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Dona Elizabeth Voelker

January 1906

Tuesday Jan 27

This has been a cold day but my little girl has endured it very nicely -

You played out side after school so much today - Then this even you had a girl come to stay with you while Mama went down town - that you never had before - You liked her very much. Her name is Mylette Aldrich -

Wednesday Jun 26-

This has been another lonely day. You have had lots of fun outside too- Mama had to get out today and get a little fresh air -

You stayed at home with a little friend so nicely and had a good time too -

Mama took Russell with her - He was a good boy too -

Thursday June 26

You are very happy for you say you have passed in 2 short weeks for this term - I do not think you have had any examinations however - My little girl will feel very different - when she once has a hard examination - I am so glad you are home

Friday Jan 27

Well this has been your last day of this semester and you have been very anxious over it all — You say Monday will be a great new day day and you will be in the second grade kindergarten and are no eight years —

Hope a good time yesterday

Saturday Jan - 28

Mama dressed me
and let me go
down to spend the
day with Helen Jeffers
today - I was very
very happy then and
then this afternoon
Mama went out to
make some calls -

We had a good time
all by us each in his
own way and very
different - for -

Sunday Jan 29

Little brother was
sick quite a little
time in the night
with an earache -
So we did none of
us get up early nor
did we go out any
today - We had a
good time right here
at home - You and
Papa took a walk up
town and had a good
time after dinner

Monday Jan 30

Today you had a good time after school this afternoon playing at the home of one of your little friends - then you came home and helped Mama to go out for a little time and for a little change - It did us all a lot of good and we had a very good time all around -

Tuesday Jan 31 -

This has been a lovely day and you have been our lovely little girl too - You came home from school this afternoon and asked Mama whether I thought Papa would care if you stayed in and helped me about the work instead of going out to play and I told you no and you stayed

Monday Aug 31 —

Mama has been very careless about not keeping up your diary as she should. But I know not as well as I might be I have been obliged to let every thing go that I possibly could. I can remember much that has happened that you would care to remember and then I shall try being best to do better by

of June.

Your school has closed and you and brother have seen the last of your first year at school. Your loved your teacher so much and Mama is so glad of it for she loved you too.

Her name is Miss Patterson and we hope she will often come to see us so that you may never forget her.

You expected to go
right up to visit Grandma
Vickers after school but
you had whooping
cough and could not
go. You did not have
it nearly so hard as
some of the little ones
around here, but Mama
isolated you almost
continually. Then
fourth of July came
you had a big time
in the evening for
Papa was home.
You had lots of fire

uncles and aunts as happy as happy could be. Helen and Mamie and the children came down to see you several times.

You always have a good time together.

Then our Mamie's cousin came to see her from Montana that we had not seen for twelve years.

She has a little girl about your age.

You had a lovely

happy time together.
You and Bobbie
are having a good-
time each and every
day in your lovely
yard and your lovely
porch. You have
lots of little friends
to play with you
every day and never
mind- I'm sure they
to do. You run
all of Mamma's errands
and keep very busy
with everything else.

July — 23 —
Sunday.

This has been a very lonely day. We are at Grand Rapids. Such a nice ride as Uncle Frank and Auntie Sallie did give us.

You were so delighted with the animals you saw down at the Park. We came yesterday afternoon. You enjoyed seeing the fine autos down at the lake very much too.

Monday July 24

Today you were very happy for you were at Canton. Hatchies. You were so happy when playing dolls. Mable had lots of dolls and clothes and you made the most of the time. We came home about six oclock after having a very lovely three days and it did us all lots of good.

Tuesday July 26-

This has been rather a busy day for Mama for me have been quite busy for me and to go to Grandma Voelbers. Friday and to Grandma Cutlers tomorrow. You have anyway being born today too. It has been a good chance for you in every way.

Wednesday July 26

We drove over to Grandpa Cutlers last night- and stayed there all day today.

They did some thrashing there and you and Evelyn were very busy all day.

You have never minded but- once all day. You have enyojed yourself more than a little and were very tired tonight.

Thursday July 27

Mama has been
rushing around all
day today for we have been
getting ready to
go to Grandma Voelker's
them has been lots
to do outside and inside
in every way. Ann
Linda Jane enjoyed
to help Mama so much.

Mama is very much
weary tonight. When
it gets to be bedtime
we will be quite ready.

Friday July 28-

This has been a very hard day for you and Mother for we have been rushing around all day. We took the train for Grandpa Voelkers at noon. We reached Reed City at four o'clock with two very tired babies. It did your Mother A great deal to make the change I came already see - We found everyone very well and lucky

Saturday July 29

It has been such a very lovely day and you and Hester have been so happy with Study. You have been digging all the afternoon down in the field

I think it must have been for chipmunks.

Grand ma and Mamma took a walk down town and felt good after we got back.

Sunday July 30 -

It has been our very lonely Sunday. We did not go out to church but simply stayed home and got thoroughly rested. We had a very happy day together.

Then this afternoon we took a walk over to Grandpa Timmers It is about three miles in all. We had a lovely time walking back after our dinner

Monday July 31

It has been another lovely day at Grandmas. You had such a good time around the house this morning and this afternoon you played away back in the field and ate all the wild black rasberries you could. It did Mama good when she and Grandma came back from town to find you having such a jolly time

Tuesday Aug 1

My little girl had such a happy time today- You and Mother and Stanley played around the house this morning and this afternoon you took a walk up town together. You made several calls on little friends.

You were happy as you could be - I know you will send this home

Wednesday Aug 2 -

It does seem as though you have been gone from us here at Grandma Tolkers ever since you came.

Today you have played mail man the most of the time. It did Mama good to see you so happy. You went after letters this afternoon and it was new fun for you. You will go home a spoiled girl I am afraid.

Thursday Aug 3 -

Ajnn did hnn such a hnppy day yesterday. I think she test since you came here.

