found Grandma feeling and looking bad.

Monday June 24 -

Today has been a very busy day for Mamma but you have been a very good little girl. This forenoon Uncle Herman came in and stayed to dinner with us and this afternoon you spent a little of your time with little Lanchie.

Then this evening Mamma washed up tomm with you to meet Papa. Then this evening we hurried into our little beds -



Tuesday June 5-

This has been a perfect day for little Soda for early this morning Aunt Carrie let Helen and Morris come down and you had lots of fun all the morning then this afternoon you went out for a walk with Helen and Morris. When you came in and after tea Mamma took you and took up town to hear the band play on the street; you then came home a tired and sleepy little girl.

Wednesday June 6 -

Today my little girl could not go outside once. It has simply poured down all day.

You have been very happy inside however,

You have played and been very kind to your little brother in every way.

This afternoon little Helen and Marie have come down to play with you again and this has pleased Mamma too. You do always have such a good time together.

Thursday June 7-

My little girl has had a perfect-day today Mamma knows as she has spent the day at Grandpa's.

You drove nearly all the way over and the very first thing that you did was to tell Grandpa all about your new yard but and asked him to admire it. You then began your days play and that was nearly all Mamma saw of you until it was nearly time to return to your home. Tonight you took our hand full from the porch and it frightened Mamma most-terribly.

Friday June 8-

Soud dear you have been a happy little one today again. You were dressed and ready for the day early this morning and when your little cousins Helen and Morris came down to play you were more than ready.

Then this afternoon after your nap they came down again and you spent as equally a happy afternoon. Then this evening Aunt-Bessie and Uncle Harry came over and we went up town together and spent a pleasant evening.

Saturday June 9 -

You and little brother  
have been busy little  
folks all of this day  
and you have had a  
most-lovely time too.

Uncle Herman came  
down and moved the  
yard for us and  
stayed to dinner and  
you did have such  
a good time with  
him that you were  
most-happy. Then this  
after noon after your  
nap you went up  
town with Mamma.

Tonight you look very  
much as though you  
were broken out with  
measles.

Sunday June 10 -

This has been a very restful day for my little girl. We have not been out of the house except on our lovely lawn.

You are simply Scarlet with measles. You are not the least bit sick but simply not very good natured.

You seemed to enjoy this day from first until last. You feared every minute that Papa would leave you and go to the shop today. You could not go to Sunday School and that grieved you some.

Monday June 11 -

This morning you and  
brother spent - playing  
very lovely together  
out in the yard. You  
were very good natured  
considering your being  
all hohe out - with some  
kind of rash. Then  
after your nap this  
afternoon Mamma took  
you and little brother  
down town and bought  
you a new doll head.

This made you more  
than happy. You  
just had a lovely time  
this afternoon for you  
felt - you had a whole  
new dollie.

Tuesday June 12 -

Little sister had a  
another lovely day. You  
and little brother played  
outside very long all  
of this morning and this  
afternoon you took a  
ride in your car then  
after supper you were  
playing out in the  
yard when Aunt Bessie  
and Uncle Harry drove  
by and took you out  
for a ride all the  
evening. You did have  
a finer time too.

Your little brother looks  
as longingly after you  
when you started away.



Wednesday June 13 -

You have made this another very busy day for yourself my little maid. You were invited by Aunt-Carrie and Aunt-Bessie to come and spend the day with them but you did not care to so you were here to start for Grandpa early this morning. You did have a good time there today for every thing was done up for house cleaning. You helped sew rips in the carpets and every thing you could. You made Grandpa smile lots of times too.

Thursday June 14 -

You my little girl  
have had a big time.  
You and little Rollie  
started over to Aunt-Bessie  
early this morning to make  
a call. You stayed there  
some little time then  
you came home all  
kind out.

Then after your nap  
you played about the  
yard and took a drive  
with Emma in your  
cart. This evening  
Aunt-Bessie and Uncle  
Honey and Bessie's mother  
and another friend came  
to dinner. You were <sup>early</sup> out to bed.

Friday June 15-

Today my little girl and boy went over to Grandpa's to spend the day and Mamma helped about the house cleaning.

You did enjoy the great mix up of things there and so did your mother. Then you both enjoyed the lovely ride home in Grandpa's double buggy. You came home very tired and sleepy and so did Mamma.

Mamma so we just crept into our beds early.

