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Soua Elizabeth Voelker -

James Albert Walker

Friday Sept--2-

This afternoon Papa got two horses and took Soud and I out for a drive and we drove over to the farm house just in time for supper. Soud was so happy when she found where she was that she could not eat any thing. She wanted such one all over time. Aunt Ida was down to feed the day.

Sat: Sept-3-

Aunt Bettie was down this afternoon and said they would be down tomorrow and take us home to feed the day and we will be ready too for that - means a good time for Soud and me.

She was out walking tonight for a time and how happy she was over the snow and stars and every thing she saw in fact.

Sunday Sept-4-

Grandpa drove down and took Sora and I one hour and Aunt-Carin were going over too. Uncle Fred and Grandpa had Helen and Sara on the front-seat-with them and the two little ones kept-them busy for they had a most-delightful time.

Moni-5-

Aunt-Bertie was down this afternoon and told me that Aunt-Carin was all tired out and that little Morris was very sick so Sora and I walked up there tonight. We found him quite a sick baby. He seems to cry most of the time.

How thankful I am that Sora is so well again. One would never dream from her looks she had a sick day this summer-

Tuesday Sept-6-

Mamma has not felt very well today. But the day is most over and I am glad, but - Soma could not have done more to help me than she did for she has been such a good baby all the whole day long. It did seem to me that she realized that I did not feel very well.

Wed - 7 -

Soma does not sleep very well at night - so we thought perhaps to take her for a walk each night - after supper night - tire her some for sleep. She has had such a walk for some time ^{and}. I think it is helping her quite a little. Thursday - 8 -

It has been so rainy today and Soma could not go out any. This seems to be her greatest-trial. Aunt-Ida

was down a little while
this afternoon and this
helped to break up Sona's
lonely spell somewhat.

Friday Sept 9

This morning it rained
quite a little but it cleared
up nicely this afternoon and
Hattie Reed took Sona out-
for a short-time in her cab.
It certainly made a happy
little girl out of my little
Sona.

Saturday Sept 10

And-Carris girl was down
this afternoon and left Helen
with me while she went
out to do an errand near by.
The two little ones had such
a good time playing together
that it really did me good
to watch them.

Hazel Cotton had Sona
out for the first time today.
She said she did not know
it was so much fun.

and that she was coming
again to take her for some
was such a good baby to take

Sun - Sept. 11 -

Today Papa took Sona and
Lout in a most lovely carriage
and after driving around a
little he took us over home.
I then gave Grandma a
nice ride in the carriage.
I took her down to call on
Aunt Carrie and to hear how
the baby would be. We were
glad in next thing instead
of any where else for we found
it not so well.

Mon - 12

Today while Sona has been
a good little girl, I have not
been at all well. Her Papa
came home very early and
took Sona out for a walk.

She was as happy and
entertaining as any human
little person could possibly
be. It made her pappy to have

to have him with him
this evening.

Tue 13 -

I spent a very hard night
but felt well enough to go
out for a walk with Sona
today. I went to Auntie
Sophia with her and she
gave her a large orange to
carry home and she did
carry it every step of the
way too. Wed - 14

Sona has been so very
good all morning, has played
outside so nicely all morning
with her dolls and this
afternoon Hattie had her
out for a ride in her cab.
This evening she seemed very
tired and said "Mamma put
me in my bed Mamma"

Thursday Sept - 15 -

Sona could not go out
any this morning for it has

been raining all the time.
But this afternoon it has been
very pleasant - and she has
been out - very much. This
evening she took a long walk.
Friday Sept: 16

This forenoon Sona was
very busy helping Mamma
for it was sweeping day
and she always gets her
little sweeper and helps
all she can - This afternoon
I took her out - to see a little
volley boy near by. The two
bobber had a good time
together and played very
nicely too. Aunt-Carrie
came down this forenoon
for a short-time and bought
Mamma two pairs of boots
and a shawl she had made
herself. Sona was fast-
asleep while Auntie was here,

Saturday Sept-17

Sona entertained herself very nicely this forenoon with her dog cat-and-dolla and this afternoon Aunt Ida and Berta came down and gave her a ride. Then she had a short-walk with Hattie and a ride in her cab. She slept-very well tonight.

Sunday Sept-18

This morning Sona, Papa, and I had settled ourselves down in the yard with a large dish of warm pop corn when Uncle Fred came down and asked us to go over home with him to spend the day at Grandpa's.

We went and had a most lovely time as we always do. Sona came home all tired out;

Monday Sept: 19

It was a little cold out for Sona today. Soon after dinner we took a little walk and then a good nap and we both felt very much refreshed.

Sona then had a ride in her little wagon with Beak Deunham. She has a very good time with the little girls every day.

Tues - 20

Hattie took Sona out for a ride in her little wagon after school tonight. I think Sona had almost rather draw her little dollies around in their cab than always take a ride herself. but I almost dislike to refuse the little girls after they come. After supper we took a little walk.

Wed. Sep-21.

This morning Sona spent
with a little time decorating
her kitty with ribbons.

He is as black as midnight,
and she put yellow ribbons
all around his neck. He
looked rather gay when she
got all through. Sona
Cotton had Sona out this
afternoon. After dinner
today her Papa found an
old dollie chair up in
one of the cupboards and Sona
was simply overjoyed
with it. She plays with
nothing else today.

Thursday-22

It has rained all day and
it has been very hard for
Sona to stay in so much
but I have done all I could
to entertain her. There is
one thing about Sona that

I am quite happy over and
that is over the memory
she seems to have. To me
it seems quite remarkable
for a child of her age.

Friday Sept. 23 -

This afternoon while Louie
was asleep I redressed her
doll, and she was simply
overjoyed again. She took
it out for a ride with
herself in her cub, for Hattie
came over to take them.