Grandma made you a tent in the yard and made you popcorn. You had lunch under it and I think you will never forget it.

Friday Aug 4

My little girl had such a happy time playing near the house this morning and this afternoon a little friend Katie came to play with you. You had a real good time together —

Saturday Aug 5 -
another good-
day you had.
You played
so hard all
the morning. Then
Grandpa Timmie
said we might
have a little
flack house
while he was
here. You had
a nice drive this
afternoon -

Sunday Aug 6

Such a good time we had today. We went to Church this morning and this afternoon Grandpa took us out to the State fish pond. We had a lovely time and felt good after it.

Monday Aug 7

You had a
good time
today too my
little maid. You
were invited to
a little party Saturday
but could not go.
Today you
went up town
with Mama and
had a good
time then -

Tuesday Aug 8

My little girl
drove up town
this morning with
Porter and Stanley
You had a lovely
drive and did
enjoy it so much.
Then this afternoon
Mama and Grandma
went and you
ate anything you
wanted.

Wednesday Aug 9

My little girl was invited to a party last Sunday - So this afternoon you made your party call. It was a little hard for you but you had a very good time

Thursday Aug 10

You and Russell and Uncle Stud- went out for your drive as usual this morning and this afternoon we all sat- under the shade of the trees reading and trying to keep cool.

Friday Aug 11

Today was a very warm day but we all went to the circus just the same.

Grandma went with us. We had just a great time just the same.

Saturday Aug 12

This has been another good-day for you.

You and Stanley and Russell took a drive together this morning and went fishing. You kept us in a great fright for nearly two hours.

Sunday Aug 13

Early this
morning my little
girl was ready
for her last day
of form at Graduation.
You had a
great day and
tomorrow we
start for home
again. You
did feel lost
2 know.

Monday Aug 14

My little girl had a surprise yesterday for Papa came to see us. You were up bright and early to get ready to come home today - 21 - did you not? A good by to Grandma and Mama is glad we went. Papa was at the depot to meet us,

Tuesday Aug 13 -

This has been
our lonely day
for you to play,
You have been
inside the most-
of the time or else
in the barn
I know your
ham had a big
day and are
so very tired
and sleepy tonight

Wednesday Aug 16

You did enjoy
this day very much
as we had this
afternoon at Grandpa
Cutler's. You drew
the horse nicely
all the way
and it made
you very happy
to do so two -
Mama was very
tired when night-
Came -

Sunday Aug 17.

Today my little ones were very happy all day. Dear both liked little presents in their mouth & they were glad. Papa came home rather early and it did us all good to have him - Papa can be with us a little -

Friday Aug 18

You and brother were very happy today too. Mama had company and I was proud I did good way you were to Mama.

I loved your for it more than I can say. You took a good bath tonight and went to bed rested.

Saturday Aug 19

You and Rochie
had a lovely
happy day together.
You got up early
found it raining
so spent most of
the day out in
the barn. You
have quite a nice
play house made
of it. and are
very happy there.

Mama loves you
so happy -

Sunday Aug 20

This morning we all went out to church. At did us all good then this afternoon we sat quietly together. We had a lovely day and the weather was fine too. Then this evening we were early to bed.

Monday Aug 21

Mama had quite
a little to do
today and you
must a real little
help her —
You will have
a good-day tomorrow
to pay for it all.
You will have
company all day.
Do all work
forward to it —

Tuesday Aug 22

Today you had a good time for you had a little boy friend. Some Putney of Moultonboro with you all of this day. You had such a good time and Mamma was glad to-

Wednesday day 23

It was a little hard for you to get along with out your Company yesterday but- till you did.

Mama & me you lots & lots and so we managed in lots & ways.

You owe Mama's kiss to-

Thursday Aug 24

You and Mother spent the day at Helena's. Mama was so lonely without you that she had Maxine come out and eat dinner with us. Mama could not get along with out you any more

Friday Aug 25-

It was not very pleasant outside but you little ones played out- all day. You had a good time too. You had company all day.

Mama spent most of the morning helping Li put up a tent for you. It gave you fun-

Saturday Aug 26

Today you were all so much interested in your work and play that you did not- care to stop long enough to go on errands for Mama

It was all right- Mama is glad you love your home and she hopes you always will

Sunday Aug 27

Mama was not at all well this morning, but- finally, I had the strength enough to get to Lampa Cultura to spend the day. We had a most lovely time We came home rather early but- were very tired -

Monday Aug 28

You may be
happy all day
today. You and
brother had a
good time making
what you called
cement-cakes.

It was quite fun
to see you and
see how you did
the work-

Tuesday. Aug 29

Today you were indeed happy for you went to the fair with your little friends. Your

Your, papa home with no appetite but lots to tell Mama. I was glad to listen to my little girl. —

Wednesday Aug 30

Thursday Aug 31

Friday Sept 1

My little girl has been a real help to her Mamma again today. You have indeed done much to save me steps.

You have had lots of fun too & your own kind.

Then this evening you are dressing Mamma up & curling your

Saturday Sept 2

This has been a busy day for Mama as Papa does not get home until late it always has lots to do. We get along very nicely however and are all ready for Sunday to come -

Sunday Sept 3

Papa had to go
out into the
country to do
some work for
a sick man. He
took us all along.
We drove over to
see Grandma Cutler
at the same time.
We had a lovely
drive and are glad
we went.

Monday Sept 4

Mama went to school this morning. You seemed very glad to begin your work. I think we will like your new teacher Miss McBain very much.

She seems very nice indeed —

Tuesday Sept 5-

You seem to think you study simply fine.

Mamma is so glad you like her so much.

Mamma hopes you always may love her so much-

Wednesday Sept. 6

This afternoon you had lots of little friends come. You were very much delighted with the treat you had. You also had a belly ache last night. Last night — That was fun —

Thursday Sept. 7

This afternoon after you were in school Mamma had an errand up town. Mamma left you home alone. You took good care of everything. You are getting to be such a little lady.