Saturday June 16 -

This has been another  
very pleasant-day  
for you my little one  
you helped Mamma  
about - the sweeping  
up stairs today and  
then after your nap  
you took a walk up  
town with Mamma.

Mamma gave many  
little things to make  
you very happy. You  
had a treat - to Lee  
Oreum Soda by your  
second cousin Fred Cullen  
Jr. You were quite happy  
over it too.

Sunday June 17 -

My little Soda girl  
felt a very lovely  
Sunday. You woke up  
very early and very  
happy too. Then after  
a pleasant morning with  
Mamma you went to the  
Bailey House with  
Uncle Henry and Aunt-  
Bessie and Mamma and  
Papa then from there  
you took a long ride  
with Aunt-Bessie<sup>and</sup>  
Uncle Henry. Then you  
came home about-  
seven o'clock a very  
tired and sleepy little one.

Monday June 18 -

My little Sorena was a dear little thing all the morning and after dinner little did Mamma think that she was dressing her little one to be separated from her for two days and one night. Grandma was taken very sick last night and so Mamma had to go there today and feeding her so had could not go back home today and so I stayed until tomorrow. You spent the day and night with Aunt Sophia.

Tuesday June 19 -

This forenoon my little  
girl spent at Aunt Sophia's  
and Mamma at Grandmas  
but after dinner about  
four o'clock Mamma  
called at Aunt Sophia's  
for you and you were  
so much delighted that  
you fairly fell over a  
rug to kiss Mamma.

You tell Mamma you  
will always be a good  
little girl after this  
and never make her  
feel bad if I only never  
will go any where and  
leave you at home again.

Wednesday June 20-

There has been another  
very lovely day for  
you little folks and  
Mamma has enjoyed  
seeing you play about;  
you have been very  
satisfied to play with  
brother since he came  
back. After dinner  
today you were very  
much surprised to find  
Uncle Frank here to see  
you. You threw your  
arms around his neck  
and gave him a very  
hearty welcome. It did  
Mamma good to see you.



Thursday June 21 -

Today my little  
Sonia girl had a call  
from little Blancher.

She came to ask Mamma  
to let you come over  
there to play. Mamma  
did let you go this  
morning and you both  
had a good time. Then  
this afternoon Aunt-  
Bessie came over to sit  
with Mamma for a  
short-time and you  
had as good a time as  
the rest of us. Mamma  
loves to have you play  
outside these days.

Friday June 22-

This has been a very disagreeable day. It has rained the most of the day. You could not go out any until after your nap this afternoon.

Then while you were outside two or three of your little friends came in to play with you.

You had a good time after all and it left Mamma feeling quite comfortable. Little better and you both are very good all of this day.

Saturday June 23 -

This forenoon you and little brother had a good time playing together then this afternoon you went down town with Mamma and we bought a few things that pleased you very much. Then we stopped into Hulus for a few moments but did not see her as she was asleep. Then Mamma gave you a glass of ice cream Soda as she does every Saturday afternoon. You were much delighted with this.

Sunday June 24 -

Grandpa came down  
this morning and brought  
Aunt-Ida to stay with  
Mamma while he went  
to church, this was  
just what did suit you  
my little maid. Then  
he took you both  
and Mamma over on  
Papa's carriage on his  
wheel. We had a good  
time and it pleased  
Grandpa so much to  
see us. Then we came  
home and you took a  
ride with Ned Cull  
and came home tired.

Monday June 25--

Today my little girl had a day at-home without her Mamma for I was having a large outing with Papa at Grand Rapids.

We had a good time and you were very happy too as Emma Johnson came and stayed with you while Mamma was gone.

Papa bought my little girl a good lace let and you were more than delighted too. It did Mamma good to see you so

Tuesday June 26 -

Mamma was very  
busy this morning and  
you and little brother  
were by yourselves  
most of the time and  
played very nicely too.

Then this afternoon  
we sat outside of fire  
at 8 o'clock and moved about  
very slowly as it has  
been so very warm.  
About the very warmest  
day this summer I think.

Aunt Bassin came  
over a mile this  
afternoon and gave us  
a little surprise.

Wednesday June 27 -

Today Papa has gone to Great Rapids and this leaves us alone to love each other.

Two of your little friends came over to play with you most of the day. You had a good time around the hummocks and with your balls. You have been good all day.

You have walked bare footed all day and have been very happy because you could.