Hattie said she never let
go of the little thing for
one moment - all the times
they were out. She calls
her doll Jennie Volker
and loves her very dearly.

Saturday 24

Aunt Id, Bettie, Carrie
and little Helen were down

for a short-time this
afternoon. It seemed good
to have them here. Helen
was quite disappointed
to find Sona out for a ride
in her cab with Hattie
Reed. She called Sona
quite distinctly too. We
could all understand her.

Sun - 25 -

We did not go over to the
farm house to spend the
day today but Aunt-Bertha
came down here to stay
with us. Sona was so
glad to have her Auntie
here all day that she
would not let her go out
of her sight. This afternoon
we were disturbed in our
plays by others coming in
and yet we all had a
good time together.

Monday Sept--26

This morning it was very damp on the grass and Soda could not be out-very much but she made it all up this afternoon with her dolls and their cab. Uncle Hennie came along with his horse and carriage while she was out-in the yard and took her down to the creamery with him for a while. They said she had a big train down there.

Tuesday - 27

Aunt-Ida came down to stay all night-with us and it pleased Soda very much to have her here too. She took a moonlight-ride after supper which made her very happy. We took a little walk too.

Wednesday Sept-28

Sona helped Mamma and Aunt-Ida pick a ducks this morning but she feared all the time it would hurt the poor headless ducks. She is growing so cute. Says here little prayers at night both in English and German so nicely. How I do love my little girl,

Thursday Sept-29

Sona was a dear good baby today and I only wish this book would hold all the cute things she does from day to day. I have not felt very well so I could not do much today.

After supper she and I went down town to do some shopping and she had a good time for me

ran into Carrie down
there and we did as much
writing as anything else.
Sora was good all evening
too, but - very tired.

Friday Sept - '30

This morning Aunt - Bertha
came in only for a very
short - time but it made
Sora very happy and
this afternoon Dorothy Sora
came over. She is only
eighteen months old but -
the two children had a
good time on the lawn
together. They played very
nicely. Saturday Oct; 1

This forenoon Hattie Reed
took Sora down town in
her cab and then over to
her home until noon. But
this afternoon Sora had.

to be quiet - and stay in,
for it rained too hard
for her to be out on the
grass or walk any.

Sunday Oct-2

This morning Grandpa
came down and took Papa
Sona and I over to the
farm house and we spent
the day there. Aunt-Carrie
was there with her two
babes and between all the
three children no one had
any rest - to speak of. Sona
had such a big tummy that
she came home cross and
tired.

Monday - 3

This has been a lovely day
for Sona and I. We went
down to Aunt-Carrie to spend
the day and we did have
a good time. The only thing

that-vent-mony was
Sona had her first-very
hard fall. She fell from
a foot stool and struck her
lip against-the corner of
a sharp chair. She cut-it
through but-the doctor
said it would be allright.
She feels much better tonight.
How we do love her too.

Tuesday Oct. 3

Sona spent-most-of her
forenoon at-Mrs. Reeds playing
with Hattie's dolls while
she was at school. This
afternoon Hattie had her out-
in her cab. Ifuche Hanneu
called this afternoon to see
how Sona felt-after her
hard fall of yesterday, but-
she thought nothing could
seem to have much effect-
on her for she was always
happy.

Wednesday - 5 -

Sonia's Aunt - Sophie called this afternoon and found Sonia fast-asleep but - she loved her just - the same. She thought Sonia had grown faster than any of the little girls she knew of. She scolded out - with her dollies after her nap and would not ride in her cab with any of the little girls that called.

Thursday - 6

Papa's Aunt - Jennie came and took Sonia and I out for a long drive this afternoon.

It did us all lots of good for we had a good ride and visit too. Little Hattie Red came and stayed to tea and it pleased Sonia very much.

She talked and laughed away much of the time.

Friday Oct - 7.

This morning Uncle Harner
came down and took
Sona and I over home to
spend the day while the
rest all went to the fair
just Grandmas. They had
a good time at the fair ^{and}
Sona had a big time at
Grandmas. She was glad
to see new things and find
new play things too. She
did not sleep well though
and that made her cross.

Saturday - 8

We did not go home last
night as we thought we
would but stay'd at the farm.

Sona did not sleep as well
as she does at home but had
a good time every minute
during the day. She goes
down into the orchard and

every where with Uncle
Herbman.

Sun - 9 -

This morning Papa came over
to the farm to spend the
day and Loua was wild
with delight at seeing him.

We are all going back home
tonight. I took Grandma
out for a nice drive this
afternoon and Loua stayed
at home with Papa and
Cousin Helen.

Mon - 10

This afternoon I took Loua
out with me to make a
few calls. She was a very
good little girl too. She played
so nicely and unselfishly
with the little ones she met.

Tue - 11

This morning Uncle Fred and
Henry came in to dinner.
It pleased Loua more

than I can tell. She does
love company and gets very
lonely when left-alone
only for a short-time. She
had two hard bumps today
but did not make much
fuss over them. Tonight
she asked Mamma to put-her
into her little bed. almost-as
soon as supper was over.

She wears little pants
now and how proud she is
of them too.

Wed Oct-12

This afternoon Aunt-Carrie
came down with Helen
and Loua was so glad to
see her if only for a little
time. Loua uses her little
chair so nicely now that
I am more than glad. It
has been very hard to get-
her used to it-but-I think
I shall never have any more

trouble with her. I think
she was in over.

Tonight Emma Johnson
came back to stay with
us for some time I presume.

Sona seemed to know
her the moment she saw
her. Thursday Oct 13

Today it rained most of
the day and it was so
damp and cold we could
not go out with comfort.

