



LIBRARIES

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

[Diary written for Lona Elizabeth Voelker by her mother, January 6-April 16, 1899]. Vol. VI 1899

Voelker, Lillie, 1867-1908

[s.l.]: [s.n.], 1899

<https://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.dl/C7BQSF5MXKQ3F8Q>

This material may be protected by copyright law (e.g., Title 17, US Code).

For information on re-use see:

<http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.dl/Copyright>

The libraries provide public access to a wide range of material, including online exhibits, digitized collections, archival finding aids, our catalog, online articles, and a growing range of materials in many media.

When possible, we provide rights information in catalog records, finding aids, and other metadata that accompanies collections or items. However, it is always the user's obligation to evaluate copyright and rights issues in light of their own use.



Vol. VI.
1899.



4

Louisa Elizabeth Voelker.

11

[Faint, illegible handwriting]

Thursday Jan 6 - 1899.

This has been quite a stormy day but Sona had a good time just the same. She played all day so nicely with her xmas things. Uncle Roy came in a little while and that pleased her so very much. She could not help but show him all she had.

The baby was good all day and Sona loves him more and more all the time.

She took a long ride this afternoon and had a good time.

Friday Jan. 7 -

Sona has had a lovely forenoon. We have had quite a little fun together -

I gave her a bath in her tub this morning for the first time since I have been sick

and she enjoyed it very much. This afternoon Aunt Carrie came down and stayed a short-time and Lona was delighted over that.

Miss Foster, the lady who took care of the baby and now went home today. We were glad we were well enough to let her go and yet we are not very strong. Lona loves her little brother more every day and can hardly keep her hands off from the little fellow.

Sunday June 8 -

Lona's Uncle Frank came down to spend the most of the day and she thought it fine. Her Papa took her out twice today in her little sled and she enjoyed it so much both times.

Sona has not been very well for the last few days but seems very much better today. Grandpa came down and stayed a few minutes and Sona was so glad to have him with us that she dreaded to say good bye to him.

Monday Jan 9 -

Today Sona has been very happy playing with her Xmas things and Anna took her out for a ride this afternoon and she had a good time and then came in fast asleep. Uncle Herman came in a little time this afternoon and they had a big time together. She said today when I asked her to a disagreeable answer for her little bother that she did not like him.

Tuesday Jun 10 -

Sona has been a very good little girl all this day. Uncle Herman was down this noon and took dinner with us. Sona had a fine time, playing her with him first;

This afternoon Papa took Sona and I out for a twenty minutes drive the first I have had since I have been sick.

We hoped to be able to put Sona asleep in that way but she never shut her eyes once. Wednesday Jun 11 -

As usual Sona has been well and happy today. She had her little outing and came in fast asleep -

Mrs. Whitney called this afternoon and said she thought Sona positively a handsome child. Mrs. Allie

Cutter called too and she said it made her wish she had a baby again to see ours. She could not rest until she had seen Soma fast asleep on the bed. She is indeed a happy child.

Thursday Jan 12

Soma has enjoyed playing with her dolls this morning. She took her ride and then fell asleep - Auntie Morgantrate was in this morning and loved Soma almost to death.

She only wished she was her little girl. She thought she would be so happy and I think she would too.

Friday Jan 13 -

Mrs Patney and Hattie Bates called and they enjoyed watching Soma prance around

so much. She entertained
them very nicely too but
she did not care to have
them take her Russel home
with them as they asked to.

They both held and loved
our little boy baby long and
often and thought her fine,

Saturday Jan 14

Donna has been very good
all of today. She has seemed
to enjoy her books more
than any thing else today.

Emma took her out into
the air and she enjoyed
that and fell fast asleep.

It worried her quite a
little this evening to think
Russel was not feeling
very well and it made
it rather hard to get her to
sleep.

Sunday June 15 -

Sona has been so happy today to think her Papa could be at-home all day with her. Grandpa came down this morning and took us all over to the farm house for a ride and brought us back very soon. Sona enjoyed it so much. She kept saying how lovely this is Mamma.

She slept most of the way back. This afternoon her Uncle Frank came and took her out in her cab so she had quite a little fresh air, and did have such a happy gay time all day.

Monday June 16 -

This morning Sona entertained herself nicely. This afternoon Mrs. Mc Carthy came in

and played dolls with
Sona as nicely as if she
were a child herself. They
were as happy as two
bitters together. Uncle
Herman came in and
helped play and they had
a fine time together -
Then Papa came home to
spend the evening and we
all enjoyed that so much
Sona could not learn him
even for a minute -

Tuesday Jan 17

Today Sona has been rather
quiet with me for the weather
has been rather stormy and
she could not be out as much
as usual. She did take her
ride in her cab however
this afternoon and came in
fast asleep. This evening

her Papa did not go back
after supper, and Sora did
make the most of every
minute that he was there -
She made him undress her
and go to bed with her and
would let no one do any
thing for her but him.

Wednesday Jan 18 -

This morning Sora's Papa
took her out for a walk, the
first she has taken in a
long time. She walked
down to the creamery and back
and the ground covered with
frost and snow. She does not
feel at all good but we think
the fresh air could not hurt
her any. This afternoon her
Papa took Sora and I out -
in a lovely carriage and
we enjoyed our ride very
very much. She seems to feel
a little better tonight.

Thursday Jan 19 -

Sonia's Papa has been feeling very poorly of late and so has spent much of his time at home especially evenings. It has seemed very pleasant too and we shall miss him very much when he cannot be with us again.