Friday Sept 8

Another week of school over - You first week. They have had you ship a grade so you have a little more to do.

It does not seem as that last - hard for you and you are getting along nicely.

Saturday Sep. 9

You have been happy all day knowing you are going on such a lovely drive tomorrow. Mama has kept you at your work and you have been good about doing it. Luv -

Sunday Sept-10

Early this
morning Papa took
us to Woodland
to visit our friends
up there - We
had a lovely climb
up and a happy
day after we
got there - We
saw two babies
Aunt - Bertha's and
Lidia Schmucker -

Monday Sept 11

We all had a happy time today with Aunt Bertha Voelker. We took dinner and supper with her and then drove down town after that. We did enjoy the moonlight drive so much and it did us good.

Tuesday Sept-12

It was a little hard for you to get back to work today for you have been out for a day. You said your teacher said nothing about it and you went right along with your work—

Wednesday Sept 1-13

It was rather cold today but you seemed to keep warm very nicely and said nothing about feeling the least bit cold. This afternoon you went down to Papa to cut your hair -

Thursday Sept 1-14

It has been rather cold today and my little folks have had to do some running to keep warm.

Mamma was glad you found some little friends today who enjoyed walking a little after school.

Saturday. Sept 16

You were rather disappointed today because you had a circus all ready and the little ones could not come because it rained. It was too bad but you made the best of it.

~~Saturday~~ Sept 1-16

This has been the last day of another week of school. You have had such a happy and busy day. You have been getting ready for a circus. You expect to have tomorrow. Such a delightful time as you will have.

Sunday Sept 17

We had a happy day again today - Mama and Papa took a drive & call on a sick man and Grandpa. We had a very good time and you wanted to go to Sunday School. So you did.

Monday Sept 1-18

My little girl
was happy in
school this morn
but it began to
rain and Mama
had Papa go up
to meet you and
brother - Then this
evening you and
Dad had a big
time together -

Nov -15- -1913-

Mama has not
been able to keep
your diary regularly
of late but she has
not been atall well.
Mama has had a
terrible time with
her jaw bone. All
caused from having
a tooth in her
mouth under her
crown for long-
It finally went-
up into the bone and

had to be taken
out. It was very
painful and Mama
was all packed to
go to Ann Arbor
to have an operation.
The doctor finally
felt how he could
do the work so
Mama let him —

I feel quite better
as I write. It was
the most terrible
trial I ever lived
through. I think I

I leaving you and
Russell was reluc-
tantly the worst,
So far we have
not been separated.
Mama hopes she
may do for you for you
both until you are
helpless no longer.
This is my
dear little girls
birthday. After you
were dressed this
morning we all gave

you your usual
spanking. It did
feel a little stingy
but then the good
things came after,
Papa gave you a
sterling silver desert
spoon and so did
Mama- Russell
gave you the book,
"Beautiful Joe" and
you will enjoy
hearing Mama read

after supper
before bed time
I know. You
brought your lunch
down to dinner
which made you
and brother both
very happy.

Then after a nice
happy day you
went to bed. Wanna
hoping you would
grow even better
every day this year,

Friday Nov-24

This has been another very lovely day. The weather all of this month has simply been lovely-

You bought your leather home with you to dinner this noon. It made you happy as you love her. We all gathered myrtle this afternoon at the cemetery- It was fun-

Saturday Nov. 25-

This has been another lovely day and you have had lots of fun. Early this morning Helen phoned to you to come down town and have a walk over to the farm with her. You both went. You came back Sunday morning and such a good time as you did have.

Sunday Nov. 26.

Guido fa brought-
home one very tired
little girl this
morning. I was
surprised that you
could hold up your
head at all.

You did manage
to go to Sunday School
but that was all
you tried to do
the rest of the day.

Mama was glad
to have your broke-

Monday Nov. 27.

You were very
busy people today.
You came home
about as tired as
any one could be,
then you were
much excited over
the thing you
were to have in
school tomorrow
night. It kept
you very busy getting
ready.

Tuesday Nov. 28

Such a busy girl as you were today - You came home so often after this and that - for the school bought - Mamma hopes every thing will move along nicely too. I think it will -

Wednesday Nov. 29

You did so well last night. You spoke your piece so well that Mama was much pleased with every thing you did.

Then today you have been very busy helping to get things all cleaned up and to get ready for tomorrow.

Thursday Nov. 30

We had a very
lovely day today.
We went to church
this morning and
heard Dr Coyahull
preach. He did very
well, and we were
glad that we
went. Then after
dinner we went
to the farm —
We had a lovely
day and I am
sure they did for-

Friday Dec 1 –

It has been a
lovely day, but
we were all so
tired we could
hardly live –

We had a good
day Thursday
but it left us
a little tired –

Then today we
all stayed at home
except Bryan went
up to spend the day
at Ethels –

Saturday Dec 2-

It has been a
lovely day. Some
snow fell last-
night- and it
did us all good
for it. Did mind
us B what- we
could look round
(to. We are glad
however that-
winter has come
You had lots- B
fun coasting today
You will have fun
this winter-

Sunday Dec 24

This is a grand day for you and Rollin. In fact this whole day and week has been. You have planned so many things and have so many secrets to keep.

You are almost tired out with

secrets but-
tomorrow it will
all be over and
you can have
such a good time.
Papa was home
with us this
Xmas eve. The
first in seven
years and we
have enjoyed
it so much.
Hope had such
a lovely day.

Monday Dec 25-

My little Son
was a happy
little girl this
morning. Jane
came down to
your tree and
stockins so happy
and full of joy,
to look your
all the morning
to play and look

over the number
of lovely things
we given you
Then after dinner
we drove over to
Grandpas and
finished a most
happy X-mas there.
You were very
tired after a few
moments of play
at home.
Then this every
Papa and Mama

with us and
we could hardly
get to bed.