Today Grandpa and Uncle
Roy came down on some
errand and stayed with
us to dinner. Sona was
nearly wild with delight
when she found he was
going to be here. She rushed
around and brought him
all her play things she
could find. Uncle Fred
surprised us tonight by

by stepping in and stayed
all night with us this
was another pleasure for
our little Sona -

Frid. Oct. 14

It has been raining the
most of the day and I could
not let Sona out - untill
tonight. We took a little
walk tonight before supper
in hopes we would meet
Papa but he was a little
late and so we missed him.

Sona has been such a good
little darling all this dreary
day. How much comfort her
Papa and I have taken with
her so far in life and how
much we take from each
day to the other. We hope
she may only be spared to
us all our lives to love
and to care for.

Saturday Oct 15 -

This morning after Louisa had her nap she spent most of the forenoon with Hattie Reed then this afternoon she was out in her cab with Emma and stayed until evening. Aunt Ida and Bertie were in a little while this afternoon but Louisa was asleep. She woke up rather cross but I think she does not feel at all well. Sunday Oct-16

This has been an ideal day for us for early this morning Grandma and Grandpa came down to spend the day with us. Louisa hardly knew what to do with her little self when she saw they were going to stay a little while. Grandma insisted upon

Papa taking Sona and I
out-for a drive with their
horse, so Papa took us over
to the Prison Asylum to see
the ruins of a terrible
explosion they have had
there a short time back.

Sona did not-know the
meaning of its terrible
condition and so enjoyed
walking about-it with
her Papa.

Sona cannot understand
when she is with Grandma
why she does not-walk about.
She tries to find her missing
leg. She say she has, one,
two, legs and Grandma
only one. She often tries
to find it-for Grandma she
says. After our happy
day for us all they returned
to-night-leaving us just-a
little blue for we miss them

Monday Oct: 17

This afternoon Emma had Soud out-nearly all the afternoon in his cab while I did some fancy work for her that I had long tried to do. Emma seems to enjoy taking her for Soud seems to enjoy going so much and everyone seems to enjoy seeing her too. We had word this afternoon that our Uncle had died very suddenly yesterday to be buried Thursday 10 a.m.

Soud came home and slept very well after her ride of this afternoon.

Tuesday - 18

This morning it rained but it cleared up this afternoon so that Soud could take her afternoon ride as usual. Uncle Fred and Harry came in

to dinner and that-
always more than pleased
Sara. She has been very
active and pleasant-tongued.

Papa has been very busy
to get ready to go the Uncle's
funeral tomorrow and also
to visit his father's home.

Wednesday Oct. 19

It has been very pleasant
but rather cold all day. Sara
played outside a little this
morning. Her Papa left this
afternoon on the four o'clock
train. But Uncle Herman
came down after school
tonight and stayed with
us and will all night.

Sara could not understand
why her Papa did not come
home when the whistle
blew for six o'clock. She
always says "Now Papa come"

Tonight - after supper Uncle
Herman discovered she was
cutting teeth. That - she had
cut - one large molar and
another just - coming through.

She will then have only
two more to cut; She has
done so nicely with cutting
her teeth. That - I feel well
have much to be thankful
for. Thursday Oct-20.

This is my birthday and
am thirty two years of age.
Grandma did not forget
it - either for she sent me
quite a little fruit - and
reyclables from the farm
as she always does, and
many good wishes for
many more happy birthdays.

The rest of the day was
quiet: It - has been rainy
outside and I have been

feeling very poorly. Papa
has been away and I
have felt rather lonely sitting
here. I think Sona has
missed him terribly too.
Uncle Harry came in
tonight to stay all night
with us and that seemed
as quite a little.

Papa came home on the
ten o'clock train tonight
and told us all about the
funeral. He told us all
about Grandma and Grand
Pa Volker and the Uncles
and Aunties. He reports
a very pleasant time at
his home. They are all
very anxious to see Sona
he says. They have never
seen her and cannot imagine
how she must look.

Grandma Volker sent
Sona a dollar for her little

bank and also sent me
a quilt - they had made
themselves for my
birthday. It certainly
pleased us both. They
have been very kind to
Sara and I thought we
have never seen them.

Friday Oct-21

Papa bought - Sara from
Grand Rapids yesterday a
pair of little rubbers. She
thinks there never was
anything quite so fine.

She has been out - most of
the forenoon and it has
been damp and cold too.

She came in with rosy
cheeks and an appetite.
She could hardly wait
for dinner. This after-
noon Emma had her out-

in her cab again. She
first had a big time Emma
said. Tonight she would
not go to sleep until she
had a big time with her
Papa. Saturday Oct-22.

It has been so damp ^{and}
cold and rainy part of
the time today I could
not let Sona out very
much, but she was ever
playing at Hattie's a little
this morning and then after
dinner Aunt Bertha came
down a little while and
look Sona and I down to
see Aunt Carrie and Helen
a short time. We did
enjoy the ride so much
and enjoy at seeing them
too. Quaker Feed and

Henry came down to
supper with us tonight
and we were glad they
came in for Sona does
miss her Papa Saturday
evenings so much always.

She went to sleep very
early tonight.

Sunday Oct. 23

While it has been very
pleasant outside, it has
not been what we call
a perfect-day for us for
Papa had to be away from
home most of the day.

Mr Bailey was buried
this afternoon and this
morning he visited several
of his sick customers so
that Sona could not see
much of her Papa.

Sona and I went down

to visit Aunt-Carrie a
little while while Papa was
at the funeral. Grandma
and Grandpa were down
there to spend the day and
it made it very pleasant-
for us all. Papa declared
after reaching home tonight
that this had been our
more day wasted. He
would have been with us
all day had he not been a
paid barrier for Mr Bailey.

This evening we spent-
happily together -
Monday Oct: 24.