Thursday January 28

Well my little Sore  
girl is tired tonight.  
You have had a big  
day playing. This  
forenoon you played  
about in your bare feet -  
and this afternoon you  
could not - for it was  
too cool. You spent a  
little of this day at  
Hutties playing croquet.  
You seemed to enjoy  
that so much. It  
did Mamma lots of  
good to see you. You  
try so hard to help  
Mamma about - keeping  
Russell at home, but he just  
minded us.



Thursday June 29.

This has been another  
much warmer day  
than it was yesterday.  
You and little brother  
have been at home  
most of the time and  
Mamma has enjoyed  
having you too. Then  
this evening Papa came  
home early which  
was a treat for you  
and Mamma too.

Even little brother  
seemed happy to have  
him and would  
insist on getting up  
to welcome him home.

Saturday June 30 -

This forenoon you played about with brother and also over to Maryann's a little while. Then this afternoon you went down town with Mamma to do her shopping, and also to get your usual drink of Ice Cream Soda. Then this evening we played about and sat about in the yard until the hour for your bath and preparation for bed, which Mamma always finds so pleasant.

Sunday July 1 -

Early this morning Papa called us to prepare for a long drive out in the country. You found your eyes happy and ready and we had a lovely time too.

We took about a sixteen mile drive and reached our destination about half past twelve, ready and hungry for dinner.

Then after a pleasant afternoon with Uncle and Aunt Schuler we came home tired and glad to get to rest for the night.

Monday July 2 -

Again this morning my little girl was called early to open her eyes to get ready for a trip to Flint with Mamma to see Aunt-Bertie. When we reached the depot we found we could not go until tomorrow, so you were obliged to come home again and this nearly broke your little heart. You could scarcely make up your mind to wait though you finally did, as you do nearly every thing that Mamma insists on.

Tuesday July 3 -

This has been the  
strangest morning that my  
little Sona has been  
roused out of a sound  
sleep to start out early  
on a trip. This time  
we did go and spent the  
day with Aunt-Bertie.

We think it did please  
her very much and we  
hope it did her lots of  
good too. She seemed  
very much pleased to  
see you my little maid  
and Mamma would  
take nothing for the  
good she hopes you did  
for Aunt-Bertie.

Wednesday July 4 -

This day you have enjoyed so much, for you were at Grandpa's all day and you were happy all day. You simply skipped around in your bare feet - from morning until bed time. In the evening you enjoyed the fire works that Uncle Herman had more than any one else. Mamma thinks you were sick last year and so this has been your first experience of which you remember.

Thursday July 5--

We did not go home  
last night as we  
expected to when we  
went to Grandma's  
hut stayed all day today

You did a thing today  
that you have never  
done before and that  
was to go berry picking  
in the woods with  
Mamma and Aunt Ida

You became very tired  
before reaching home  
and sat in the wicker  
to rest and then in  
springing down you sat  
on the hay racks and  
this made you tired too.

Friday July 6 -

We did not even go  
home last night - but  
stayed again. Papa  
helped Grandpa in the  
hay field and you  
and Mamma helped and  
visited with Grandma.

But this morning we  
started for home.

Grandpa drove us home.

You and little brother  
seemed glad to get into  
your own home again  
and see your own  
play things again.

And yet you had a  
good time visiting  
and seeing Grandma.



Saturday July 7 -

Today you and little brother were very busy with your play and this afternoon you were at Marynys a little time and Emma took you for a ride in your car too.

Then this evening Mamma put you into your little beds early and you fell asleep early and sweetly and this gave Mamma a little time to read and think.

Sunday July 8 -

We have spent a very lovely quiet-day together. We were not out - as the weather has not been as pleasant as it might have been for little ones, but our day was complete for us were all together.

Papa has been very tired but has been with us to love and enjoy. We are thinking of retiring early so as to feel rested and ready for the week tomorrow.

Monday July 9-

My little Sonia has enjoyed meeting a new friend this day.

Uncle Frank Sonia's sister. You look to her and she to you from the very beginning. Mamma loves to see you meet her friends so heartily.

Then this afternoon little Cosy Bastido came up this way to spend the afternoon and you were together the most of the time.

Little Blanchie came over and took tea with you tonight.

