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Elizabeth Walker



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Soua Elizabeth Voelker.

Dear Mr. [unclear]

Mon Jan. 3 - 1897

I had promised to do a little church work this afternoon and when I came back Sona had a high fever. She seemed to get worse all the time until about nine o'clock when her Papa came so he hurried out for medicine. She does not seem to rest well at all tonight.

Tue. Jan 4 -

After a very restless night she seems a little better this morning. Mrs. Seroy has taken most of the care of her today and tonight she seems much better. We are so glad. I hate to see the little darling suffer.

Wed Jan. 5 -

Sona slept much better last night and feels quite a little better today. Mrs. Seroy had her out for an airing this morning and it did her lots of good and after she came

back I found she had cut
two large back teeth again
I think that was mostly the
cause of her last sickness.
Thursday Jan 6-

Sona is getting better every day
Aunt-Bertha has down to bed
the afternoon with us. She has
learned to make such cute
faces when you ask her to
and says so many words.

She says a new word every day
it does seem as though
she learns so very fast.

Friday Jan. 7-

Sona has been in quite closely
of late but I think it much
the best as she takes cold so
easily. She stood at the
window today and waved
her little hand at Mrs Parsons
as she went-by. She does
such very cute things I think
Sat-Jan.-8-

Today I stayed in quite close
Aunt-Carrie and little Helen

new in this afternoon and
also little Ethel and Winnie.
She has not coughed as much
as usual today. Mrs. Seroy
says she never can love
another baby unless her own
as she does this one.

Sun. Jan. 9 -

I have been in so close with
the baby of late that Papa
insisted upon my going to
church this morning and he
care for Sona. This afternoon
we went down to call on
aunt Carrie and found Grandpa
and Grandma there. Sona
has been in all day.

Mon. Jan. 10

We think we must keep Sona
rather closely for a few more
days as her cold hangs on
so long this time. Uncle Fred
has gone to New York for a
little time again. A neighbor
lady had the misfortune to
break her limb today. It-

gave us all quite a little
fright.

Tue Jan 11

Grandpa was in just a few
minutes today to see Sona. He
says she does not show that
she has been sick at all. She
does not grow thin over it; it
is true. I think the nice
fresh milk she gets from the
farm every day does her
lots of good.

Wed Jan 12

Today Aunt-Bertie came
down to spend the afternoon
and to paint. We had a most
lovely time together. Sona
loves her Auntie very much
and it is a treat to her to
have her here. I shall soon
take Sona out again now.

Thursday Jan 13

Today Mrs. Seroy has been
with the baby quite a little.
She seems to love to be with
her. Little Helen came in

this afternoon and that pleased
Sona too. She seems to be very
much better.

Friday Jan. 14

Today day I took Sona out,
the first time since she has
been sick. I took her down
to Aunt-Carrie's but-did not-
find her at-home so brought
her right-home again.

We had a good time and
Sona enjoyed being out-so much.

Saturday Jan 15

This has been a very stormy
day but-Ethel and Winnie
were down to spend the day
just-the same and the children
had a good time as they
always do. I could not take
her out-today on account-of
the storm.

Sunday Jan. 16

Grandpa came down to take
us over home but-we thought-
best-not-to go because Sona
is still coughing. So they

drove down in the afternoon
to see her. She always loves
to have her Grandpa and
Grandma come. She loves
them dearly - And how
they both love her.

Mon. Jan. 17.

We took Sona down to Aunt-
Carrie this afternoon and Helen
and Sona were delighted to
see each other. Tonight I was
much delighted to see Frank
Sommis again. The second time
in seven years. Mrs. Morgenthau
called to see Sona too.

Tue. Jan. 18.

Mrs. Seroy took Sona out this
morning for a ride in her
cab this morning and this
afternoon she spent with Sona.
The baby enjoys having her
so much. Sona seems so
bright and happy tonight -

Wed. Jan. 19 -

Aunt Bertha came down

this afternoon to take her
painting lesson and Louie
was in her element; for
Aunt-Bertha is always happy.
Her Papa gave her a Cal-cat
morning. It is as black as night
and it seems as though she
has taken more steps than
ever rushing around after her
cat. She has been delighted
all day.

Thurs. Jan. 19 -

I left Louie with Mrs. Lroy
this afternoon while I went to
the dentist. We all got along
nicely but Louie was very
glad to have me come home
again. She slept quite well
much better than I thought
she would without me this
afternoon.

Frid. Jan. 20 -

It has not been very pleasant
out-so Louie has been in all
day. Aunt-Ida was down to
spend the day with us, and
we all had a good time.

She seems more happy all
the time with her cat.

Sat. Jan 21 -

It has been so stormy again today that - Louisa could not go out nor could any of her little friends come to see her.

She has been quite restless all day. She almost - ran today several times. She seems so firm on her feet. She says so many cute things now. I wish I could remember all until I write in this book at - night;

Sun. Jan. 22.