Sonia has been very happy
today. This morning she
took her dolly in her
little red wagon and
started out - for a little

then she soon forgot - all
about wagon and doll and
visited Grandma Reed and
had a good time until
she discovered her Papa
had come home to do
a little work and spend a
little time at home. She
then had to hurry home
and help him or rather
hinder. Then this
afternoon she spent out-
side in her little wagon
with Emma. She soon
woke up after reaching
home and was delighted
over a little cap and pair
new shoes I had ready
for her. Then after
dinner it seems as if
she never had a better

time playing with her
Papa for about - twenty five
minutes. Tonight - I
could not - get - her to sleep
untill he came home for
the night.

Tues. Oct. - 24.

This has been one very
rainy cold day. Some could
not go out - except - for a
very few moments this
morning. But her Uncle
Fred and Harry came in
to dinner and that - always
makes her very happy.
Then tonight - Hattie Reed
came in a few minutes too.
She entertained us all by
the effort she made to keep
her here. It was simply
cute.

Wednesday Oct-25-

This morning Louisa saw
it snow for the first time
that she can remember.

It hardly snowed enough
for her to realize & much
was going on. But she
thought - It was fall - she

said. This afternoon of her
little baby friends came
in and they had a lovely
time together. After their
separation Emma took her
out for a ride in her

cab. She came home
much refreshed and had
a lovely time. She saw
her Uncle Herman
while out she said. She is
very happy tonight.

Thursday Oct-26-

This morning we have
been rushing around

getting ready to meet
our Grandmother Volker for
the first time. She came
this noon and Soda
could not for the first
few minutes realize that she
should have a Grandmother
that could walk around
and the day wore away
and with night she
realized it more all the
time. Her baby uncle
Stanley only eight years
of age came with his
Mamma and Soda was
happy all day to have
him here. We gave
Grandma a little tea
this afternoon and invite
in Harry's Uncle and
Auntie. Soda was too
sleepy to enjoy anything
more and soon fell ~~and~~

Friday Oct. 28

This morning Papa sent a carriage and man to take us driving. Papa could not go as he was short of help in the store so we went without him.

We had a very good time much better than we thought we could have without Papa. Sora could scarcely wait until we got out to Grandpa's. We rode from ten o'clock until one and Sora slept most of the time. Grandpa seemed to enjoy the ride and also the town and seemed to dislike herself to be obliged to return so soon. She returned for her honey on the four o'clock train this afternoon. We were so

much pleased with her
found her so much
miss than we had ever
imagined and hope to
see her again sooner than
we did before -

Saturday Oct-29-

It has been such a very
pleasant-morning and
Hattie came over after
some early this morning
to take her out-for a
ride in her cab. There were
quite a number of other
babies out and some
thought-she had a most-
elegant-trim. She came
in this noon all tired out-
then this afternoon she was
determined to go out-with
Emma when she could-
So I feel as if she had
had a good turn of plenty of air!

Sunday Oct-30.

Last night late about eleven o'clock Uncle Fred and Henry came in on the train and came up to stay all night with us we all were glad to see them though we were fast asleep when they came. This morning Grandpa came down and took us all home with him. He held Soda all the way home and it pleased her very much.

The Rex dog was so glad to see her he kissed her hand and cheek. She has talked about that all day. She was glad to see Grandma too. We always have a good time when we are at Grandmas.

Monday Oct-31-

Soud has not felt very well all this day. She look quite a cold in some unknown way today and has been cross and sick as a result. She would not go out riding or walking this afternoon as much as she loves to but stay ed in my close all day.

Tuesday Nov. 1 -

Uncles Fred and Harry were here this noon to dinner.

It pleased Soud very much. I do not think her cold any better. She took more today I think. In the night she very nearly had the croup. It kept us all jumping for about an hour. She was out in her cage.

etis afternoon with her
good nature with her too,
Einea said she enjoyed
it very much today.

Wednesday Nov. 2.

This morning Sona and I
started out bright and early
for a walk for it has been
a most lovely day. We
walked as far as Mrs. ^{Benging} and
while there she gave me
a very handsome ^{purring}
blanket for the little one
that we expect soon. It
surprised me completely
and also pleased me most
wonderfully. Howard, her
little baby and Sona had
a most lovely time while
together. We also stopped
at Mrs. Just and Sona
had a good time there

too. Then we started for
home again and Louisa
was quite tired after we
got back. Then Louisa for
the first time asked me
to take down my hair.
That she might brush it
for me. It seemed quite
nice too to think my little
girl was old enough to
really brush my hair -

We took another walk
just before supper to meet
Papa. She slept very well too.

Thursday Nov. 3 -

This morning we looked
for Aunt Carrie down to
spend the day with us
and we heard yesterday
that she would bring her

two babies with her. We
were quite disappointed
when noon came and
still no aunts and no
babies. So after dinner
I let Emma take Loua
out in her cab and she
thoug^t let Loua never
had a better time when
out with her. She came
home fast-asleep and
very much tired out with
sleep and play.

Friday Nov. 4.

This has been a very
pleasant day for Loua
especially and for me
too. This morning I sat
on the porch doing a
little fancy work and

three other babies beside
Souda playing around me.
It did me lots of good to
see them have so much
fun together. Then this
noon Papa surprised us very
much by bringing a horse
and carriage to the door for
Souda and I to drive all
the afternoon. We had a good
time too. We drove over
home and to several other
places. It did us much
good especially to get so
much fresh air.

Saturday - 6.

It has been raining and a
very cold rain too, so that
little people like Souda
could not go out much of
any. But Souda was so

lonely and disappointed
at staying in so closely
all day that this afternoon I
took her across the road to
visit with Dorothy Sony a
little while. The two
babies seemed to have such
a good time together. In
the evening she seemed quite
contented and ready for
sleep -

Sunday Nov-6 -

While this has not been
the most-pleasant-day of
the year outside, yet it has
been a most-lovely day
for Sony and I for Papa
could be home. It always
seems like the shortest-
day of the whole week -

We have had a most-
lovely time together too.