This afternoon I took out for a walk. We did not go so very far, but we felt much better for it. I cannot tell. Sonia seems to feel just a little better each day and I hope the worst is out again for us all. Mr Fuller called this morning to see our baby boy and I think he made about as much of Sonia as he did of our new baby boy. He seemed very delighted however that it was a boy as he thought him a bouncer for his age. I hope he may always be as well as Sonia has been.

Friday Jan 20 -

This has been rather a hard long day for us all. Mamma has been sick with the grip and poor Louisa has been obliged to care for herself as best she could. She has very good about it all however, and I think she is as sensible as any child could possibly be for her age. When the doctor called to see Mamma and the baby today she seemed very much delighted to see him. Aunt-Currier, Uncle Herman and Harry called to see us today and when she was sure they were here she was a most-happy little girl. She plays with her dollies so nicely all day. She loves her little brother more all the time. She likes to sit in the rocking chair and hold him. It makes her very happy.

Saturday Jan 21 -

It has been a stormy forenoon and Sona has been quietly within, and yet - has made me no special trouble.

This forenoon she did a very queer thing. She took every thing out - of the boxes took and then got - into the box herself and began to stir things up most - mightily. She never does any particular harm to anything, simply is full of mischief. Emma had her out this afternoon and she came in after a nice long ride in her sled fast - asleep and much refreshed from the wind and good air.

Sunday Jan 22 -

This has been rather a hard day for us all. Sona

has not felt at all well and
Mamma has felt unusually
bad. Papa has not felt well
and we have simply had a
hard time. This forenoon
Papa did take Louisa out for
a walk however. She walked
all the way down town with
him. She came home fast-
asleep and all tired out. This
afternoon her Uncle Frank
came in to see us for a short
time and we were all glad
to see him only we all felt
so badly that we fear he did
not have a very good time.
The trouble with us all is
the grip. Louisa made the
remark today that the grip
had got her and I think it
was a sensible way of
putting it myself. Grandpa
is coming better they say.

Monday Jan - 23

This day has been a little easier to endure. Mamma ^{and} Sona and all the rest seem to feel just a little better. We hope each day will find us a little better untill at last we will feel quite like ourselves again. Today Sona walked down to her Papa's shop after dinner and Emma went down with her cab and brought her back. She seemd to enjoy it so much. Her Papa weighed her too and found she weighed just thirty one pounds and a half. She weighed more a week ago I am sure, but the grip has thinned her out in a hurry and most-terribly too. Still she is pulling through very nicely.

Tuesday Jan 24.

Today we feel very much more like our old selves ^{and} we are so thankful too. We will all be very happy to be well over now. Emma took Sona out after dinner and brought her in fast asleep.

She has had a good time this evening with her Uncle Herman. She quite surprised him by being able to say so many of her letters and a little verse with each one.

She can say quite a number of verses of different kinds.

Wednesday Jan 25-

Sona has been very good today though she has not felt at all well. She fell asleep early after dinner in my arms, and then when she

woke up Emma took her
out for a nice airing and
she came in feeling much
better. Tonight her Uncle
Frank came in to see her
but she was too tired to
even to let him hold her
in his arms, as much as
she loves him.

Thursday Jan 26.

Sara feels so much better
today than she did yesterday.
She has been a very good all
day. This noon her Papa
surprised her very much by
bringing her home her first
set of dishes. We all had to
sit and eat her with her at
her first dinner. If I ever
saw her delighted it was
with those dishes. She is
getting to be quite a girl to
play with dishes.

It was so stormy all day
that she could not go out -
but she has been very
happy inside with us today
I think her Mamma is
quite proud of her very much.

Friday June 27.

Sonia has felt very well
today and has been a perfect
mischief. I was just thinking
I wish her Papa were here
and could put her to bed
for then perhaps she would
give me a little peace when
it comes to getting into
mischief and I would not
have her any different - if I
really could. Her Yschie
Fred came from New York
City after being away a very
short time and she was
very glad to see him too.
She was out for her ride
today even though it has been cold.

Saturday Jan 28 -

Sona has been a dear sweet-
toley today. She took her bath
in her tub this morning not
as willing by as I hoped she
would get into her tub, but
when it came to get out she
was not ready. She loves
her bath as a general thing.

Today she did something
quite cute. She would not let
her Papa love her. She told
him she would not if she
were him. It pleased us all
very much. She wants all
the loving given to her. She
seems to do away with all
she can get. Aunt-Carrie
came very soon after Sona
woke up from her nap
today, and the child was
delighted to see her too.

Sunday Jan 29.

It has been a very cold day, but Papa would insist upon taking Sona out for a ride in her sled. He says fresh air never did hurt anyone yet. So he wrapped Sona up well and took her out - hoping to bring her in fast asleep this he did not do however.

She was as wide awake and happy as when he started out with her. Papa is too full of fun to get Sona asleep while out. Sona often says

"Papa is very funny Mamma".

Sona you are our big bright-happy girl anyway. Today when I went out into the dining room I found you in the center of the table eating crackers, and what did Mamma do

Monday Jan 30 -

Today Louisa has been a great-mischief. What shall I do with you my little girl if you continue in this way. You are almost as troublesome to your Mamma. I think the older you get-the more fun you seem to get-out-of every thing. You have never willfully broken any thing however. Mamma has never put anything out-of your reach but-has tried to teach you to leave Mamma's things alone. But you do get your fun out-of every thing. This afternoon you were out-in your little sled and came in fast-asleep. You slept-until nearly five o'clock and woke up happy.