You and Bertha
are both very
much broken out
with chickenpox.
You are having
them good and
hard and will
soon be over them
Sir. Now my

dear little girl
you are beginning
to write so well
dear - Mama
thinks she will
let you keep
your own diary -
This has been
such a pleasure
for Mama but
now she is glad
her little girl
can keep it. Su

herself. When
you can older
grown you
will no doubt
be glad you have
done so.

Tonight I wanna
will have this
one to you.

You are doing
so nicely in
school too. This
will help you lots.

January. 17-

Mama has kept my diary but now I am going to kep my own diary. I have ben sick this morning but I went to schol this noon. Papa give me fifty cents for takeing oil to please him. Mama says that I was a good gurl to-day.

Janury. 18

To-day papa give me five cents to by a taflet with and it was a nice one. I came home from school intime to open the door for some callers while mama was dressing. I am feeling better then I did. Mama says that I have been a good girl to day. Now I will stop for to Nigt

January 19

To-day I did not feel so good as I did yesterday. I went up to Veras and we played and played and played all the time. Mama said we were good children. Lona.

Janury 20

All this morning
I read stories. In
the afternoon
Ethel came to see
us, and she stayed
to supper. I went
down town with
Vera and her mother
and we fought some
popcorn and candy.
Uncle Fred and
aunt Ford and
they slayed all
evening of that night.

Janury 21

To-day Russell and [redacted] I went to sunday school and ran just as fast as it come down. In the afternoon Mama and Papa went to shursh and [redacted] Myrtle kame to stay with us. we are very dired so I will say good Night to all.

January 22

To-day I felt
better then I have
for a long time.
To-day we wrote
Miss Mac Bain
to dinner and
we had some fun
I tall who ever reads
this book. Manna
says we have been
good girl to day.

January 23

This day there
was a party
and Mama went.
Vera and I stayed
home alone.
We had supper
and Vera stayed
to supper, we had
a good time. And
I am very tired
so good night I
am going to bed.

January 4

To-day I washed and wiped the dishes for Mama and I was a good girl. We went down to Grandpa's new house and it was so pritty. Vera came to see me for a while and that was nice to.

January 23

To-day Russell went over to Grandpaps and stayed a long time but now he is home again and is all right. This night we went to bed just like always and had a good sleep.

January. 2d

To-day Auntie Fuller kame to see us and we had a good time. In the afternoon Helen an Vera kame to and we played and played and played and played.

January. 27

To-day I went to a party and we had candy and cake and coco and wafers and everthing was so nice. When I got home uncle Fred came ~~down~~ and that was nice.

Sun. January 28

To-day Russell and
I went to sunday schoo
and in the afternoon
Papa went away
and Mama and
I stayed home
along. And in the
night the hole
family went to
church and it
was nice.

January. 29

To-day I pasted in the Record and I have pretty hard worke to do now but I get along pretty good. And went to Stetown and I am pretty dured ~~and I am pretty~~ so Good night to all.

January. 30

To-day I went to school just like ever and it went all right. excepting Donale Converse was in the room when the teacher was out of the room. And he spoke and he acted just horid. Well I think I'll Dam going to play blinch.

Jefruary 31.

We all went to a show and it was nice I tell you. There was a little baby girl in the show and she was so cute. And there was a little ~~boy~~ girl in it to and he was cute. Good night I am going to bed.

February. 29. -1-

To-day I went to school just like ever and it was not very hard. we played in the snow and had a fine time. I think I am titered and I think that I will go to bed early.

Frid. February — 2 —

Just like new
I went to school
to day and had
a good time
did you. I went
down to Verras
and had a good
time. I am going
to a show to
morow If I am
a good girl. I
think it will be nice.

February 3rd.

To-day I went to a show and it was funny. There was a clown and he was funny funny funny I tell you,

February 4th

To-day Mrs. Long was down and stayed all day. We had some candy. It was so very very nice. that is all

February 3th

To-day I practis
lik a good girl.
My teacher has
down to dinner
today and it was
so nice to have
them come
down here.

February 6th.

To-day I practic
like a good
girl today.
I went to sket
on the quick
and stayed
a long time
But I had a
good good

February 7th.

To-night I think
I will rite a little
verse so I will
began. One I love.
Two I love. Three
I love mamma
very well Now
dont you think that
is nice.

February 8th

To-day I practice the same as ever. I was a good girl all day too. And went to school. I will say good night.

Iowa
February 9th

Well I have something to say to night. well I think for the first thing I will say that Grandpa and Grandma are down there to night.

February 10th

well Grampa and
Granma stayed
all night and
everything
went well.
And I am so
good and tired
that I dont no
what to say so
& will say good night

February sup. 1st. th.

This day is Sunday
and it is the best
day of all we
now dont you.
To-day I went
up to Ethels
and stayed all
day you now,

February. 12 th.

Well to day
is are a
school day
and dont like
it very well
do you? well
I think that
I will say
good by.

February 13. th.

Well to day

I went to school.

Just like every.

And when I came

home I practiced

like a good girl.

Clarence Yoke

February 14th.

well to day is
April ful day
and we had
some fun &
tell you. I
got a valin
from Thom and
Russell and one
from Helen.

February 13. th

To day I went
to school
Just like
I did and
it was
nice.

February - Sunday 16 -

Tonight I read-
down and played
with Dan for a
little while - Russell
went down to
Grads and we
both came in
about - Supper
time. We were
very glad to be
together -

Sat. February 17

This afternoon I went up home with Mamma. Grandma did not feel very well. She seems very happy home with us however.

Mamma had her hands full with me tonight for I was sick -

Sunday Feb. 18

Russell and I went to church today - Papa took Grandma out for a lovely ride in her chair - She had some lovely hymns. We were so glad to have them all here - We all went to bed early -

Monday Feb-19-

It has been a lovely day and I went up town and had a lovely time. This evening Papa came home early and we were happy-

We have been so happy since Lindsay and Frank have been here

Tuesday Feb 20

It rained all
day today and
I could not go
out. Russell
went down
town this
afternoon and
Mama and Gudma
stayed in.