Sona has taken several
trips over to the chicken
park with Papa and enjoyed
him with many new
little sayings he had
never heard before -

Monday Nov - 7

This morning Sona put on
her little bodet - and played
outside quite a little. Uncle
Fred and Harry came in
to dinner and she was
made twice happy. Her
Papa brought her some
picture cards from the
store and she had a good
time over those - This
afternoon Emma had her
out for a ride in her car.
She thought Sona never
had had a better time
than today. Her Papa
did some things that -

pleased her quite a little today and she told, "That's a lady Papa." We always tell her she has been a lady if we are pleased with her and so she told him the same. She amuses us every day now.

Tuesday Nov. 8,

I let her out again this morning and she played a few minutes and then ran over to Mrs. Reeds and played with Hatter's dolls. She always has a big time there even with out Hatter's. Papa bought Louisa and a lovely blossoming plant to enjoy today, also a lovely bottle of perfume. Emma had her out again this

afternoon and she came
home with her hands
filled with bannans
and a penny for her park
for she saw Papa while
out - Wednesday Nov 9.

It has not been very too
pleasant today and I
almost feared Soda could
not go out much. But it
grew much pleasanter this
afternoon and Emma took
her out. She came home
asleep, when I took her
out of her cab and she saw
Helen was here she was
ready for fun in just
one minute. They played
so happy together while
Aunt Carrie was here -
They get along so nicely,

Thursday Nov. 10.

We have had our first-
very hard snow storm
today, I saw the first-
cutter out this afternoon.

Sona has been delighted
all day at seeing the
trees all white with snow.

Yesterday morning I put
her little rubbers on her
feet and let her take
her first-steps on the
snow. She enjoyed it
very much too. Today I
could not let her out as
the snow and wind blew
too hard. Tonight after
school Uncle Sam
came in to stay until
about eight o'clock and
Sona has been almost-

beside herself with
delight. She went to her
little bed tired and sleepy.

She is a sweet-happy
baby and we love her
more every day she lives
& know.

Friday Nov. 11.

This has been quite a full
day for Louisa Elizabeth. She
has been out for a walk
this morning. It was very
hard walking for her too
as the snow had begun
to thaw and it made it
very slippery for her little
feet. But she did quite
well. She walked as far
as Mrs. Morganthaler's
and about half way back
then she gave completely

out and I was obliged
to carry her all the rest of
the way back. I was
very much tired out when
I reached home, but she
felt better I know. After
dinner I took her down
and had her sit for her
picture. She did behave
so nicely that I was
obliged to laugh at her
little antics. She enjoyed
her ride down and back
so much. Aunt Carrie ^{and}
little Helen were here
while we were away.

We were sorry to have
missed them.

Saturday Nov. 12 -

Sona has been our happy
little girl today from the
time she got-out of her
little bed this morning
untill she fell asleep this
night. She played about-
so happy this forenoon ^{and}
this afternoon Emma had
her out-in her cab. She came
home most-happy over a
little red chair that Emma
bought-for her for her
~~birthday~~ ^{birthday} gift. She could hardly
wait to tell me all about-
the good times she had over
it and of all the things
she saw. She is growing
so sweet-and loving every
day.

Sunday Nov. 18.

Papa had to be away untill nearly one o'clock today for one of the most important-men were away. So Sora and I were here alone. She was a dear good baby however. It was not pleasant outside and beside I felt very mean all day but she was a real comfort-all day to me. Pappo took her out for a short walk this afternoon. Aunt Bertha called a few moments this morning and Sora said, "I want to go to the farm so bad Mamma," I could not let her go with me for I would get too lonely for the little thing.

Monday Nov. 14 -

It has been a most lovely day and Louisa has made the most of it. She has been out-walking quite a little this morning and this afternoon Anna had her out-ride in her cab.

Then this evening Hattie Reed came to spend the evening with Louisa and they played "hide and seek" and did have a big time. Hattie stayed to tea with her.

Tuesday Nov. 15 -

This is our little Louisa's birthday and she is two years old. When we asked her this morning how old she was she said "two years" It is as lovely a

day as the day she was
born the sun has been
shining every since this
morning and she woke
up bright and happy.

I have made a vow that
I will give her a solid
silver tea spoon every
birthday that comes to her.

She now has two with her
name and date. That my
little girl may live to
have many more happy
happy birthdays and to
get many more silver spoons,
is the prayer of her Papa
and Mama - Uncle Fred
and Henry were here to
dinner and as usual Lora
was delighted. They each
gave her twenty five cents

for her bank so Louisa failed
quite well on her birthday.

She enjoyed her ride this
afternoon as much as ever.

Wednesday Nov. 16.

It being such a lovely day
Louisa and I started right-^{off}
early for the Artists' rooms
to have her sit for her
picture again. The last-
one not being very good and
while we were gone Aunt-
Carrie came down with
her two babies to spend
the day. Louisa was so
happy over it all ever
more than I can tell.

We put everything up
high out of their reach
and how the little ones
did play and what a

good time they did have,
Sonia had such a big
time that she talked
in her sleep about it;

This morning while I had
her out - I had her weighed
and found she weighed
twenty eight pounds -

Quite a good weight for
a little one of her age.

Thursday Nov. 17.

This morning Emma ^{and}
I rushed around and did
quite a little sweeping
and Sonia had to do most
of the entertaining for herself.
but this afternoon Emma
took her out in her cab
and Sonia came back
much refreshed and
much happier -

Hattie Reed was here at-
home waiting to be cheered
by Loua too. Loua tells
what her Papa's name
is when asked and also
knows how old
she is and can sing one
of her little songs though.
I am quite proud of it
at her age.