Tuesday Jan 31 -

This forenoon you spent most of the time having your little brother which I cant say he likes much of any as yet. He seems to object as yet; but - Mama hopes the time will come when he will enjoy very much.

Then you took your little tub full of water and helped Mama dust all the furniture.

You are rather hard on the furniture some times. You seem to think soap and water a very good thing for Mama Mahogany chairs. You will soon learn better I know.

You seem to grow bigger and fatter every day I think the fresh air you get - these cold days is very good for you.

Wednesday Feb. 1-

This after-noon there was a lady in who said you looked like your Mamma so much. But Mamma thinks you are much too fair and good looking to resemble her any. To me at least, you have always looked like your Papa. You have been a dear good girl today and your Mamma has been able to get quite a little more done about the house than usual today, simply because her little ones have been so good. You slept very well last night.

Do you know, my little girl you have slept with your Papa for almost our whole year.

Thursday Feb - 2 -

After dinner you and I took a walk with Papa.

We walked down as far as the business part - then walked around a whole square before my little girl felt tired. Then she climbed into her sleigh and said she wanted to lie down.

You soon closed your little eyes and we started for home. It was among

the first walks we have taken since I have been

sick. You seemed so glad to have Mamma walk with you that - it made me very proud and happy.

That we may always be as proud and happy as before.

Friday Feb - 3 -

This noon the buss called you, my little girl, and Mamma too and we rode down to Aunt Carrie. You and Helen always do have such good times together. But today you started just where you left-off it did seem and had a most-lovely time. Aunt Carrie and I both spoke of how we enjoyed seeing you both play. Then I took you home in your little sled and you fell asleep and slept all afternoon. You were so tired that you could not sleep until your Papa came home and went to bed with. He also brought you a doll which delighted you very much.

Saturday Feb. 4 -

This morning Louisa, you helped Mamma most wonderfully with your little sweeper and dusting cloth and worked all you could. You have been a very good little girl again today. This afternoon a lady was in who seemed to enjoy you and your play things very much.

She said she would be glad when summer comes so she can see you out-walking again with your dollies. Your Papa brought you another dolly this noon, and you named it Pauline. You could scarcely eat any dinner after you saw her.

Sunday Feb-5-

This has been another busy day for you Loua for you have had your Papa with you all day and you have certainly made the most of it. Then this afternoon you certainly did enjoy a good long walk with your Mamma. They say it was a very cold night - last night; but in spite of the snow and cold you have walked to your Aunt-Carrie this afternoon.

Mamma pushed you home in your sled. You seemed quite delighted with your short-visit with little Helen.

We also did Aunt-Bertie, who is sick, some good I think. You asked Aunt-Bertie so nicely to please kiss you and it made her smile.

Monday Feb- 6-

You have been a dear good girl all this morning. You have tried to help Mamma do her morning work and it has pleased Mamma too.

Papa gladden your little heart, as he has so often done before, this morn by bringing you a little flat-iron. You now have an ironing board and all to press your dollies clothes on. You have at present five dollies.

A Jennie, a Pauline, a Bessie, and a small rubber doll and our paper doll. You do enjoy your dollies so much. At present Pauline is your favorite, any one can see. You took another lovely ride this afternoon and Mamma was with you.

We both had a good time.

Tuesday Feb - 7 -

This has been rather a cold day but not quite as cold as some have been. Uncle Henry stayed with us to dinner ^{and} then we all rode over to the farm house and how glad they all seemed to see you. Your Grandpa ran to the carriage to greet you. He took you in his arms and loved you as though he had not seen you in a year. You seemed equally as pleased to see him. You had a good time there for about an hour and then Uncle Henry took us home again to Russell. You was fast asleep when we reached home. Then in the evening Hattie Reed came over and you and she had a good time playing with your dishes.

-Wednesday Feb 8-

Today it had been exceptionally cold and Papa says many people are suffering with the cold everywhere. Soona, you could not go out today, but you have been a very good little girl just the same. Uncle Herman came in after school and you both played with your dishes and had a good time. Then this evening

your Papa stayed at home after supper. You and Papa always have big romps together and tonight was no exception.

Papa always puts his little girl to bed when he is home so you and Papa said "sweet dreams", as you always say, to your little Mother and Mamma, and then you went to sleep.

Thursday Feb. - 9 -

Today has been another very cold day, but - Louisa took her little nap after dinner, and you were ready for a good time as usual. You went up stairs with Mamma after dinner to help her straighten up and then soon after we came down stairs Aunt-Carrie and Aunt-Bertha came down to see us. You were as glad as you always are when they come. You entertained them with your little verses you have learned. You have learned a little very for each letter of the alphabet - ~~each~~ four lines long and are only a little over two years old. Well down,

Friday Feb. 10 -

Today we have been busy sweeping and dusting in the lower part of the house and you have been very busy too. You have kept your sweeper going very fast for such a little girl. Mamma has been very tired this afternoon and yet she has felt quite well every other way. Uncle Fred came in a few minutes to see if we were all well and we were so glad to see him as usual. Aunt-Ida came in a little while this aft.

She seemed very pleased to see Louie. We feel very sorry for her at present for she is not well at all -

- Saturday Feb. 11 -

Mamma has wished that you might get out a little while today but I have finally decided that it is too cold altogether so you have been obliged to be contented inside again. This evening Uncle Fay Thompson and Aunt Genia of Lansing were in a little while. Uncle Fay preaches here tomorrow and had Mamma been stronger they would have made their home here as usual.

You seemed very pleased to see them. It was only a few moments and you were in Aunt Genia's lap showing her your dollies and play things of all kinds.