We had hoped to spend this day at - Grandpa's, but - the storm still continues and I know they cannot - come for us on account - of snow drifts. We have not seen any one from home today and it seems strange too.

Mon. Jan. 23.

I was at - the dentist's again this afternoon and left - Louisa with Auntie Seroy. She was just - as good as a baby.

could possibly be Auntie's eyes.

She runs around now so much during the day that when night comes she is simply all tired out.

Tue. Jan 24

Today has been stormy again and we could not do much more than stay at home and be quiet. Soup is beginning to reach for things on the table and I fear the time has come for me to discipline her and I feel my inability.

But we think her very sweet just the same.

Wed. Jan. 25

This morning Uncle Henry came down and took us over home to spend the day. It was a lovely morning but stormed most terribly in the afternoon so that Soup ^{and} I could not get back. Soup had a very good time until night came then she wanted home and her bed & Papa -

Thur. Jan. 26.

We could not get home last night so Grandpa will take us home this morning.

Sona did not sleep well at all last night; called her Papa several times, but her Grandpa enjoyed having her there very much just the same. She was awake untill long after midnight;

Frid. Jan. 27.

This afternoon Mrs. Seroy and I took Sona out in her cab and the snow was so deep we could scarcely get about - but Sona enjoyed it all the more and slept very well as a result.

Sat. Jan. 28.

Today it has been too cold to take Sona out - but she has been very contented and happy too. I am so glad she has been such a good baby the most of her life so far.

Sun Jan. 29

We were invited out to dinner today and took Sona along. She was simply very very good. Mr^{and} Mrs. Leroy were there too and we had a most delightful time. Sona slept well all night for being out a little I think.

Mon. Jan 30

Today has been a very stormy day and we could not even walk out - let alone take Sona out. It has been indeed very disagreeable all day. But I did get quite a good many things done beside waiting on Sona. She is such a comfort to me in many ways.

Tue. Jan. 31.

This has been our very cold but bright day. It has been below zero this morning and five below this noon. So Sona was obliged to stay in very closely today. But she has had a good time and been very good too.

Wed. Feb-1-

Today has been another frightful cold day so that Soud and I stayed in again quite closely. Aunt Bertha came down and spent the afternoon with us and this gave Soud something to think beside getting lonely.

Thur. Feb-2

It is very much warmer ^{and} sun could go out today, but now Soud seems to have a cough again. This evening we had invited in a few to spend the evening and Soud almost spoiled our fun by coming down with the group but she finally changed her mind and thought best not to.

Frid. - 3 -

Soud is much better today. Aunt Jerry Soud and I were invited out this afternoon ^{and} also to Aunt Carrie but I could not think of taking Soud out. Grandpa ^{and} Aunt Ida were in a minute to see her this

afternoon.

Sat. Feb. 4 -

Sonia's cold seems to hang on all right - and yet she is so much better. Several were in to see her and they think she does not look very sick. She never seems to show it - no matter how sick she is. She does say "yes" so cute.

Sun. Feb. 5 -

Grandma, Grandpa, Mr and Mrs. Seroy were all in to spend the day and we all had such a lovely time together.

We four went out to church together for the first time since they are here. Mr Seroy had to bid Sonia and us all good bye to night - as he leaves for Grand Rapids early tomorrow morning and they make their future home.

Mon. Feb. 6

We have been very busy today getting ready for Mrs. Seroy's departure. She leaves this afternoon. Sonia will miss her more than I can

tell fa she loves her dearly
We have learned to think not
much of our another that I
do dread to see them go so
very much.

Tue. Feb-7.

Sona hardly knows what to
think of it. Today not to hear
or see anything of Mrs. Leroy
anywhere. I miss her lot ^{and}
only wish she could be here.

Have been very busy so far
and could not do much thinking
about it one way or another,

Wed. 8-

Aunt-Carrie, Helen, and Mrs.
Horriyan were down this afternoon
and Aunt-Bertha too and we
all had a good time especially
the two babies - Papa has not
had time to come home to
tea for some time back and
Sona does miss him every
time so much I know,

Thur- 9-

It has not been our bit-
pleasant outside again today
so that Sona with our colds

had to stay in again. I do wish settled weather would come so that I could be out more with her.

Frid, Feb. 10 -

Today I found Lorna had cut another tooth. I think the little darling has held her own quite well when I stop to think how rapidly she has cut her teeth.

Sat - 11 -

Today little Ethel Fuller came down to play with Lorna and me all next door to spend the afternoon with Aunt Carrie. The two babies did have such a good time together and also with Helen's cat. They both seem to have a special fondness for cats.

Sun - 12 -

We have all stayed at home today. It has not been pleasant outside, but Lorna and I have enjoyed having Papa all to ourselves today. Grandma

Came down and took Mamma
out for a short-drive. I did
enjoy it so much.

Mon. Feb. 13 -

Emma came down to help me
this week and she took the
baby out this afternoon as it
was very pleasant out. I think
she has a little fever with
her cutting teeth most of the
time now. She does say so
many many words now.