Friday Nov. 18.

This morning I mended
my bamboo curtain and
Loua did enjoy helping
at that so much. This
afternoon Emma had her
out again and tonight.
Mr Thompson of Saussey
came and surprised us.
Loua knew him from
his picture. She told

She told us when asked
who he was that it was
Uncle Fay. It pleased
him too I know.

Saturday Nov. 19.

Last night - Soud
nearly came down with
the Croup but this morning
she was out - the same
as ever. She spent part
of the forenoon at Hattie
Reeds and this afternoon
Hattie took her out in
her cab. Little cousin
Helen called while
Soud has been out. But
it is so pleasant for
the babies outside today
I did not encourage the
little girl to keep her

here very long. Soda
would much have
enjoyed playing with her
& know.

Sunday Nov. 20.

This morning Papa took
our little Soda up town
with him for he had to
be at the shop for a short-
time. He brought her back
asleep in her cab and she
had many very good stories
to tell of the many things
she had seen -

Then after dinner and
we had all had a rest - we
took her out again for a
short ride in her cab.

She did enjoy the day
so much to have her
Papa with her.

Monday Nov. 21:-

It has been our lovely day and this afternoon I took Louisa out for a short ride in her cab and horse, her back asleep. She was very happy while out with me and it did me good to see her. One of the neighbor ladies was in when Louisa woke up and it pleased her to see how good natured she was.

I also had a surprise this afternoon of a little blue sack for the coming little stranger from Aunt Grace and Uncle George.

It is very handsome and pleased me very much.

Tuesday Nov. 22 -

It has been a very cold day but - in thought - we would take Soda out for a walk and an airing just - the same. We found however that - we could not - endure the very cold wind ourselves let - alone keeping Soda out - so we returned with her. She seemed happy to get - us too.

Wednesday Nov. 23 -

Uncles Fred and Harry were here to dinner today and Soda was very much delighted. She always has a good time with them. They say we are to be at - the farm tomorrow to spend Thanksgiving ^{and}.

Sona can talk of nothing
else but Grandpa today,
Thursday Nov. 24

Sona slept so very well
last night that it pleased
her father very much.
she woke up bright and
happy I can tell. She looks
and looked for Grandpa
to come and at last -

Uncle Herman came in
his place and took Sona
and I over to Grandpa's
Papa was to come at noon.

Grandpa was overjoyed
to see little Sona. He
loved and kissed Sona
and was happy. She
just ran from one to
the other and was so
glad to see each one.

Aunt Carrie soon came
with Helen and then the
two little ones were
completely happy. They
played so nicely together.

At one o'clock we were
all together except Uncle
George from New York.

And we missed him
too. We spoke of it many
times how we wished he
might be among us. We
sat to the table about half
past one and never left
it until about four
o'clock. This day the

shortest of all the year it
seemed to me came to
an end for us at the farm
house about half past six.

It will be a day long to

be remembered for it. has
been several years since
Grandma has felt so
well as she did yesterday
and does every day.

Friday Nov. 25-

Today it has been very
pleasant - still very cold.
I get did not get out myself
as it has been very cold and
I have not felt very well.

Emma took Louisa out a
little while and she came
home fast asleep in her
cab. She was happy to
see all when she awoke ^{and}
told us many things she
had seen. Her Papa says
he is coming home early
tonight.

Saturday Nov. 26-

This forenoon Louisa played

about - with her lollies
and had a real good time.

She has been a very good
girl all day and this
afternoon took her out - for
a ride in her new little
sled that Papa sent - home
to her this morning. She
has been playing with
it all morning, making a
bed for her lollies and
getting in and out - from
time to time. Aunt -
Carrie came down this
morning a little while
with Helen in her little
sled. She looked so sweet -
in it too. Louie and Helen
had a good time too.

Sunday Nov. 27 -

Today Papa and I stayed
quietly at - home. We had

a very happy day together.
Sons and Papa took a
walk after dinner for a
time. They reported a
fine time. I did not
sleep very well last-
night - and the prospect-
look very good for another
poor night's rest. I hope
not - however.

Monday Nov. 28.

I slept so very poorly
last night - that I thought
I must take more exercise
perhaps. So tonight I started
out for a walk and this
afternoon I took a long
one and took out in her
sled with me. We called
at Mrs. Morgenthau's &
Auntie Sophia's. Sons
had a big time there as

she always does. Auntie
gave her a big orange for
saying her prayers for
her. It made us laugh
to hear how fast she could
pray while Auntie was
holding the big ripe orange.

Tuesday Nov. 29.

Tonight - the lady came
from Laramie who is to
care for Mamma while she
to have her coming sickness.
She spent - one day and
night - with us and we
like her very much. I
hope we will get along
nicely and every thing the
all right. Mamma and
some had a long ride with
an Auntie this morning and
it did us very much good
too. We slept - quite a little
better last night.

Wednesday Nov. 30.

This morning I took Loua out for a long ride in her sled. She fell asleep while we were out and slept for a long time. It did her lots and lots of good. She has been very good natured too. Aunt Lda and Bertha were down this afternoon the first time for a long time and Loua was so pleased to see them too.

This afternoon Emma had Loua out for a long ride too. She came in looking so well and refreshed.

Thursday Dec. 1 - 1898.

This morning I took Loua out for a long ride in her cab. I took her down to Aunt Carrie for a

a few moments, I did
not think I should go so
far when I started but
her sled shined easy ^{and}
I kept right on going until
I got to Auntie's door. The
children were very glad to
see one another and they
had a most-delightful
time. Louisa had her first
swing in Helen's new
swing. She thought it
was fine too. Emma took
her out again this afternoon
so she has certainly had
plenty air today -

Friday Dec - 2 - 1898

I took Louisa out in her
sled this morning a little
while but she did not get

any sleep but seemed quite happy while out.