Sunday! Feb. 12 -

This morning you were glad to know that it was Sunday for you seem to understand already that that means that your Papa will be home all day. In the afternoon Uncle Fred came down and took dinner with us and then we drove over to the farm house to help Grandma pack Aunt-Ida's trunk, for she expects to start for Battle Creek tomorrow morning in search for her lost health.

It has been a sad day for all of us but a very happy one for you my little girl. How I wish you might always be as free from care and trouble as you are now.

Monday Feb 13.

Today has been a very full day for us all. This morning early Aunt-Ida started for Battle Creek and then this forenoon we released Aunt-Genia and Uncle Fay here. They stayed to dinner with us and started back for Lansing on the noon train. You had a good time with both. Then this evening while Mamma went down to Aunt-Carrie's to see how Aunt-Bertha was getting along Uncle Herman was here and played with you and you had a big time together. You have always loved your Uncle Herman most dearly and Mamma is glad you do.

Tuesday Feb - 14

Well Louie you have been a
very good little girl again
today. This forenoon you
were very happy playing
with your dolls and your
flat-iron and this afternoon
after your nap Uncle Henry
took you and Mamma and
to Aunt Carrie's to see the
children, and Aunt Bertha
who is there sick. You were
so happy to be there with
little Helen. You both had
such a good time together.

Aunt Sophia M. was down
to see our little baby boy
and she brought you an orange.
She always brings her Louie
something. Then tonight
you were so tired that you
were inclined to be just a
little cross for a little time only.

Wednesday, Feb. 15--

Someday you have been Mamma's own dear girl again today. You were a very good little girl all morning. Aunt Carrie was down this morning to tell us all about Aunt-Ida's trip to Battle Creek. She brought Aunt-Bertha with her. She says Aunt-Bertha may stay here while she goes to tell Grandma all the news. It has pleased you more than I can say for you have always loved your Aunt-Bertha dearly. You did not get out into the air any which makes Mamma feel as though she had not quite done her duty for this time. You shall surely go tomorrow somewhere. The day has been lovely outside,

Thursday Feb. 14-

Today it has simply been beautiful outside. You and Aunt-Bertha and Mamma took the bus and went down town to take Aunt-Bertha for her bath. She is going to be helped with those treatments we know. You stayed at Aunt-Carrie's while we were at the bathroom and you did have such a good time with little Helen.

You two little girls have always loved one another so much for which Mamma is so glad. Aunt-Carrie did let you have such a good time too. She let you turn every thing upside down and have a good time,

Friday Feb 18

Well Lord this has been a very big day for you. Your Uncle Henry came and took you and Aunt-Bertie over to the farm to take dinner with Grandma.

You did have such a good time. You came home feeling so much better after your ride ^{and} then you slept so good all the afternoon and also all night. It does you lots of good to get out and Mamma loves to have you. You stayed awake untill Papa came home and undressed you and put you to bed. It is always such a pleasure for Grandpa to put you to bed.

Saturday Feb-18

This morning early Hattie came and took you down town for a ride in your cab and you came home about-ten o'clock and found little Ethel Fuller here to play with you.

There has been such a scarlet fever scare here that she has not-dared to come, before and this afternoon she took you out-for a ride and you had a big time. She took you to an Epworth League Social for the first-time in your life this afternoon at Mrs Gundrum. It was just-for little folks like you and I know it was lots of fun for you.

Sunday Feb. 12 -

Today has been another
happy day for you Son,
It is always the jolliest day
of the week for you for then
you have your Papa. Your
Grandpa was here this
morning and wanted to take
you over to the farm house
with him, but your Mamma
thought - perhaps you had
better wait until tomorrow
for then you could enjoy
Papa more today. We had
our things all on this off,
to take a long walk, you, Papa,
and I and then we found
it was raining and we
were obliged to stay in - It
almost broke your heart at
first - but you soon learned
to take it more kindly.

Monday Feb. 28 -

This noon your Uncle's
Fred and Harry came and
took you to you over to
Grandpa's with them to
stay to dinner. You did
enjoy your ride and visit
so much, and while you
were there you telephoned
to your Mamma for the first
time in your life. I could
hear you say "Hello Mamma"
just as plain as if you
were an older girl talking
to me. You are learning
everything very fast my
dear little girl. Soon you
and only too soon you will
be reading these lines yourself
and keeping this book for
yourself and really be a young
lady. Uncle bought you four books.

Tuesday Feb. 24.

Today was a hollow day
so Papa came home at one
o'clock to stay the rest of the
day with Sora and Mamma.

Papa took Sora and Aunt-
Bertha over to the farm to make
them a short-call and he did
not bring Aunt-Bertha back
as Grandma wanted her
to stay there for a short time.

You seemed to miss Bertha
as much as the rest of us
did. We love to have Aunt-
Bertha here with us. This
afternoon after you came
home from your drive you
found three little girls here
to see you. Sola Cotton and
two other little ones. You
did as nobly as always at-
entertaining them. They
seemed to enjoy their call too.

Wednesday Feb-22-

It seems to be rather a dark day yet-not-rainy, so Mamma took you in your cab down to call on Aunt-Carrie and little Helen for a few minutes. You and Helen made the most of your time. It was but a short-time and the room was scattered with play things and our two little girls had red cheeks from laughter and play. Mamma and Auntie love to see you two little girls love each other so much and play so nicely together. While there Aunt-Bertie came in and looked cheery and all cheered from the fresh air. Uncle Herman walked down home with us.

Thursday Feb 23 -

Today it is rather pleasant again and Aunt Berta took a ride over home and then Uncle Fred brought her down here to stay with us again.