Tue. - 14 -

Carrie Lewis was in this
afternoon. Soda seems to enjoy
every one and it made her
quite happy, I was glad too
for I could not have taken
her out and it made a change
for her.

Wed - 15 -

We were very busy today but
still we took Soda out for a
short-drive and she seemed so
happy too. She seemed to be
so refreshed and good natured
after her little outing.

Thursday Feb-16-

Grandma came down today to spend it all with us. Mr. Thompson of Lansing has been here too and he has had a good time. She will be here several days as yet - and we hope to have still a better time.

Frid. - 17 -

Mr Thompson came this noon and they both seem to enjoy the baby very much. Gert put Loua asleep herself this morning by singing to her.

It pleased Lina very much.

Sat - 18 -

This has been another very stormy day and Mr ^{and} Mrs. Thompson started for home this afternoon. Fay had to be at home to fill his pulps Sunday. We all had a good visit together while they were here however. I always look forward to their coming.

Sun. Feb. 19 -

Last-night-Papa came home and surprised us very much by telling us that-Mr first-and Mrs. Beatie had both very suddenly died with heart-trouble. We went to church^{ing} and left the baby with Emma. I should not have gone for I have been sick all day to pay for it. It has been a very stormy day.

Mon. - 20 -

I have felt some better today but Louisa and I have stayed in quite closely just the same. She has been quite mischievous all day. It keeps our as busy as they well care to be trotting after her from day to day.

Tue. - 21 -

Papa has been home this afternoon as it has been a hollowday. Aunt-Carris came down to spend the afternoon too and this gave the two

babies another frolic. We
have enjoyed having Papa so
very much.

Wed Feb. 22 -

I have been doing a little
painting again and Sona
is trying to hinder me in
every way she can, but I
love her just the same. She
is a great comfort to me -
Thurs - 23 -

Emma, my girl has come
down down again this afternoon
to stay with Sona this evening
so that Papa and I could go
out to see a play by Robert
Downing. Sona has had a
big titian this afternoon for
she likes Emma very much.

Frid. - 24 -

Aunt Bertha came down
and took Sona and I out for
a sleighride. We rode nearly
all the afternoon and I know
Sona will sleep so much
better for the fresh air and
the exercise. We think it
so kind of the Auntie to think
of us.

Sat. 25 - Feb

Sona and I went down town this afternoon more for the fresh air and the exercise than anything else and in both respects much better after getting in.

Sun. - 26 -

Uncle Herman came and took us over to spend the day at Grandpa's. Sona was so happy all day. She danced and sang her little songs and did all she could to entertain them.

Mon. - 27 -

It has been rather cold today but I took Sona out just the same. She seemed delighted and is growing more full of mischief every day of her life.

Tue - 28 -

Sona talks a little more and a little plainer each day. She says "money" and if you ask her who has money she says Papa. She asks for some every meal time.

Wed. March - 1 -

Aunt-Bertha came down this afternoon to take her painting less and it always makes Sora about wild with delight to have her here. She tries to upset things when she cant get her attention any other way.

Thur - 2 -

This morning Aunt-Bertha came and took us over home to spend the day. We had one lovely day over there.

Grandpa hated to have Sora come away. She noticed and spoke of the moon for the first time tonight as we were driving home.

Friday 3 -

It was so cold that Sora and I did not care to go out today, but Aunt-Carrie and little Helen came down a little while this afternoon and that pleased both of the babies -

Sat; March - 4

Ethel Fuller came down and spent-the day with Lona. She had her out-for a ride in her cab this morning and she feel asleep while out. We had her out-again this afternoon.

Sun. - 5 -

This morning her Papa took her to church but-she could not-keep still she wanted to talk aloud at-all the little boys and girls she say so her Papa took her out-for a drive, We took her to the Bailey house to dinner.

Mon - 6 -

It was such a lovely day that-I had Lona out-all the afternoon. She sleeps so much better at-night-if I have her out. Aunt-Carrie had Helen out-too.

Tue. - 7 -

We were out-this afternoon.

and met-Aunt-Carr's out-
too. We kept-the babies out-
all the afternoon and they
were tired out-when night-
came, at-least-of riding.

Wed - March 8 -

Aunt-Bertie was down
this afternoon again and
we had a good time as
usual. Sora thinks it
quite a treat-to have Aunt-
Bertie come each week.

Thur - 9 -

It was so damp and cold
this afternoon I did not take
Sora out-but-Grandpa and
Grandma came down to
see how Mamma and the
baby were getting along.

Frid - 10 -

It has rained all day today
and Papa came home a
little while to let-Mamma
go out-and he says Sora
called for her Mamma so hard
after I had gone-

Sat., March - 11 -

I was in hopes I could take Souda out this afternoon but it was too damp. Her Uncle Herman was in a few minutes and she liked that - very much.

Sun. - 12 -

This has been one nice day. We were quiet all the morning and then this afternoon we called on Uncle Sausster and Fuller and also the rocks on the hill where Souda had the biggest - tumor of all with the children -

Mon - 13 -

This has been another lovely day so I took Souda out again. We called at Mrs. Putneys and wherever I take her she seems to have a most - lovely time.