This evening we
were all together,

Wed - Feb. 21 -

Well today mama went to a party. And I got supper for him. And then mama came home we all went down to Grampas and Gramma new home. And then in the evening we went out to ant Rosies for a while.

Thurs. Feb. 22

To day was George
Washing forthday.
And then we have
some fun & tell you.
Well today we had
up to school we
had some candy
and it was good.
And papa we home
for the afternoon
and that was nice

Friday Feb 23

To day I went down
town to have Papa
cut my hair and he
was fussy but he cut
my hair, well to
day is the last day
of school for a week.
Now I can have a
long time to play
and help mama now
well good night

Sat. Feb. 24

Well to day I went up to Ethel's house. As you now she is my very best best best friend that I now of anywhere. To day it was thundering and lighting hard. And just think how good Ethels was to bring me home.

Sunday Feb 23-

Well to day we go to sunschool again and I tell you that is nice thing to do. Dont you think so? The day it is snowing very hard. Yesterday Papa was home just like ever. Als yours Papa is I hope.

Mon. Feb 26

To day I went down to granpas new house. To day he is puting up the curtains and they are so pretty. Well it is is pretty near our bedtime. So I will go and play Euchre for a little time.

Tuesday Feb. 27

To day I went down
to granpas house
to see new it did
look and it looked
pretty good. And I rid
and I went up to
Mr Cornells to see
him. We good
night to all

Wed. Feb. 28

Today I went up to Grandmas to eat my first supper. And I tell you it was nice & tell you. In the afternoon Aunt Ford brote me down home again. Well I will will ~~you~~ good night.

March 1.

To day went to the rapids for a while. She had a good time.

I went down to Grandmas for the first time to dinner. Good night.

March 2.
well to day
it was kute
raining day.
Mama went
down to Grandmas
for a while. And
she had a good
time. well good
nigh to all.

March 3.

Today I went down to Grandpas to stay all night. I was the first time. And Helen went to to stay with me. For I did not want to stay all alone.

March the 4.

well to day is our
good sunday again
dont you like that
To day we went
down to Grandpas
for a while. Then
we came home
and went to bed.
and of course we
went to sunschool

March the 5.

To day I went
down to Grandmas
while her mamma
went down town.
We played and
played. Well
it is get my fed
time so good night.

March the 6.
well today
I went up town
for mamma.
Send Seane
home and got
supper for
papa. well
good night

March the 1.

To day I was a good girl. In the morning I am going get up and practice and be a good girl. Good night to Ella Jane

March the 8.

To day I was a good girl and practice like a good girl. Will good night I will go to bed and have a good sleep - good night.

March the 9.

Today it is just like spring day. and the girls can. Jump Rope Just like nothing That is what I have been doing all day. Are you going to bed now. I think I will.

March the 10.

To day I helped mamma
and a good girl.
Half of time you
no. Well to day I
wut down town.
and prote home
candy. And it was
good. Are you a
good girl. Will I
well go to bed.
good night. Iona.

March the 11.

well to day Wolves
went to sunday shool.
And the boys were
just awful and
the teacher sode
not lesson to
her. I went to
Jenny with Vera.
Well good night.

March the 12.
well to day mamma
is going to show.
And my ~~good~~
Aunt Lud is going
came down and
stay with us. And
we are so we will be
good & tell you. Ad
you going to bed
now. I am so good
night I am going.

March the 14.
well to day I went up
to Grandmas and
stayed all night.
And the next Morning
I came home
again. And so to
night I am so
tired to night.
So good night to
all good night.

March the 15.

To day I had my leg quite bad. And is not very well now. I did not practice very good to day. Russell was not very good to day. But he is quite good now. We are going to read now. Good night.

March the 16.

To day I helped mama all I could. Well Papa went to Elk Lodge. We sat down to Grandmas for a while Russell is geting more and more like a boy ever day.

March the 17.

Well to day Helen came down to stay all day. Annie flew puffles for a while. And then we played dolls for a while. and then she went home befor dark. well I think she had a good time

March the 18

To day the Joonie children came down to stay all day. And we had some fun. When they went home we washed the dishes. And then we went to bed.

March the 19.
Well to day I am
going to bea just
like ver again.
Well to day the
snow was deep.
And we played in
it and we had
lots of fun. Well
now I am
going to bed.

March the 20.

To day I went
to school. The
snow is ver deep
and we had fun
I tell you. Well
it is getting sup-
per time. So I will
say good by.

March the 21.
Well today there
was a hard blizard
and I was in school
and it got darked
and darker. Then we
could not read nor
spell not a word.
and it got all white out
doors. We had bad
time. It is all right
now.

March the 22.

Well today I went down to Vera's and stayed there awhile Mamma went down to grandmas. Well today it has been quite nice all day. Only it was quite cold.

Well today I practice good girl. And help mamma. good night. to all.

March the 23.

Today I went up town with mamma and Russell. To get some new shoes for Russell. I went to school of corse. Well I have been prtty good all day. To day I played in the snow all day. At night I washed the dishes for mamma. I think that I am tired. So good night.

March the 24.

well today I went down town. For mama and was quite tired at night. And helped Mamma gete a little. But have been quite good all day. But sometimes a little notty. Well to day the snow has been deep again. and the sun was not bright

March the 25.

well to day is our good sunday again. and we went to sunschool. again. and mamma had people here all day. and I washed and dryed the dishes for well I am geting. ver tired so ver ver tired. are you? It has ben raining all day to. and I am tired.

March the 26.

Well it has been raining ver hard and ver hard. & thought of this little pic Here it is. Rain rain go away come again another day. Andrel playes shod some of the time and the outher time help mamma. ell & could. Russell has been a wschild all day. well & am geting tired good night.