You were as pleased as Mary was to see her. Aunt Carrie came down this afternoon with both babies to make us a visit. When they came in you were on the couch sound asleep and how glad you were when you opened your eyes to find little Cousin Helen standing at the head with her little arms all ready to put them around your neck. You loved each other and then started for your good time. Maria and Russell finished the music while you play.

- Friday Feb 24 -

This has been rather a gloomy day so my little girl could not get out - very much, so this afternoon after you had your nap, you called to Hattie from the window to come and get you and she did. You came home with rosy cheeks and all excited telling me what a good time you had. You seem so contented with Hattie and I am so glad. I think you will always love Hattie for she is a very good little girl and very worthy of our love. You were very tired tonight and asked Mamma to put you to bed early.

Sat Feb 25 - -

This has not been the most pleasant day one has seen for it has been so very cold outside. You took a long nap this afternoon after a hard forenoon of play and then you were ready for play.

Emma took you as far as Aunt Sophias and left you there while she went to do some errand further up town and while you were at Aunties she had a good time with you. You love Auntie very much and seem to play as well with her as you would with a little girl near your age -

Sunday Feb 26 -

Today has been another happy day for my little Lorna. Papa, Mama, and you my little girl were invited up to Auntie's to dinner and you and Helen played so hard that you could not get to sleep tonight.

Grandma and Grandpa were there too and we did visit about as hard as we could. You little ones did very well altogether. You walked nearly all the way home and it made you very happy too to think you could. It was very damp on the ground for you to walk too.

Monday Feb. 27 -

You were a very good little girl this morning. There were men at work peeling and painting upstairs and you seemed delighted when you could get-up there and visit-with them.

This afternoon Mamma put-on her wraps and took you out-for a ride in your cab. You did seem to have a good time playing with Aunt-Sophia's rommie dog. When we reached home you cried for more ride so Mamma started out-again and tried to satisfy you. It was very cold for so little a girl too.

Tuesday Feb 28
1899

You were very happy today for your Uncle Fred came in a few minutes and you were delighted ^{and} then this afternoon Mamma took you out for a ride in your cab out - we went down to Auntie Benjamin's to visit with little Howard and what a good time you two little ones did have. Then when we reached home we found Aunt Bertha there. It seemed to please you very much and it certainly did Mamma very much. You were a very good girl again today and it made Mamma happy too.

Wednesday March 1-

-1897-

Well my little Lora you woke up as good natured as ever today and Mamma was glad too. This morning you have played about and walked out - some too.

Then this afternoon I had you take a long nap after which you went over to spend a short time at Hattie's.

You had a good time as always. This evening you and Aunt Bertha, Papa and I are going out to a band concert. I know you will enjoy it very much too as you do love band music so much. Your Papa will enjoy it with you I know.

Thursday March 2-

Today you have been rather unwell and I know it is because you were out late last night. so I have not layed it up against you. This morning your Aunt-Bertha and I went up town and we did a little shopping and then we walked back. This all pleased you very much my little maid. It was rather damp on the walk and you found every water hole there was. You would always step in a good big water spot when Maria and Papa had their backs turned. You naughty girl.

Friday March 3 -

Today you have been your good little self again. I think you are rested from your evenings dissipation. This morning you Aunt-Bertie and I went down to Aunt-Curie and Aunt-Betha took her bath while you had a good play with little Helen. You had a good time too. Little Helen was quite sick this forenoon however and you could not play as well as usual on that account. Then this afternoon Uncle Herman came and then you went over to Hattie and had a good play.

Saturday March 4-

Well my little girl this has been a big day for you for early this morning long before your curls were dry Hattie Reed came to take you out for a ride in your cab, and then a little later little Ethel Fuller came down. You did play so nicely with your play things and the Ethel took you out in your cab this afternoon and you went up town together and had a most lovely time.

You came home fast asleep, and Ethel stayed until dark. Mamma loves to have Ethel come for you are so good when she is here. I hope she will come very often -

Sunday March 5 -

Today has been rather a quiet day for you my little girl, but this forenoon you were busy around the house with Papa as it ever Sunday and you always have a good time when he is here. Then this afternoon Papa took you out for a walk and you came in with your cloak and your white apron all covered with mud, as you had a good and complete fall into a water puddle - You looked rather mischievous when you stepped in - I think Mamma will have to make a cloak especially for your walks with your Papa -

-Monday March 6 -

Well my little girl you had a big time today for Aunt-Bertha came down this morning and then Uncle Fred ^{and Henry} and Aunt-Carrie came down to dinner. This was more than fun for you, then this afternoon while I went with Aunt-Bertha to take her bath you went with Aunt-Carrie to play with little Helen and you did have such a good time that you were not ready to come home with Mamma. Then tonight you did have such a jolly time with your Papa playing hide ^{and} seek. You and your Papa spend many happy moments together.

- Tuesday March 7 -

This morning you entertained yourself most-lovely all by yourself and this noon Uncle Harry took you over to take dinner with Uncle Fred and Grandpa and Grandma and you came home with your cheeks as red as cherries and then after dinner you had a lovely ride with Aunt Betty and Mamma. While we were out-you saw Uncle Tom's street-parade and in it-a band played with my little gal most-happy.

Then after this the fresh air put my little Louie fast-asleep. You were quite happy the rest of the day.

- Wednesday March 8 -

This morning you were quite a busy girl helping us sweep and clean. We did quite a little work up stairs and you were there most of the time.