She sleeps so much better at night - when it is possible for me to take her out.

Tue - 14 -

We were disappointed today
for we had such a good time
yesterday and hoped we could
go out again today but it has
rained and damp, but Sona
seemed happy and I tried
my best to entertain her too.
Wed March 15 -

This has been a lovely day
for babies and they were all
out too. Sona just had a big
turn down town running
around with the little folks
and especially Louie Cutter. I
met Carrie out with Helen too.
Thurs. - 16 -

I took Sona down to see little
Cousin Helen and we told Aunt
Carrie we were not coming
again now until she came
up to see us. But Sona loves
to go there and it does her
so much good too for she slept
so much better last night -
thain she has for a long time
back.
Frid. - 17 -

Today we had callers and
Sona had to stay in all

the afternoon, but - she had a big
time all by herself. She keeps
us trotting after her now days
quite a little, but - we love to
do it for what - could we do
without - her. She has a good
time too. Sat March - 18 -

Today little Ethel Fuller came
down to spend the day and she
and Hattie Reed had the babies
out - all afternoon. They seemed
to have such a good time.

Sona Elizabeth seems to love
Ethel just a little more than
any other little girl.

Sun - 19 -

Today Papa got a horse and took
Sona and I out for a long long
ride. We had a most - lovely drive
and Sona saw for the first time
a large barn completely filled
with sheep and they were all
just eating their supper. At
first she was much frightened
to hear their little anxious
cries but - soon her little eyes

opened in amazement. The
sheep were at Welches farm.
Monday - March 20 -

We were quite tired out from
our long drive yesterday, but
Sona slept very well. She
was out this afternoon again
down one of the little girls,
come over day and take her
out. She loved to go so much.
Tue. - 21 -

This has been rather a fortunate
and lovely day as the weather
has been fine and we have
secured such a good kitchen
girl. She is so very good to
the baby and we think we
are going to like her very
much. Wed. - 22 -

Aunt Ida came down this
morning to spend the day.

Grandma ^{and} Grandpa came
down this afternoon. Grandpa
took Sona out for a drive
and Aunt Carrie came
down and they took Aunt
Ida out to call on Dr Sorey,

Thursday, March 23-

Mary and I took Sona down town this afternoon, just to give the little thing a change and the air. She seemed very happy as a little bird.

Frid - 24 -

Aunt Ida came down this afternoon for a little while and they took Sona out for a drive so I went down town a little time too. Sona was glad when I got back though. She misses her Mama very much when out of her sight.

We have never been separated more than a few hours at a time in all her life -

Sat - 25 -

Just after dinner today Sona walked for the first time down to the corner and back.

She was quite tired after we reached home and slept two hours very quietly. She called on her Auntie Sophie on her way back.

Sun. March - 26 -

Papa, Sona, ^{and} I spent this day just among ourselves and it was a good day to us all, for it has rained outside. Sona has been very happy all day, ^{and} tonight I left her for the first time with May our girl, and we went out to church.

Mon. - 27 -

It has been cold but bright and May took Sona out in her little wagon for the air. Tonight Sona's Uncle Frank came and surprised us by staying to tea and over night.

Tue. 28 -

Aunt Betha came down this afternoon and took Sona out for a drive. She was very much delighted. It is so pleasant for her to be out.

Uncle Fred came from New York yesterday and brought Sona a lovely silver comb for a gift. He says all are well there.

Wed March - 29.

In spite of the chilly day
Sona started out with one of
the little girls to have a good
time in her cab. I was a
little worried when she did
not get back until after six
o'clock, but she looked as though
she had had a most-delightful
time. Thur - 30 -

This afternoon little Ethel
Fuller came down with cousin
Helen and baby and a little
later Aunt Carrie came too
and they all stayed to supper. We
had a good time together and
especially the little ones. I
think little Helen grows
cuter every day she lives.

Frid - 31 -

This has been rather a
cold damp day and so Sona
and I could not get out but
I have tried to make the
time pass by for her the
best I could. She has

learned to love the little
pug dog, given her by Mrs
Chapman who rooms here
very much. They play very
nicely together.

Saturday April - 1

Aunt Ida came down today
to spend a few days with
us, and it seems to just please
Sona very much. Mrs. Hutch,
the wife of one of the men
who rooms here came tonight
to spend Sunday with her
husband, and she thinks
Sona a very sweet baby she
says. Sona goes to her very
readily too. I think she will
like her too.

Sunday - 2 -

This is our most lovely day
and all have gone to church
but Sona ^{and I}. Aunt Ida went
home after dinner & Papa took
Sona in her chair and went
over to Grandpa's. It pleased
Sona but it tired Papa all
out. Sona had a big tummy.