Tuesday July 10 -

Mamma has been very busy today and my little girl has tried to help her by being a good little girl too. This afternoon you sent me to Blancher but not finding her at home you returned and asked Mamma to spend a little time at Marguerie and this Mamma granted. Then after tea you, Bassell and I went over to Uncle Harris and sat there for a little time. We had a very pleasant evening and then came home.

Wednesday July 11 -

This has been a most-  
lovely day, neither too  
warm nor too cold  
for my little ones.

This morning you had  
four little friends come  
in to spend the morning  
with you and then  
after your refreshing  
nap this afternoon you  
spent some time with  
Margaret Haight; then  
when you came home  
you found your dear  
little cousin Helen  
playing on the porch.  
You saw her in the  
hammock and had a visit.

Thursday July 12 -

This has been a great-day for you. You have had a great time for it has been Aunt-Bessie's and Uncle Henry's wedding anniversary and we all went-down to the fair ground grove in the barn.

You and Helen had a good time together. You were together all the morning too as Helen came down to spend the forenoon with you and you all played in the sand so nicely together and were just as good as you could be. Then after a nice refreshing bath, you went to your little bed.

Friday July 13 -

My little Sonia girl  
has had a lovely day  
again for Blanchie's came  
over to spend the forenoon  
with you. You and she  
had the most fun with  
your little dolls I think  
this morning and then  
after your nap you had  
little Helen and Maria  
to play with. Mamma  
loves to sit in the  
yard and see you little  
ones play. It amuses  
me more than any  
thing I can do, and  
often wish I had more  
time to sit and watch  
you.

Saturday July 14-

This is a lovely Saturday morning and Mamma does not feel very well. Do you tell Mamma in your lovely baby way that you would do the dishes and the work today and I might sit down to rest. It really did hurt Mamma to see the earnestness in your expression.

It has been very warm too and so my little folks have had to keep rather quiet for them but this afternoon that you went up town for your glass of lemonade soda with Emma, you came home as happy as a bird.



Sunday July 13 -

This has simply  
been a terribly hot-  
day and yet we have  
been very comfortable  
by staying in very  
closely and wearing  
very little. You and  
brother have looked  
sweet with your low  
neck and short-sleeves  
and bare feet.

We all took a nice  
cool bath this evening  
and then went to bed  
tired and ready for  
sleep. You have had  
so much fun with  
your Papa all day to  
yourself and Mamma  
and too.

Monday July 18 -

This forenoon my little  
girl could not go outside  
any for it had been  
raining and damps but

at 1 o'clock afternoon you went  
over to Blanchie's  
and had a big dinner

Mamma took you for  
a walk this evening

and you have been  
quite happy since

and I think will  
go to your little bed

happy and at the  
same time very

tired. Mamma tried  
to see her little folks  
have a good time

Tuesday July 17

This forenoon you had  
a big tinner playing  
with Blanchina and  
your little brother  
and then after  
your nap this noon  
you took a ride  
in your cab and  
Emma took you. Then  
after supper we went  
up town to do a little  
shopping and also  
to make favors with  
Papa which was a  
great pleasure not  
only to you but to each  
one of us. You and  
Worthie were very tired

Wednesday July 18 -

Mamma thinks this  
has been another  
model day. neither  
too hot - nor too cold.  
You were out - all the  
forenoon and all the  
afternoon too.

Then after supper  
we went up street - to  
do a little shopping  
and also to meet  
our Papa. Mamma had  
her eyes everywhere  
and we got along  
very nicely. Your <sup>and</sup>  
mother were both  
very good too.

Thursday July 19 -

Well soon if any  
one does have a good  
time it is you, all the  
day from morning untill  
night you are happy.

Your Mamma has not  
been well for some little  
time, still I am feeling  
some better. Your little  
cousins Helen and Maria  
came down today to  
see you and you did  
have a good time and  
then Grandpa was  
down for a few minutes  
too. You have enjoyed it  
all very much too.

Tuesday July 20 -

Today you did have  
a big time again -

Miche Harry was in  
to supper and dinner  
and you enjoyed that  
very much and then  
you had such a good  
time with your friends.

Then today Mamma  
surprised you with a  
nice new dollie.

You did love it so  
much and have not  
let it go out of your  
arms not for a minute  
all of this day. It did  
Mamma so much good to  
see you so happy with it.

Saturday July 21 -

Today Mamma has  
been quite-busy and  
my little Louie and  
Russell of course are  
very busy too. You did  
what you could to  
make Mamma happy  
and you did lots to  
make her work seem  
lighter. Then this  
afternoon Emma gave  
you a nice long  
ride in your cab  
which you always  
enjoy so much. Mamma  
loves to see you out-  
happy too.