March the 27.

well today mama went down to grandmas and I went down to Anna's house. and played. We had a nice time. To day it was not raining and it was quite nice. all day. Russell is getting a mischevious and more. I am getting tired and so good night.

March the 28.

well today grandmas and
Grandpa and uncle Stern
and aunt Bird all kame
down to spend the afternoon
and dinner. Then and in
a little while I went down to
see if Vera could come
down and she could. And
we had some fun. and the
Morris kame down to
play with Russell. and they
had some fun to

March the 29.
well to day Ethel came
down to stay all day
and she made some
dolls cloths for my
dolls. And so she said
for us all to call Russell
and me all to come up
there some day. and so
we did. She read us a
story a boute a brave little
boy. That saved a good
many thing. good night.

March the 30.

Well today I went up to Ethels house. And she read me a story about a brave little boy. It was like this. One day some little boys wanna went away. And the house sate on fire And the little boy was sent over to Mrs Jones, and was the littlest one. And he sat there 15 minutes And was not worried at all.

March the 31.

well to day it is saturday again. and I helped mama all I could. And then I went down to church and took Russell and Maxine all along with me. And we practic singing for easter. and I got some bread and fruitcakes for mama. I got them for her

April the 1.

well to day is our good sunday again. And Russell and I went to sunday school. And the boys were not very nice there. well to day we fraght our books home again. And to day I went walking with Vora. and we walked tell we thout we was walked our. To day we all went down to Grandmas and stayed quite a while.

April the 2.

well to day is the first day of school since our vacation day. And I have ben working hard all day in schol. And I am very tired now. And to a new a new girl came into our schol. Today it was just like spring. We thout it was spring well I am getting very tired so good night. Good night

April the 3.

well to day we had a party at our house and we had some little corn But it was carker jack. And this was something How it looked and it was all paper And papa had it in a basket They was all in a basket and it looked just lovely. We had a lovely.

April the 4.

Well here is a little piece. That Russell is going to spek on easter. No. 1. Risen is our blessed Lord as he promised in his word. Here is another that they all peake to. The Lord is risen indeed. How do you lide them pices. I. think they are pretty nice Dont you. I do.

April the 5.

well to day was a little girls birthday this day. And she was 9 yars old. and we played games when we had woorks do. But it was Helens birthday so we did do it.

well to day I went to school now now. Dont you that Russ goes to school So he went just like ever well I am geting tired. Are you so good night sweet dreams.

april the 6.

well to day I got supper for papa. While mamma was down town and out calling. With the Mrs Cuyler. and I have been jumping rope all day and have the stomach ach for quite a little while. Russell got a new pencil and a pencilbox. That he was quite proud of it. I tell you Well it is geting quite late. Good night.

april the 1.
well to day. Ethel came down for a while. And she made my doll a widow to a widow. And we played her husband was dead. and Russell went down to the church to practice and he went down with grandpa. and he had a good time. And he was quite good. all days to days

April the 8.

Well to day is our good Sundays again has you no. And it was raining just like ever. But Russell and I went to sunday school though it was raining just like ever. and we liked it very much. After we ate to church at night and Russell fell to sleep and he thought he was on his own bed. so he put his feet on my dress.

April the 9th.

well to day I went to school again as you know well you know that it is most easter. And I am think that I will have to clor some eggs again.

Easter is a nice time dont you think so. well papa is coming home now and we must go to feed no. Must not you go to fed now. I must so good night. Go to bed ever one. Yours ever with love.

April the 10.

well to day I went out doors to play for a while And in a little while. Papa came out to calls us in to supper. And we went out to supper. and we went into supper and I practiced quite a while. And I could not go and play for a while. well I think it is my bed time. Is not it your bed well good night

April the 11th.

well to day we hunted us a story but we could not find a story. And we read some stories and they were nice and we went down to Grandpas and Grandmas to stay all night. And I slept just lovely. While mamma and papa went to a entertainment and they had a good time.

April the 12

well to day we played out after dark. with our cart fur it was a lonely journey - Then Mama called us in and read to us before we went to bed - Papa expects to found my diary kept - so we will try

April the 17.

well to day I went down to town for mamma. and Vera came down to spend the afternoon. and we played with my cart for a while and we had a nice time and mamma called Russell and I into supper and it tasted good I tell you right now.

April Sat. 14th.
well to day I washed
mamma's dishes
and the in the afte
noon Russell and I
went down to the to
practice for good Fri
day time. And it
turned out good
tell you. and I came
home and went to bed
I was very tired that
night.

April Sun 15.
well to day is our good
good Easter day when
Christ is risen from
the dead. And we are all
glad and we. Will we
went to sundayschool
and Pony that day
well the rabbit layed
Russell some eggs. But
I now about it you
now so he did not lay
me some eggs.

April mon. 16.
well to day is monday
and I went to school
like I do allways
do. well to day I
have not have done
up differentthan
I allways. well I
am getting wel
and can I go to
bed now. I wish I
could tomorrow

April the Tues. 17th.

Well to day I played in my cart all afternoon and Vera was down to play with me. And Russell could play too if he wanted to. But he did not— and it was warm all day too and we went down to Grandmas for dinner. For our frow was out with something I can't eat but

April the 18 th.
The sun was shining
brightly all day to.
Will have been quite
good all day. And
mamma was quite
well all day to. And
I had a good time
all day. Russell is getting
more like him ever
day. Will mamma
says that I must go to
bed

April the 19th.
Well to day I went to
Grandrapids for to stay
all day. Well we went
into a store. And papa
took us in to see some
pictures and then we
each had some candy.
And then we went down to
a store to get mamma
some shoes and Jesse
some shoes. And me
some shoes. And we rode
on the streetcar.

April the 20th.