Mon. April - 3 -

Mrs. Hatch returned to Jackson this morning and it has turned out to be rather a cold day. Mr. Benjamin came here to see for a time this noon. Frank Somis, a friend of Maria's, came and surprised us again tonight. He says Somis is the only nice baby he knows of. He could only stay to tea and then left town again.

Tue - 4 -

It has been so disagreeable and stormy that Sora could not go out - but we had several callers and that took up Sora's time. Yule Haman came in tonight to see Sora and that pleased her more than anything.

Wed. - 5 -

We heard Grandmama was feeling very badly again so Sora and I went over to see her, we found her in

bed feeling very poorly ^{and}
she seemed so glad to see
us so we were doubly glad
we went; thought it always
makes us feel so sad for
many days after to see her
suffer as she does.

Thursday April 6 -

Ethel Souda has taken a
very hard cold so she is
cutting teeth again so I have
made up my mind to stay
in with her today. She
seems very cross, so I am
sure there is something very
wrong somewhere.

Friday - 7 -

This afternoon Souda ^{and} I
started out for Aunt Carrie's
and I am glad we did for
we had the babies both out-
together and they were two
very happy little folks ^{and}
it did our Mamma as much
good as the babies to see
them both so happy.

Saturday April 8-

This afternoon Aunt-Bertha came down and took Sona and little Ethel out-for a drive as I could not-go. They all report a good time ^{and} Sona shows that-she surely had it. Her cold seems to be much better today.

Sunday - 9 -

Sona and I stayed at-home this morning ^{and} let-every one go to church, and this afternoon we went-over home. We found Grandma looking badly ^{and} suffering quite-a little, we can only hope she will soon be better.

Mon. - 10 -

Today Sona has been out-on the lawn most-of the day. She did enjoy it- too. It-seem'd like such a good treat-for her. This afternoon Grandpa came down and took her out-for a short-ride. It-pleased him as much as Sona.

Tuesday April - 11 -

Sona enjoyed this day more than I can tell. She staked down to her Papas store all alone for the first-time. It pleased me as much as it did her to think she could do so much. She speaks all her Uncles and Aunties manner now.

Wed - 12 -

This morning Sona and I went down to Grand Rapids with Aunt-Carric to do some shopping and to call on Auntie Peroy at the same time.

Sona stood the trip down there much better than I thought she could and I think she rather remembered Mrs Snow too.

Thur - 13 -

We spent the most of this day at the Rapids too and had a good time too. Curran home very tired and glad to see home and Papa and

and Papa was glad to see us too. Sona fared well for she owns most of the chopping I did. She had a little blue hat she looks so sweet in it too.

Friday April 14

After we got home from the Rapids Sona & I found Grandma quite sick so we spent the day with her. She was very glad to see us, so we were very glad that we went and I know we did her a little good at least. Sona calls water Bulla and, and milk water, I think she has such a cute name for water -

Sat. - 15 -

Today we have been quite busy as we have not been at home for some time before. Sona has spent most of the day on the farm labor. She does enjoy being out so much.

Aunt Carrie came down a little while tonight and brought little Helen.

Sunday, April - 16 -

Papa went over home to get a horse and buggy to go out and find a girl to help me in the kitchen and at the same time to give Sona and I a ride.

We succeeded in having a good ride and finding a good girl. Sona had a most lovely time I can tell you.

Mon. 17 -

Today Emma our old girl came back to us and Sona was very glad to see her for she had not forgotten her in the least. It has grown very suddenly cold so that we cannot go out today and must stay in my class.

Tue - 18 -

It has again today been too stormy for Sona to be out so Sona has had to make the best of it. Her Uncle Herman and Minnie Schick came in this afternoon. So she had a good time anyway. Uncle Fred came in a little

while tonight while I was
putting Sona into her little
bed. Wednesday April 19-

I took Sona out even though
it has been quite cold & damp
for babies. It seems as though
Sona knows about the time
her Papa is to come for she
seems to look for him so anxiously.
I think she loves him more
every day of her life -
Thurs. - 20 -

The war between the United
States and Spain has been
declared and in home all had
our hands full trying to cheer
Miss Chapman who lives
with us for she has a
gentleman friend who has
gone. It seems terrible to
us all to think we must
have war again. Sona does
much to keep the home
happy in her cute little way.
Frid - 21 -

I took Sona down and my
called on Aunt Carrie a little
while this afternoon and

we had a good time as we
always do. May our other
girl we had in the kitchen
before Emma came has been
away and came back today.

Sona was very glad to see
her for she liked her very
much. Sat - 22 -

Little Ethel Feller came
to spend the day with Sona
and I left the two together
while I went down town
to do some shopping. They
got along very well without
me but Sona was very glad
to have me come back. I
could see that very plainly.

Sun - 23 -

We all went to church this
morning and took Sona
with us. She was a very
good baby too. Grandpa took
her home with him after
church ^{and} Harry and I
walked over. We found
Grandma feeling just a
little better she thought;

Mon. April 24.

This has been another rainy wet day and Loua could not go out - nor could I. Today Mrs. Plummer came to us to help me in the kitchen. She and our Emma exchanged places as Mrs. Plummer found it much easier to do the cooking for so many.