Sunday July 22 -

While it has been  
very warm today still  
we had a lovely time  
today. We were at home  
with Papa all day. He  
has not felt very well  
so we stayed in quite a  
little even though we  
had planned to go out-  
soon. Then this evening  
after a little romp  
with you little ones  
Papa and Mamma and  
babies rested early and  
hope to feel much better  
with the morning  
light.



Monday July 23 -

It has been most-  
terribly hot today and  
my little ones could  
not play outside at all.

So you were as near  
undressed as Mamma  
could keep you and then  
you kept as quiet as  
possible. Toward night  
Mamma did let you go  
over to play with

Blanchie for a little  
while. Papa came home  
early tonight feeling  
very poorly. We did  
all we could to make  
him comfortable, and you  
did your sweet little part.

Tuesday July 24.

My little ones could not play outside any today for it has rained quite steadily all of this day. You did very nicely inside however. Mamma played with you quite a little this afternoon. We popped corn and looked over picture books, told stories, and amused ourselves in lots of ways.

Aunt Genie surprised us with lovely spoons for both you and brother today. A solid silver spoon for each. You will thank her when you see her next time.

Wednesday July 26-

This has been a lonely day for you my little son. You had several little friends in to see you today and the most of them this morning and after tea tonight and then this afternoon you went out to make a few calls with Mamma.

You called on Dorothy Johns with Mamma, a dear little friend you had not seen for over a year. You played so nicely together. You seemed to go right on where you had left off.

Thursday July 26 -

This has been for you and little brother a most lovely day, not too cold or warm. You just did have a most lovely time. This forenoon little cousin Helen came to see you and spent all the morning with you.

Then this afternoon you went over to Margerys a little while and had a good play there.

This evening it grew much cooler and so my little ones were obliged to come inside rather early.

Friday July 27

This morning my  
little girl wanted  
to go over to the  
neighbors to play  
a little while and  
Mamma granted it  
then this evening  
Mamma bought you  
a new dollie for  
staying with the  
two cousins while  
I went out to make  
a call. You were  
very good so the  
report comes to-morrow  
Mamma is glad.  
She will learn you.

Saturday July 28 -

You did play very  
lovely with some  
of your little friends  
in the yard this  
morning. You do have  
some very good times  
playing in the sand  
box you have right  
by the side door.

Then this afternoon  
Emma took you out  
for a ride, and tonight  
she stayed with you  
while Mamma went  
to a play. Sometime she  
has not done for  
some time before.

Sunday July 29 -

It has been rather warm today and my little girl felt it quite a little after we walk down to the Bailey house for her dinner and walk. Then after dinner we sat in the yard comfortably reading when Uncle Dequack came and sat with us. We had a good time together. You seemed very happy to have him here.

Monday July 30 -

This is Mamma's  
busy day of course and  
as I did not feel very  
well. I was very  
much in hopes you  
and brother would be  
very much good natured  
you and Mamma  
was very thankful  
for it. Now this  
afternoon you and  
little brother played  
in the yard with lots  
of little folks around  
you. You had a big  
and happy time.  
Mamma is glad you  
love to play at home.



Tuesday July 31 -

This has been a very busy and happy day for my little son and girl, for this morning Auntie Benjamin telephoned for you to come down there and play in the sand with Dorothy Sohier. Then Helen came down to spend the day so you all went down together and had a big time until now. Then this afternoon you <sup>and</sup> Helen had a tea party on the lawn and were very happy.

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Wednesday Aug 1-

Today has been a very dusty, busy day here for a short has been in town. We were very much pleased to have Grandma with us for she has not been with us for so long a time before.

Mamma stayed quietly at home and let you and brother go up to Aunt-Carrie to see the parade. You had a most lovely time and so did we all. Then this evening we went up town to meet Papa.

Thursday Aug. 2

Mamma has been  
very busy today for  
the house has become  
very dusty because of  
the dry summer. And  
you were very dear  
to help Mamma as  
much as you did.  
Then it looked very  
much like rain  
several times today  
and my little ones  
had to run to the  
porch often to keep  
out of the way of  
the little rain drops.