Uncle Fred came this morning and took Aunt Bertha down to Aunt Carrie's to stay until tomorrow. Then yesterday this afternoon Mamma took you in your cab and we went up town and Mamma left you with Papa while she did some shopping.

You came home rather a cross tired little girl.

But after you had your little night you were soon fast asleep -

Thursday March 9

It has been storming
outside all of this day ^{and}
so we did quite a little
work. You did not get out
any untill Hattie came
out of school then you ^{and}
she started out for a walk
and you had a big time
together. You just
walked and walked as
long as she did. Then you
went over to Hattie's and
stayed untill your Papa came
home to supper and then
he started out to bring
you home for he gets
very lonely without you
when he is home.

I hope you will always
show the love for your Papa ^{now} as

-Friday March 10-

It was so bad and rainy outside today that I did not let you go out any.

Your Uncle Roy Miller was here a little while this forenoon and you did very well toward entertaining him. He loves you very much and always speaks about how rapidly you are advancing. This afternoon you had great sport in drawing Russell around in his little cab and it helped Mamma out so nicely too for I have been very busy trying to cover work up stairs for some time back.

Saturday March 11

Today I have not seen
very much of you my
little daughter you have
spent most of the day
with Hattie Reed. She
called for you early this
morning almost before your
curls were dry from your
bath and then you fell
asleep while you were
out with her and you
slept about two hours on
Hattie's bed then this
afternoon you were out
with Hattie again until
supper time. Mamma hardly
knew she had a little
Sonia today and yet you
were more than happy
all of the time I know.

Sunday March 12 -

This was another big day for you for Papa was not-out-of the house all day. This forenoon you were happy playing with Papa and Russell and then this afternoon you and I took a long walk, we just had a good time too. It was very stormy and stormy but it did you know harm to be out in it. You came back home all the more ready for real hard fun with Papa and you had it too as usual. But you were ready for bed very early tonight.

Monday March 13

This morning you were made happy by having Aunt-Bertha come back to us to stay a while again for you love her very much.

Then this afternoon Uncle Frank came down to stay a while and then you were more than happy. He let you ride on his back and play hours with him.

You laughed as hard as I ever heard you. You would not be put-to bed until the rest and Uncle Frank went too. Then you slept well and that pleased Papa and Ma more than anything you could do.

Tuesday March 14

Early this forenoon Uncle Frank took you out-for a ride in your cab and you did enjoy it so much and then at noon Uncle Frank had to return to his home and this you did not-enjoy so much and yet-you made the best-of it-after a good sleep you were made happy by having Aunt-Bertha return for a few days again. Then Papa stayed with us tonight-after supper and you did have a good play with him and we all spent some a laughing at you both-

Wednesday March 15 -

Today you have been another busy little girl, helping around the house this morning and then this afternoon. Mamma took you for a short-walk after your good refreshing sleep. Then this evening after Hattie came home from school you were over there and had a good time.

You came home happy to find Papa here and you were ready for fun indeed. Tonight - you were unusually tired and cross and Mamma had a hard time to get you quieted down to sleep. But - I conquered.

- Thursday March 14 -

This morning you, Aunt-Bertha and Mamma started out-for a morning walk.

We just had a nice walk and while we were visiting we met Uncle Fred and Henry they had just started for your Grandpa's to get their dinner. They asked you to get-in and go too. You needed no more invitations than one and away you went-never were thinking to bid Mamma good by. Then after you were home you had a good sleep and then you went out and had a good play with your little friend
Hattie -

- Friday March 17 -

This morning Mamma hurried and dressed you ^{and} then you went with Aunt-Bertha and Mamma to see Aunt-Bertha take her bath. You were very much surprised when the lady began spitting and rubbing Aunt-Bertha and then you could not understand why she would cover her up as she did. So you told Aunt-Bertha to go to sleep.

It made us all smile more than once. This afternoon you have been very naughty and I think you have not felt very well however. You slept early too.

Saturday March 18

Today you have been another very happy little girl for your little and very dear friend Ethel Fuller and you did have such a good time. You play so nicely and peacefully together. And then this afternoon you went down town together and you both looked contented and happy after you returned.

Your Mamma loves to have the little folks come in in that way for it pleases you and helps your Mamma out. You telephoned to Aunt Bertha so nicely today. It made her feel good they say,

- Sunday March 19 -

Well my little Soda you did have a big time today for you went to church for the first time since long before Mamma was taken sick. You were a very good baby too. You never disturbed anyone and you did just as Mamma said you should in every way. Then after church Grandpa came down and took us all over hour for the first time in ever so long. You seemed very much grieved when you found Grandma being so poorly however.

Monday March 20-

This forenoon you were
rushing around helping
Mamma do this thing and
that and finally this
afternoon you were ready
to go up town with Aunt-
Bertha and I. You had
a lovely time you thought.
You spent your lunch
while down town with
Papa in "Papa's house" as
you call it. When Mamma
called for you, you were
hardly ready to go for
you were having so much
fun you said. You ate
and slept very well as
the good outcome of it-
all.

Tuesday March 21 -

Today has been a very stormy day and my little girl could not go out - very much today. But you have been a very good little girl. You took a nice long nap this afternoon and you have had a good time since fu Uncle Herman came in and you had a good visit with him, you and Herman play with your dishes as though you were both children -

Tonight - you were not as good natured as usual about going to your little bed.

Wednesday March 22 -

Today you have had another big time. You started out for a walk with your Mamma and we met your Uncles Fred [&] Henry. They picked you up and took you over to the farm house to take dinner with them. Then they brought you back with cheeks as red as roses and eyes as big as hawks. You love to go to Grandma's more than any other place and they love to have you come too. Mamma thought she never could spare you long enough to let you go any where ^{to} but to the farm house.