Helen was down to see Louisa a little time this morning and the children as usual had a most lovely time. This afternoon Louisa was out again and came home much refreshed. I found this morning she had cut three new teeth through. She only has one more large molar to cut now.

Saturday - 3 -

Louisa slept very poorly last night. She seemed to have taken cold in some unknown way yesterday but seems quite a little better today. I had her out in her cab this

afternoon and she had a good time too.

Aunt-Ida and Bertha came down this afternoon a few minutes. They tell me Grandma is coming down tomorrow to spend the day. We will enjoy that so much too.

Sunday Dec - 4.

Last night Aunt-Ida came down to stay all night with us and it pleased Loua very much. She seemed to have a lovely time over it all. Early this morning Grandma and Grandpa came down to spend the day with us. It pleased us so much to think they came and we had such a happy time together.

Sona seemed to enjoy his Grandpa more than she ever has before. She played with him quite a little of the time and he seemed so pleased. I almost-dreaded to have them go back home for we were having such a good time. Sona seemed so playful this evening we could scarcely get to bed in time for her. She is certainly a happy baby from morning until night.

Monday - Dec - 5 -

It has not been very pleasant today and Sona having such a cold I thought best to keep her inside. She has been a very good baby not being out all

this day. Little Dorothy was
in a little while this after-
noon and they had a very
big time together - She
slept very much better than
she has for some time
before - Tuesday Dec 6 -

It has snowed most of
this day so I could not
let Soria go out again
today. She has entertained
herself quite well however.

Her Uncle Harman came
in a few minutes and that
made her forget her troubles
for a little time. Her
cold is growing slowly
better I think and I am
very glad for there is quite
a little sickness around
among the little ones -

Wednesday Dec 7.-

Sonia has been a very happy baby today and I think her cold has somewhat better. I took her out - this morning for a short-ride in her sled and she had a good time though it was bitter cold. She did not sleep today so she begged to be put into her little bed early. Her Uncle Fred and Harry were here to dinner and it pleased her very much.

Thursday Dec 8

This morning we were very busy but she helped us do all the work as usual. After

During I had her out-
for a ride on her sled
and she fell asleep and
was very happy all
afternoon. Hattie came
in a little while this
evening and Louisa had
a big dinner -

Friday Dec-9-

Louisa has been quiet all
this day. I had her out-
this morning for a short-
ride in her cab and she
seemed to enjoy it very
much. Fuchs Harmon
had put in her sled this
morning for a short-trip.

Mr. Carr home this
morning saying school
had been closed for
the scarlet-fever, we

are all very much
frightened and cannot
help being because the
trouble seems to be almost
entirely among the younger
children. We can only
hope for the best.

Saturday Dec -10.

This morning Sora has
been very busy helping
me with the books. It
being very cold out - I
have kept her in today.

Her Papa put her to sleep
before he left - this noon
and she rested well.

Sunday Dec 11

Today we all stayed
quietly at home. Sora's
Papa took her out - after

dinner for a long ride
in her cab. She came
home fast-asleep. Her
Grandpa and Yvonne
Fred were in just a
minute to see her. She
was simply delighted.
They were very sorry
that we could not go
home but it seems quite
a good way for us
to ride just now.

Monday Dec 12.

Sonia's cold seems
almost-gone. She came
in from her ride this
afternoon fast-asleep
and much refreshed.
She has been a very
good girl all day.

She has been so cute;

Tuesday Dec-13

It was not very pleasant today and yet Louisa was out this afternoon for a short time. Uncle Fred ^{and} Harry were here to dinner and it pleased Louisa very much. She has been very happy all day. While there are no new cases of scarlet fever yet we are all still frightened to a certain degree, and will be glad when it is all over. Wednesday Dec. 14 -

Aunt Carrie came down with little Helen this morning just for a little while but the children had a big time. They always have a good time if

they are together only for a few minutes. Lorna was out this afternoon and fell asleep as usual and slept well after she came in too.

Thursday Dec 15.

This afternoon Aunt-Beth and Lda were in for a very short-time. They do not get-down very often now and it pleased us very much to see them. Lorna was so delighted that she cried when they left. She loves her Aunt's and Uncle so very much.

Friday Dec 16.

Grandpa was in only for a few moments

this morning. He thinks
Sona is growing sweeter
every day of her life.

He hoped she would not
get the fever he said. It
seems to worry him
quite a little. Sona was
so delighted to see him
that she scarcely knew
what to get to show him
first. She was out in
her cab for some time
this afternoon.

Saturday Dec - 17.

Sona has had a merry
time this morning. She
always helps me take
my bath and how much
she enjoys spreading a
cold damp cloth over
my back and chest

standing our side and
seeing Ann shiver, I
enjoy all her fun nearly
as much as she - This
afternoon she slept so
long that she did not
care to go to bed tonight.
She will be happy
tomorrow to hush her
Papa with her all day.

Sunday Dec-18.

This has been our lovely
Sunday. The weather has
been very lovely and we
have all had such a good
time together that it has
made it doubly pleasant.

Papa had an Easy carriage
come and he took us
all out - for a ride. We
drove over hour and
how we did surprise

The nurse who is to give her
the medicine will be gone
tomorrow.

them all. Lona enjoys
the ride more than I
can tell. She drove the
horse most of the way.

We found Helen and Aunt
Carrie there and we did
have such a good time.

Grandma was not feeling
quite so well as usual
but we only hope for the
best.