Friday Aug 3 -

This morning my little son's girlish was over to Blanchie's playing and Mamma always tells her little son to come home when she hears the factory whistle blow. So you have never disobeyed yet - but - have always come as yet. Then this evening after supper you had a little time to play with Helen and Morris for Aunt Carrie came up a few minutes -

Saturday Aug 4 -

This has been a very  
warm day for my  
little girl and boy. You  
have had lots of fun  
this forenoon. Emma  
gave you a ride down  
to the creamery to get  
Mamma some eggs. Then  
you had several of  
your little friends in  
today too. Then this  
afternoon we had a  
good time together  
out on the lawn. We  
have lots of fun this  
anyway together -

Sunday Aug 5 -

This has been about -  
the warmest-day of the  
whole summer. But-Mr  
Humm came down  
early this morning and  
took us over to the  
farm house. Maria  
did not feel very well  
but-she enjoyed it very  
much after she saw  
once there. You and  
little brother never had  
a dress on all day but-  
simply rained around  
almost-without-any-dress  
on, but-kept rather comfortable.

Monday Aug 6 -

Well soon you went  
to your little bed a very  
tired little girl tonight  
for you have played  
very hard all of this  
exceptionally warm day.

This forenoon you were  
very contented at home  
until several of your  
little friends came to  
call you away. Then  
you spent most of the  
morning at Marguerite's <sup>and</sup>  
this afternoon after your  
nap we sat in the  
yard and you had a  
good time in the hammock.  
This evening we sat in  
the yard until quite late.

Tues day Aug 7 -

You were so warm  
today my little dear  
that it made you any-  
thing but - goodnatured,

Mamma was a little  
nervous too and it  
had its effect on you  
little ones too, little  
brother frightened  
Mamma too for he ran  
a needle into his foot  
today and yet it did  
no particular harm  
for which Mamma is  
very thankful,

You are so dear to  
us all and so is your  
sweet little fleshy brother,



Wednesday Aug 8 -

Aunt Currier came  
down this afternoon to  
visit with Mamma  
for a few minutes and  
she brought the two  
children with her.

You did enjoy it so  
much. Tomorrow

Aunt Currier and Grandpa  
are going to bring  
Aunt Bertha home  
to us. They will  
come home quite late  
tomorrow night.

Your little son and  
Mamma's little helper  
and comfort - all of  
this day, I think  
Mamma loves you  
more all the time.

Thursday Aug 9-

My little Son

promised her Papa this morning that she would not ask Mamma to go to spend the day or part of it with any of her little friends. It has not been easy for you at all times to keep it - but Mamma would ask you ask you once in a while what you had promised and that would always bring you to keep it: You and Russell and Mamma sat in the hammock a long time this evening trying to get cooled.

Friday Aug 10-

It has been exceptionally  
warm and Mamma  
has had you on her  
mind almost all the  
time trying to keep  
you cool. You have  
been very good all of  
this day and this  
afternoon Aunt-Bessie  
came over for a little  
while. You enjoyed her  
little stay very much.  
Then your little friends  
were in more or less  
too all day. You do  
have such good times  
with the neighbor  
children. It does me  
good to see you.

Saturday Aug 11 -

It has been an exceptionally  
warm day and Mamma  
has kept her little dear  
ones inside all of the  
morning. You have had  
almost nothing or trying  
to keep cool. Helen  
came down this  
forenoon with Aunt  
Ida and you had a  
good romp too.

Then after your nap  
this evening you went  
to playing all the  
afternoon. We did enjoy  
the lovely storm that  
came so gently after  
such a hot spell as  
we have had.

Sunday Aug 12<sup>th</sup>

This has been a very rainy day but - Papa took us down to the hotel to dinner right in the rain to save Mamma getting dinner. We had our fun out of it - all.

Then this afternoon we called on Auntie and Uncle Hatch. We did them lots of good and they did us good too.

You fell fast-asleep on Auntie Hatches couch and took a good long nap. We spent a happy evening together then we all went to bed early.

Monday Aug 13 -

It looked like rain  
this morning and Mamma  
feared her little ones  
could not get out any  
today but I found that  
you could. You have  
had lots of fun today  
and Mamma has enjoyed  
you very much. Aunt-  
Ida came down to spend  
the day and Aunt-Bertie  
came to spend the  
whole afternoon with us  
and then this evening  
we all went over to  
Aunt-Bessie to tea.  
You enjoyed that very  
much had lots of fun.

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