Well to day we went to school again and we were glad to tell you that day for I just came from the grandkids city But I went to school. and the teacher was glad to see me back again. and I told her about all the good times we had in the

April the 21 th.

Well to day I washed dishes for mamma and in the after noon I went down to Florences and played with her till mamma came home again. and her mamma was down town when I got there and we had a good time. I stayed a long time down there.

April the 22th.
well to day is our
good sunday again
and Russell and I
went down to sunday
school. And it was a
good old letter for Ethel
was teacher to day
and after school
just love her as much
as I can. well to
day is a windy
and cold day and
is not very nice

April the 29 th.
I went to school as
you now today and
my mother did not wash
to day. well to day is
nice day quite a nice day
Russell and I have been
quite good all day.
Have not you been
quite good all day.
well to day I have not been
so I am quite tired so
good night.

April the 24 th.
well to day I went
to school just like
ever. And had to
work like ever. My
teacher is married
and she does not want
teach school any
more. and she is
not going to teach
much longer. We
brought rice at her

April the 25 th.

well to day is a part of a piece we are learning up to school Under a spreading chestnut tree the village smith stands. The smith a mighty man is he with large and sinewy hands: And the muscles of his brawny arms are strong as iron bands.

April the 26th.
Here is another part
of the pice. His hair
is curl and black and
long. His face is like
the sun. His brow is
wet with honest swet.
He earns what he can
and looks the whole world
in the face for he owes
not any man. Will
must say good night
for I am sick tired.

April the 27th.
I was another pice
still. We walked out
from noon till night
You can hear the fellows
plow. You can hear him
swing his gaud steedge
with wagered feet and
stop like a sexton rings
the village bell. When
the evening sun is low
It is quite a nice day out
to day.

April the 28 th
I am going to begin
right off. And children
coming home from
school look in at the
open door. They love to
see the flaming forge
And hear the fellows roar.
And watch the burning
sparks that fly like daf
from a threshing floor
Good night.

April the 9th. Sun.
He goes on Sunday to the
church. And sits among
his boys. He hears the por
prays and preach. He hea
his daughter voice.
Singing in the village
choir and it makes his
heart rejoice to hear
to hear his daughter voice
singing in parable. He
read must think of the

April the 30th.
once more. I saw in
the grave she lays.
and with a hand weigh
hand he wipes a tear
from out his eyes.
We O did not have
time say any
thing at the first
and am very sorrie
for it. will have
to go to bed. And so
Good night.

May the 1.

Well to day is may day as the boys call it. Well to & have fun quite a good girl all day and I am having a good time these days. and it was may day. And it rains and spoilted it all But we were very sorry

May the 2.

To day Vera came down to spend the afternoon. And we played we were ladays. And we had on long skarts. and we took some dolls for our babys. And then would go and see Vera and Vera would come and see me. And then Vera's little sister came to get Vera

May the 3.

Well to day it has been quite raining all day and two girls came to see if I could go flowering But mamma thought best not for me to go. And so I did not go. Well to day I have been quite good. Well it is getting my bed time And so good night.

May the 4.

To day I went down
town for mamma
and she bought that
was nice. And to day
up to my school
then was a shool and
it was nice. Well to day
then was a good lot of
fun in our school & tell
you right now.

May the 5 th.
Well to day we went
flowering mamma
and Russell and all
went flowering and stayed
all day. And we took our
dinner and sited down on
a stone to eat it. And I saw four
snakes and that was not
nice I tell you. Well we
got so many flowrs and
had good good time. I like to
go flowering.

May the 6th.

To day Russell and I went to sunday school And a good many were out with the measles and I hoped will not have them this time. And we all had to take a faith at papas Hope for our own faith cup was getting fixed that is why. I like to day is sunday and I like good hope for to day.

May the 7th.

Well to day I got a new toilet and Russell and Vesta got a new toilet and I got a new toilet and we are going to see which can keep it the longest and I now I can and the rest now they can and I do not now which will. And so good night

May the 8th.
well to day it rained
hill I thought it would
never stop. but it did.
There was only a few
children in my
school some were
sick very sick. I
started school with
Russell and Marian
but it was fun too.
Lil Russell has been
quite a good boy to day
You now for a boy.

May the 9th.
Well to day I saw
a good many kinds
of birds. I saw some
with red and black
and white on too. I
thought I would go.
Well I think I
have been quite
a good girl to day
Mama said so.

May the Lord
well I went up to Mrs
and stayed till dark
and I went up to
grandpas and stayed
quite a while. It has
been quite nice
today I think.
I felt quite good to
day. I guess the sun
shine made it all
more. God may be

May the 11th.
To day mamma went
out in the country
and I got supper for
papa. That night
and a girl and
Russell came to play
hide and seek. And
it might it rained
and rained. And
it was not a very
nice night to tell
you right now

May the 12 the.
To day I help Mamma
for a while and then
we all went down to
grandmamma and
stayed to dinner
that day. And we
found flowers and had
a good time. And I
did not feel very
good that day nor the
Good night to all.

May the 13th.

Well to day is sunday and you think I went to sunday school But I was sick and could not go to sunday school. But I had a good time a reading. And I am going to take books at the library and they have nice books too.

May the 14.

I must say that old thing again about the rain, here it is again rain go away come again another day.

May the 15.

To day it rained hard all day. Russells teacher and my teacher came home to dinner with us to day and I forgot my slate and had to go and weather. To day I was a good girl and good night to all

May the 16.

Today mamma went to school with Ruzell and P. Mamma has company for dinner and she had strawberry shortcake for dinner the first we had this year and it was good too. Well good night to all

May the 17

Russell is sick to day.
But I went to school
just like ever you
was. To night I went
over to Maxines
house and we all went
down town and
got some ice cream
soda and it was
cold to. Tell you.

May the 18.
I went to schol in
the morning and
the teacher sent
me home because
Russell had the
measles and I
might gave it to
the other children.
and I came home and
played alone in
mud pies and painted
with my paints.