Thursday March 23 -

This forenoon you had a big time you thought - running up and down stairs while the paper was being hung in one of the bed rooms and I think myself you did and then just after dinner Uncle Henry came and asked you Aunt-Bertha and I to take a ride and we made the most of it too. It has been very good sleighing and we took a sleigh ride over to see our dear Grandma. She was sick in bed but as glad as ever to see us. How you do love your Grandma and how much she does love you too. How I hope you will grow up to love her more and more all your life and make her feel it too my dear little Son.

- Friday March 24 -

Today your Mamma has been very busy all day and so has my dear little Lou. You have rushed around untill your dear little legs must surely ache tonight.

You walked down town with Aunt Bertha and Mamma this afternoon and then tonight you could not wait for

Mamma to undress as usual after supper but I had to go to work long before supper and you were sound asleep three hours before your Papa came home at night and I know you need the sleep

too. You were very good all day and you are the most of the time anyway. I think your Mamma loves you more all the time anyway.

Saturday March 26-

My little girl you were out-
all this day with little Hattie
Reed and you had a very
good time too. This morning
she came for you quite early
and while you were away
she took a ride over to our
farm house and how you
did miss her too. Then
when you had a short nap
you started out again with
Hattie after dinner and
tonight after eight o'clock
Aunt Sophia Morgenthau
came down to see you a
short time. You told her
all your news and had a
good time doing that too.
She gave you a penny for
your bank and it pleased
you so very much.

- Sunday March 24. -

Today has been a very quiet day and we all stayed at home and made the best of it. Papa felt very poorly and Mamma did not feel very well either and so you my little maid were obliged to entertain yourself the best you could. You did it too very nicely. Auntie ^{and Uncle} Hattie came in a short time and broke up the money for you soon than your Papa took you out for a walk which you seemed to enjoy very much. Sunday you are always very happy just to have Papa to look at and enjoy. And your Papa enjoys you just as much.

- Monday March 27 -

This forenoon you enjoyed
yourself very much just-
playing around by your
own little self for Mamma
was quite busy the most-
of the morning and then
this afternoon you went
out-calling with Mamma.

We called on our near
neighbors first; You
always seem to enjoy
the calls most-where you
find other little ones.

Then when you reached
home you found Uncle
Herman here. You did
have a most- lovely
visit with him too. You
seemed to sleep very good ^{now}
this afternoon and I know you ^{will}

Tuesday March 28 -

You have simply begged
all day that you might go
out tonight. so this afternoon
after one of the little girls
came home from school
I let you go out riding in
your cab and also for a
walk. It has been a very
stormy and bad day but you
seemed to enjoy it very much.

Your Uncle and Auntie
Schuler came down today
to see us the first time
in almost a year and
we were very glad to see
them too and they seemed
very glad to be here too.
They are going to stay all
of this night with us.

- Wednesday March 29 -

It has been a very stormy day outside, but you have had a lovely time inside,

This forenoon Mamma took you over to Hattie's to play with her for a while and then this afternoon they came down from home and took you and I over home to spend the day with Aunt Bertha for it is her birth day and she is just twenty years of age today. You had a very treat. They treated us all to some warm sugar and it tasted just simply fine for it has been the best we had.

- Thursday March 30 -

Today it has not been very pleasant - out - nor was it yesterday. Hattie came over and took you over there to spend the most of the afternoon and you had a very pleasant time and then this morning you were up stairs more or less with Auntie Hatch. She has just finished furnishing her rooms up stairs and it is a treat for you to go up there. You took a nice long nap just after dinner and seemed to feel very much better. Though you took some cold yesterday in riding over to Grandpas for you have coughed more or less -

Friday March 31-

Today you have just
tried yourself out - playing
at our string and another.

You took a nice long
nap after dinner and then
Uncle Harry came in. You
played with him until
he started for home. Then
Papa sent word over the
phone that he wished you
and I would come down
and take supper at the
M. E. Church with him. We
went and had a good
time and your first-
experience was quite a
little fun for you for several
of your little friends were
there and you had a good
time in every way.

Saturday April 1 - 1899.

It has been very stormy outside today but you have enjoyed yourself very much for you have been with Hatter the most of this day. This afternoon you and Hatter built your first nests for the old rabbit to lay his eggs in for you. You built a little nest in the woodshed of hay and it was quite fun to see you dig out the colored eggs this morning. Papa had bought you a little toy Rabbit some time ago and this you found in your nest of eggs. You were quite delighted too as you found them, next year it will be still more fun.

Sunday April 2 -

We did not go over to Grandpa's today to spend the day but stayed quietly at home. Aunt-Ida came home from Battle Creek and Aunt-Bertha was at Grandpa's too so we concluded it would be best for us to stay here. You were happy with your eggs this forenoon and after dinner you took your nap and then this evening Aunt-Ida and Bertha and Uncle Herman came down a little while to visit with us. We all had a good time together. Aunt-Ida seems no better to me though she maybe. You seemed so glad to see her.

Monday April 3 -

This has been a very pleasant-day and you spent most of the forenoon having a good time with Aunt Bertha. Then after your nap this noon you and I went down with Aunt Bertha to take your bath.

You always enjoy it so much to see her go through all the different-movements and it does indeed seem nice to see it. I enjoy it myself. Then you enjoy walking around on main street and looking at the different-decorated windows.

You always have a good time when you are out in that-way.

Tuesday April 4.