Tue. - 25 -

This has been a much pleasanter day and Loua went to meet her Papa this noon. She went down town with me this afternoon and walked all the way back alone. She loves to walk now much better than to ride.

Wed - 26 -

I had Loua out this afternoon and we both had a good time. This evening I took her down to hear the band concert - the first time this summer. She was more delighted than I can say and came back as good natured as a kitten.

Thursday April 27

We did not go out much today as it looked dark and gloomy but - Uncle Hermann and Winnie came in a little time after school and that pleased Sona. She had a big time. She has been as good as any baby could be all day today.

Friday - 28 -

Sona and I started out bright and early this morning to spend the day at Grandmas. We found her feeling much better for she eat up about two hours. Sona had a big time on Grandmas large lawn. We came home all tired out.

Sat: - 29 -

Sona got up feeling much rested and very happy. She has her little tub in her tub and is ready for the day. It turned out to be rather dark & gloomy again so I could not let her out.

Sunday April - 30

We all started out to church this morning soon and all. It rained very hard during S. S. time and Papa had to hurry us home in Grandpa's carriage. We did not get out again today -

Mon - May - 1 -

It has been much pleasanter today and Sona and I took a little walk this afternoon and while we were out - Mrs. Putney called. Sona seems to have a very hard cough that she cannot get rid of very easily.

Tue - 2 -

This morning Sona and I went downtown to do a little shopping and on our way back we met Mrs. Parsons. Sona said good morning to her and etc all the candy that was offered to her. She was very good natured all the rest of the day.

Wednesday May 3 -

We were over home today and spent it all with Grandma. She entertained Grandpa very nicely and it seemed to please her so much to have Louie so near her. We found her feeling quite a little better.

Thurs. - May 4 -

This has been another cold morning for May. Aunt-Bertha came down and took Louie and I out for a drive. We both enjoyed it so much and Louie especially.

Fri - 5 -

We were very busy about the house this morning as it was our sweeping day and of course Louie was the same. She rubbed and swept with her little sweeper until she was all tired out.

Sat - 6 -

Aunt-Ida and Bertha came down this afternoon to see a pole raised and Louie and I went up with them.

There were very many out-
to see the fair. She enjoyed
the excitement very much.

Sunday May 7

We all went out to church
this morning and from there
over to the farm to spend
the day with sick Grandma.

Sona loves her Grandma
dearly and when we ask
her where she has been, she
says over to Grandmas.

Mon. - 8 -

Sona has cut her eye teeth
about a week ago and we
think she has cut them very
young too. Aunt Carrie came
down this afternoon and we
went out with her to
gather plant-slips - Sona
was very happy over it for
Helen was along.

Tue - 9 -

Uncle Herman was
down this afternoon and
took two different positions
of Sona with his codae

and then took her out for
a walk which made her
extremely happy for she has
a special fondness for him.

Wed. May 10

We spent this day at
Grandma's and I don't think
she is any better if anything
worse. She is always glad
to have us with her and
we love to go. Today for the
first-time she snuggles
when she kisses.

Thur - 11 -

Sona spent the most of
the forenoon on the lawn and
this afternoon we went out for
a long walk. We stopped at
her Papa's store and had her
bangs trimmed for the first-
time. We had her weighed
and she tipped the scales
at 28 pounds. She coughed
very hard all night.

Fri - 12 -

It has been most lovely
most lovely and this
morning she helped her

Papa dig ~~down~~ dandelion roots
from the lawn. This after-
noon she went out with me
to make a few calls. She
has been a very good child
all this day.

Sat-13-

This morning Sora had her
tub bath as usual and seemed
to enjoy it very much. She
had a ride with Aunt-
Bertha this afternoon. She
took us down to call on
Aunt-Carrie and little Helen.
She slept good this night;

Sun-14-

For the first time we took
a ride with Auntie Hatch.
Her horse seemed to go
very nicely. We got caught
in a rain but kept right
on going until we reached
Grandma's. We found her
quite a little better.

Mon-15-

This seems like a very
pleasant morning. Mrs.

Plummer has been happy to
spend Sunday and we have
been doing the house works.
Sona has helped very
much by being a very good
baby. Tue May-14-

We have planned to go over
and spend the day at
Grandmas tomorrow. Aunt-
Carrie and little Helen have
been here to spend the afternoon.
We all had a good time
together and especially the little
ones. Wed. -14-

Sona and I started out
bright and early to spend the
day at Grandmas as we
had planned. She cut-up
quite a little of the time and
seemed some better. Sona
just enjoys herself over
there among the different-
form things. Thurs. -14-

Sona and I went down
to Aunt-Carrie's this afternoon
and found several little

girls there. It pleased some
so much. They had a good
time eating oranges and
visiting. Sona walked
nearly all the way back.
Frid - 19 -

Sona's little gums look
as though she were getting
ready to cut her stomach
teeth. It is so much fun
to hear her say her prayers
in German and English.
She simply grows, sleeps
and eats.