May the 19

Well to day papa did not come home all day and mamma and I were here all alone for Russell was sick and could not get out of bed. I went over to Mark's house to stay for supper and we played game

May the 22.

To day Helen and I went up in the woods to get flowers and we got some too. And I went down to grandpapas in the after noon. Helen went with uncle Henry fishing yesterday without me.

May the 21.
To day I went down to
grandmamas in
a horse and buggy
and I walked home with
uncle Henry to the
creamery. and then
I walked home alone
for grandmamma
and grandpa were
in the buggy with
Aunt Ida.

May the 27.

Uncle today I played in the mud pies till mamma called us in to dinner a while.

Maxine come to play with me to. and Russell is getting over the measles very well. Good night.

May the 23.
To day I played with
my cart till
mamma called
me & think this
is the time of the
year when the days
begin mad. And
I meet a little
boy who had to kill
a dog to day and
they put a mad

May the 14.

Well to day the town is just full of Ipes and they are stealing to. They had a very big moon key with them. & do not like to think of that any more so I will not speak of that any more. So I will night & am going to bed.

Nov-14-1906

Mama has neglected you dirty scoundrel, I am busy all the time and it seems to me I cannot get to this part-my family- You are so busy too. You would take music of the Sister Borgia- and with you German

and ended Your
Cousin - always Ley
Your claim although
I mean to have you
help -
You did have a
most happy time,
You sent me mail
with Your Aunt -
Bertha at Woodland
and another at Sarah
Rowlanders and Wordens
Who has since died.

Then Papa drove
into the County
Seat as he was
running for an office
and Jane afternoon
with him.

You were in a
good healthy condition
when you started
for school this fall,
You are doing
very good work
in all your branches,

Mama is very proud
of her good little girl.
I hope you will
always be so good.
Tomorrow you have
a birth day and we
hope to have a big time.
Your little brother is
more delighted about
it- than you could
possibly be- He
can simply hardly
wait.-

Thurs - Nov. 13 -

Early this morning my little girl Gol- ndi her bath robe - and came into Mamma's room. You feared very much that Mamma and all the rest would spank her but found the number 2 gems 2 or you put on your duckert robe - They will did spank Except

Mama also sigfy
gave a good big kiss.
It seemed more like
Xmas than any thing
I saw. You Cahn us
the cutest pucs and
all your lovely gifts
seemed good. Papa gave
you a whole fun. Mama
a stocking from. Randl
a book and puzzle and
you had two handkerchs
and two ornaments besides

Fri Eve Sat- 16-17

These two days were much alike. Jno went Sat afternoon at a party at Vera's and the rest of the time inside. The weather was not pleasant enough to do much any where else. Jno did very nicely in his music today.

Sunday - - 18 -

The weather was not nice today - My girl went to church however and had a good time - We had company this day and your mama & Lady every minute - Then Mama read you lovely stories after they left - -

1-4-20-

Wed. Tues -

These two days have not been pleasant. You could hardly get to school it has been raining so hard, Russells has been home sick. You came home & then as soon as you could each day.

Wed - Nov. 21 -

This has been another
very mild day -
After school tonight
Papa went to meet -
Jim's music teacher -
He likes the lessons
very much and likes
Jim's work under
her direction - Jim and
Katherine Elocution
This hour -

Nov. 23 - 24 -

Your last day in school ended a very welcome day. As you have not felt very well. Then this morning you got up feeling very badly. This afternoon you and Russell took a walk up town for the exercise mostly -

Nov. 25 - 26 -

My little girl went to Sunday School this morning. But you did not miss it so very much. Then we had duck dinner. This pleased you more than I can say. Monday morning you woke not feeling as well as usual. You have been on the couch most of the day. Mama hopes to better things tomorrow -

Nov. 27 - 28

Thank two days very much, alike for my little girl. You spent most of them on the couch. Then Wed afternoon Mama took you to the sisters for your music lesson. You did not have as good a one as usual for not being well. —

Nov. 29 -

This has been a lovely Thanksgiving day for my little Soul. You were not very well, but did not have to be confined only on the couch. We had tea at the dining table and a fine time we had. We sat down at two promptly and were left until half after four - Then in the Evening Mamma and Aunt Beany went to church,

Friday 30-1-

Thus two days
was much alike
for you and
Russell. You have
made as much
of them as you
could not feeling
any better than you
have. You are
feeling a little better
every day however.
Mama is only
glad you feel so well,

Dec - 2 -

You enjoyed this day very much. We all went to St. Louis, then after that we took our dinner at the Wayside Inn. Then we went with Papa to the Elk Lodge to attend the meetings there. Mama was glad you sent it. We all spent a quiet happy evening at home.

Dec - 3 - 4 - 5 -

My little girl has had a few more days than usual to get your music lesson. Mamma hopes you have done well today. Your teacher seems quite pleased the way you are getting along and that keeps Mamma glad too.

April 16th 1907.

I had a very nice Christmas
and it was the first time we
every had electric lights And
Ema was with us over Christmas
and we had a very good time

July 23, 1916. Sun.

I have skipped some little time in the keeping of my diary. I have the diary from February 1915 to July 1916 in another ~~book~~ vol. so I shall commence here with the 23 July 1916 and go on with it.

I started today because I had such a grand time today. went up to Baldwin Lake on a Knight Templar Picnic with Daddy, we went upon Benedicts new Cadillac & Cavalry with Mrs. Phelps and a Pansy girl from Belding. We went in bathing first thing

then we came back and had lunch about 2 or 3 there. Soon after lunch we went in swimming again, met an awfully nice fellow from U of M. had a little dance in the floor of the pavilion and such a lucky drive home. My hair was not so I let it fly but the dust made it just simply sticky so that I couldn't even get a comb thru it. Got a great big stump bug in it too. Such luck for a little german girl.

First-year at school.

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