Monday Dec-19

It has stormed so hard
today that I could not
let Lona out any, but
Uncles Fred and Harry
were in and it pleased
Lona so much. She
just had a good time.

I made her dollie a
new dress too and she

was very much delighted
with that:-

Tuesday Dec 20-

This has been another
stormy day, and Sona
could not get out again,

We have had to act-
much like children to
keep her happy today.

She has been quite happy
most of the time though
I think. Auntie Sophia
was here a little while
this morning and it pleased
Sona so much. She tried
to tell her about every
thing she had ever heard
of.

Wednesday Dec 21

Today Mama felt unusually
bad. I have felt tired &

and very glad when her
little Emma, Louisa has
been very good all this day.

Emma had her out and
she came in fast-asleep.

Thurs day Dec. 22 -

This has been a great-day
for Louisa as well as for all
of us. for this morning at ten
minutes before eight-o'clock
there was born to her a
little brother. She sat at
my bedside when she first
saw him. She kissed him
twice and put her little
arms around his neck
and said how sweet-he is.

How glad we all are that
she has a little brother we
can never tell. We are also
thankful from the depths

of our hearts - to think
it's all over and every thing
is so well.

Friday Dec. 23

Sond has been so good all
of this day. She seems so
very sensible about it all.

She seems to realize that
I am sick and can't do
for her. She seems to get
along very nicely with Miss
Foster, the lady who cares
for me and the baby.

Her Xmas gifts are
coming in very fast - I
think she will get more
than any of us.

Saturday Dec - 24

This has been a very busy
day all around. I felt quite
well for me and Sond
has been very good all

day too. Aunt Carrie has
been in a little while this
afternoon and she thinks
the baby has grown just
wonderfully. Uncle Fred
was in a little while this
evening and we all exchanged
our Xmas gifts as best we
could. Some thinks her
little brother is quite fine.

She says she would not
even give him back to
Dr Allen.

Sunday Dec 25-

I woke up feeling very
good this morning. Some
for the first time found
her little stockings filled
by old Santa Claus. We
had a lovely time exchanging
gifts. It does seem as

if Souda had every thing
we could imagine, given
her. She has enjoyed
playing with her things
so much. Grandpa called
a short-time today. Her
thought - the baby was so
very nice. It seemed to
please him so much that
it was a boy.

Monday Dec. 26

Today I have not felt so
well. Taken with chills
and it frightened me very
much. They have sent
for my old nurse Mrs.
Soule of Grand Rapids and
I know she will pull me
through. Souda has been
so well and so good all
day.

Tuesday Dec 27

Mrs. Louie Turner and
Sona seems to like her and
take to her almost-as much
as any of us do. She strikes
Sona one of the best-children
she ever saw. Sona does
seem a little lovely at-
times and I shall be so
glad for her sake when I
am well again -

Wednesday Dec 28

I begin to feel some better
today and Sona Elizabeth
has brought-nearly every
thing she owns to the bed
for me to see.

Papa bought-several books
and papers from the shop
today and Sona enjoys
them as much as I do.

The doctor has forbidden
anyone in to see me of
late and that makes it
very quiet. For Louisa, more
so than she enjoys.

Thursday Dec 29

Grandma came down
today to spend the day and
to see the baby for the first
time. She thinks we have
a very dear sweet little
boy, and she kissed him
many, many times.

Louisa for the first time
in all her life went over
to spend the day with her
Grandpa without her Papa
or Mamma. They say she
was a very good little girl
too. Mrs. Louie returned
to the Rapids today.

Friday Dec 30

Some had such a good time at-Grandpa's before that-they took her again today. She said at-Grandpa's that-Mamma was sick ^{and} the little baby sleeps all of the time. Still she is very good most-of the time only lonely.

She came home with red cheeks, well and very happy too. She says she had a most- lovely time.

Saturday Dec 31

Mamma has felt-very bad most of the day. Mrs. Soutle came today and will stay untill Monday night;

She brought- Soda a very nice book to learn her

letters from. She sat up
with Maria and Russel
baly all last-night;

Sunday Jan 1 -

It has been the most-
quiet- ten years day we
have lived through in
many a year. But we have
all tried to make the best-
of it; But Sona enjoyed
having her Papa home
with her all day. She
was very happy and
Maria feels much better.

Monday Jan 2

Sona was quite- happy
today. It being Monday
she rolled up her sleeves
and used her little trip
and board and washed
as fast as she could.

This afternoon Aunt Carrie
came down with Helen
and the two children had
a most-timely time
together. Sona at one time
sat on her dollie chair
and Helen sat on her lap
and over the two went-
together both laughing
as hard as they could.

Mrs. Soule went-back to
Grand Rapids today and
we all dreaded to see her
go. Tuesday Jan 3

Today Uncle Herman
came to see the baby for
the first-time. He thinks
our baby looks very
much as Sona did when
she was his age -

Sona was more than

delighted to have him
come. Soma is not very
willing to give her baby
to any one however. She
always says no you cant-
have him.

Wednesday June 4 -

Soma was delighted beyond
anything I can tell for I
sat-up for the first time
today. She said "Oh Mamma"
"Oh Mamma" when she first
found me up. Kuche
Fred and Henry were both
in this morning and was
so glad to think I was better.
Soma has spent most of
the day entertaining me for
she has been so happy
to think I could notice now

Thursday Jan 5-

Sonia was more delighted
and than yesterday when
she found I had put-on
my cloths and expected
to sit-up all day.

She had to be put-on my
lap and she hugged me and
kissed me many times
before she could be satisfied
I am so delighted to feel
so much better. She took
a long ride out-in the
air and came in fast-
asleep. Aunt-Bertie came
in tonight to bid us
good bye before going to
New York City to visit Uncle
Henry. She found Mamma
feeling much better