Sat - 20 -

Aunt-Bertina came down
and took Sona and I out-
for a drive again this
afternoon. We did have a
good time & Sona fell
asleep several times during
the drive.

Sun - 21

Sona and Papa and I spent
this Sunday at Grandmother's and
we had a good time visiting
with her, and the rest!

It may be some time
before she can go again.

Mon. May 22.

Sona was playing around
in the kitchen today and
got about as hard a bump
as she ever had in all her
life, but she only cried a few
minutes and then forgot -
all about it - and was again
ready for fun -

Tue - 23 -

This has been a fine day
for Sona the Sun not too
hot and she could run and
play. She begins to run
away now quite a little.

She has run across
the street several times.

Wed. - 24 -

I am glad to think the
time will come when Sona can
keep this diary for herself
it will save me quite a

little time and yet - I am
glad to do it - for her. Her
Papa asks every few days
whether I am still keeping
it for her. He is very
interested in it as well
as myself.

Thur - 25 -

Sona has been very good
today. Hattie Reed had her
out - the most of the afternoon
in her little wagon and
she did enjoy it so much
and Hattie did too.

Frid - 26 -

We spent this day at Grandpa
and we had a very good time.
Grandma thinks she is some
better which makes us
very happy. Uncle Herman
says that Sona weighs
twenty six pounds. She
has gained three pounds
in three weeks.

Sat - 27

It has been rather a cold

day but Aunt-Bertie came
down and took Sonu and
I out-for a long drive.

We had a very good time
as usual together.

Sun - May - 28

We did not go out-to church
today as we did not feel
much inclined. Aunt-Bertie
came in to dinner and she
and Papa went-out-to the
memorial services together
and while they were
out-we took a drive with
Mrs. Hatch. We had a
most-lovely drive too.

Mon - 29 -

Sonu and I spent-this
decoration day with our
sick Grandma and we
tried to make her a little
more comfortable. Papa
came over with a horse
for us and stayed until
after ~~half~~ past-eight-o'clock.

Tue - 30 -

Because Grandma was not as well yesterday we went back again today and found her much better. She was very glad to see us both. We had a very good time too.

Wed - 31 -

Sora and I stayed at home very closely today as there was much that needed our attention. It seemed to be her unlucky day as she got several very hard bumps.

Thur - June 1 -

We started early this morning again for the farm. Sora could hardly wait when she heard she was going over to Grandma's to get started. She loves her Auntie and Grandma.

Fri - 2 -

This has been a very busy day with in a little girl came and took

Sold out - all afternoon and
this gave me time to do
a little shopping I had to
do. She seemed glad to see
me get back to her -

Sat. - 8 -

Aunt Bertha came down
this afternoon and we had
another ride, then in the
evening one of the little
girls gave her another ride
in her cab.

Sun - 4 -

Aunt Carrie, Helen, ^{and} I
all went over to Grandma's
to spend the day after lunch
today with Grandpa, we
found Grandma feeling
very much better. She sat
out on the porch in the
afternoon and had a good
time with the babes -

Mon - 6 - -

It was rather a cold day
and we had to stay in
rather closely but I
had a good time helping

Mamma tie cornufaters. She
sat in her high chair and
used a long needle and
thread quilt well. She thought
she was doing it all.

True June - 6

This morning fell out of
Mamma's bed for the first-
time. It frightened me
perfectly terrible. More than
it did her I think. She
was not hurt at all however.

Wed June 7

Today we have another
addition to our family and
among the rest a baby of
three months. It will be
for only a short-time I presume.

Sona loves the little thing
so much. She is just
delighted with it and wants
Mamma to hold it all the
time. Thurs. - 8 -

Sona & I went over to
Grandmas to spend the day

and had a most-lovely
time and came back loaded
down with roses and good
things. Aunt-Ida came
down with us for the ride

Friday June 9-

This day Aunt little Ethel
Fuller came down to spend
the day with Loua and took
her down to the church and
on their way back they were
caught-in a rain storm.

But she managed as well
as a grown person and Loua
never got-one drop of rain -

Sat. June - 10 -

I have not-felt-very well
today and have spent most-
of the day on the couch. We
did not-even go out-for a
walk. I think I eat-up too
late last night. I must-not-
repeat-it-soon -

Sun - June - 11 -

I did not-feel very well today

either so Mrs. Hatch took Lou
and I out for a drive this
afternoon, and I think it will
do us both good.

Tue - June 12

Aunt-Ida came down today
and took Lou and I over
to see Grandma for a few
minutes just for a ride and
change. We enjoyed it so
much too. Lou saw for the
first time a little basket-
of newly born chickens, and
it seemed such a treat to
her and pleased her very
much. Wed - 13 -

Today Lou and I went
down street to do some
shopping and this evening
we went down again and
took Aunt-Ida with us
and she did enjoy it very
much too. We are worrying
very much about her
health at present for Aunt.