Today my little girl you
have had a very good
time. You played so had
all morning and then
had a good long nap in
the afternoon. While you
were enjoying a good
long nap Mamma and Aunt
Bertha took a ride over
to Grandmas and then
when we returned we
took you out for a short
ride and then tonight
you were both so tired,
and you felt so bad with
a terrible cold you have
that you did not rest
very well nor did
any of us. I hope you
will rest better tonight.

Wednesday April 5--

This forenoon my little
girl you were very happy
and you helped Mamma
do her housework to perfection
with the promise that
you could go by this
afternoon. After dinner
the lady who helps Mamma
over at the farm came
soon and took us over
home to Grandpa's. We
found Aunt Carrie there with
the two babies and you little
folks had a most lovely
time. You made the most
of it for the short time that
you were together. Tonight
you and baby brother both
seem to feel very badly
with a hard cold.

- Thursday April 4 -

My little Sonia you have been a very good girl today when I stop to think how badly you have felt with your cold today. Your little brother has suffered with you as well as you and Mamma has tried all she could to help you out; just after dinner today your Papa had you out for a short-walk and then your Aunt Bertha and Lda came down to spend the afternoon and also Uncle Herman. You all had a most-lovely time. Your little Cousin Helen is quite sick today again and we are very sorry about that.

- Friday April 7 -

Well today you have had a big time. Such a big time that you did not sleep any this afternoon. One of your little friends came in to see you and after that you went down town with Aunt Bertha to take her bath and while you were gone Papa sent you a Piano. You came in and said "Oh Mamma how lovely this is" This is my Piano"

You have spent the rest of the afternoon playing on your Piano as you call it. Mamma hopes you may learn to how to play on it and make of yourself a very good player.

You came home this afternoon with a box of candy that was given you.

- Saturday April - 8 -

This morning early your little friend Ethel Fuller came in to spend the day with you. You did have such a good time playing with your dolls and things ^{and} then in the afternoon you went out first for a walk and then for a ride in your cab. You had a very good time, as you always do when little Ethel comes.

You have felt very badly of late with a cold but it is getting very much better now and I think you will have not as much trouble as you did have for several nights back and Mamma is glad for she dislikes to see you or Russell suffer -

- Sunday April 9 -

Sonia this has been a very busy day for you. Early this morning Papa took you out for a walk and then he took you and I out for a short drive. We always love to have Sunday come for then we have our dear Papa all to our selves. It seems to me that you love your Papa more and more all the time. He certainly loves his Sonia girl very dearly. This afternoon Papa took you out in your cab and you seemed to enjoy your selves very much, but the fresh air seemed to just put you asleep in a great big hurry and you slept the rest of the afternoon. You are growing very fast - my dear little girl, everyone remarks it;

Monday April 10-

Now you are a happy little girl that is sure. You wanted to go outside the mile you were dressed this morning. Mamma put on your wraps and we walked a little with Aunt-Ida and little Helen for they were down here and, then after dinner Papa started to take you out for a walk again but you turned into Grandma Reeds and spent the rest of the afternoon there. Tonight you were very tired for you had had no sleep this afternoon. You have been a very good little girl however all day and Mamma feels as proud of you as ever she can.

- Tuesday April 11 -

This morning after you were dressed and washed for the day you and I started for a walk down to the dry goods store to do our shopping.

On our way down we were called into Mrs. Phelps, and they were so glad to have you there only for a few moments for they love babies dearly, and before we got back it began to rain quite hard and you were obliged to run until you were almost out of breath to keep from getting wet.

The rest of the day you could not go out any on account of the rain -

Wednesday April 12

This morning my little one
you have been surely very
happy, you have been in
and out - to your hearts
content: It has been the
very first-day that you
could go out and have
such a good time. Then
this afternoon you made
a call with me and also
went with us to Aunt-
Bertha's bath this afternoon,

You called on Papa too
at his house as you call it!
Then tonight you are
a very tired little lady
Aunt-Bertha put you to
bed as Mamma had to be
out more or less this
evening.

-Thursday April 13-

This morning my dear little girl had a big time outside. You did enjoy taking your dollies out - in their little wagon ^{and} after you sleep this noon you went out - again. You ran away tonight - for the first - time. You ran half way down town before Mamma missed you at all and it was after dark too. You are not - the least bit - afraid after dark any more than you are of the broad day light - and I am so glad too. You had a little fall tonight - about - two steps to -

- Friday April 14 -

This morning Mamma has been rather busy all day. This noon you went over to the farm to dinner and remained there until Mamma came over a little later. While there you and Helen had a most lovely time. Uncle Little Morris was there too. Aunt Betsey did not go over but stayed here and was very glad when we got back. We are all a little excited over the fact that Uncle George comes home tomorrow for a short time. I shall enjoy seeing him meet the babies and I hope you will enjoy it too.

Saturday April 13

This has been a big day
for us. There has been
much to see to so that we
would have more time
to visit with Uncle George.

Uncle George came
home this afternoon and
we were all delighted. You
did not seem at all back-
ward about speaking to
him and having him
to. Then you thought
him very good too for
bringing you a box of
New York fine candies.
You told Uncle that he
had come on the card
from New York City and
it pleased and surprised him.

- Sunday 1st -

Today we had a good time! We all went over to Grandpa's again to spend the day. Cousins Helen and Morris were there and your children had a most lovely time.

Then we all did have a very good visit. Uncle George seemed to enjoy the babies so much.

You were a very good baby all the afternoon but you became very tired about bed time and you seemed very glad to get to bed too. You and Papa still sleep together and you enjoy it as much as ever I think.