Ida is not at all well.

Thursday June - 14

Sara had her fingers in picking over strawberries today and she had a delightful time for some berries went into her mouth than into the pan -

Friday June 15 -

Today we have been playing for a social for little folks here this evening. They seemed to have a good time and there were quite a number out.

The little ones seemed very happy. And Sara especially enjoyed having so many little ones around all the afternoon ^{and} evening -

Sat - 16

Aunt-Ida and Aunt-Bertha were here a short-time this morning and this afternoon we went down town with Mrs Hatch. Sara saw many a half dozen times

while we were out this
afternoon.

Sun - 17

We went to the prison this
morning to hear Mr Hatch
talk. He spoke very well
and we enjoyed it very much
and this evening we drove
over home to see Grandma
and Grandpa. We enjoyed
the ride and visit very much.
They were so glad to see
Sona too.

Mon - 18

It has been a cold rainy
day and I could not take
Sona out so I tried my best
to entertain her in the house.

Tonight her Papa and I took
her out for a short walk and
it pleased her very much.

Tue - 19

This has been a very lonely
day and Sona has enjoyed
being out very much. She

has had her dolls out in
their carriage most of the
afternoon. Aunt-Bertha gave
her a ride too and Aunt-
Carrie came down a little
while tonight and were glad
to see her.

Wednesday June - 20

Sona has been out most of
the day. After taking her nap
she climbed down from my
bed about and came walking
into the sitting room with
her little shoes in hand ready
for fun. She seemed as happy
over it as any thing you could
imagine.

Thurs - 21

This has been a very warm
day and I could not let Sona
go out any. This afternoon Aunt-
Ida^E & Bertha came down and
we all went to the graduating
exercises together. Sona
stayed at home with Mrs
Plummer and was very
good.

Friday June 22

This has been our very happy day for us all as Grandma came down and spent the day the first time since her sickness ^{and} we had a nice time together. Sona was delighted for Auntie Ida came too. And later Aunt Carrie came with little Helen.

Sat - 23

This has been a lovely day only rather warm. Sona ^{and} I had a ride with Mrs. Hatch. After we came home Sona went to her little bed rather early for her -

Sun - 24

It was an unusually warm day and I could not let Sona go out any at all until after five o'clock. But she had a good time with the little children here at the house.

It rained quite hard all the evening.

Monday June 25-

Today it changed rather suddenly to a very damp cold day. Aunt-Ida came down this afternoon. We seemed to have a good time. Little Ethel Fuller came down to take Sona for a ride in her cab.

Tue. - 26

Today Sona has been out-playing more or less most of the day. She has been very happy and good too. She says almost everything now and I can understand her quite closely.

Wed. - 27

It has been very very warm today. I could not let Sona out again on that account. Tonight I took her out to the band concert, and there is nothing she enjoys more than that - always. She came home tired and very sleepy too.

Thursday June - 28

Aunt Bertha came down this afternoon and took Sona out for a drive with her. She has spent most of the rest of the time on the lawn as it has been cloudy and not very cold.

Friday - 29 -

Aunt Ida ^{and} Uncle Heman came down this morning and Sona was delighted for she was so very glad to see them both. We walked out a little in the evening for a change.

Sat - 30 -

Today we have been rather busy planning to take a trip on the fourth. It will be the first fourth Sona will help celebrate. We are going to take Odessa with her ^{and} Uncles ^{and} Aunties. She will help celebrate in dead earnest - too I know for she is ready for most anything.

Sun. July - 1 -

It was very warm today and soon as it I did not go out any this forenoon nor this afternoon but - this evening Uncle Fred came down and took us over board and soon enjoyed the ride so much. Could not help talking about the beautiful shore and stars all the way over to Grand Bar. It made her very sleepy and she slept well. Mon. - 2.

We started bright & early this morning for Lake Adessa and reached there about eight o'clock. Soda was simply surprised and delighted with the lake. It was the first large quantity of water she had ever seen. She could not get used to all the strange things she saw all day. Her eyes were wide open to everything.

Tue. July - 5 -

Sona and I came home this morning for we stayed all night at Grandpa's last night. Papa came home last night - on his wheel. When he came up to the lake he had removed his mustache and hair and Sona did not know her own Papa. For some little time she would sit and look at him but would not even smile or give the least sign that she knew him. It nearly broke his heart too.

Wed. - 6 -

Aunt Ida came down this afternoon to stay all night. This evening we took a walk and found the band playing on a certain street. We stayed and Sona was so glad to be among the people and excitement and she did enjoy the music.

so very much, for there
is not she ever enjoys more.
Thur-7

Today four of the people
that have been staying
here left and it makes our
table much smaller. While
they were very nice and we
enjoyed having them away
and there will be pleasure
more than we can tell to
be alone again.

Friday. -8-

Sona has been out in the
yard all the morning until
it began to rain, then I
brought her in and it made
her feel terribly hurt. But
it became very bright this
afternoon and Aunt-Bertha
came down and took her
out for a drive.

Sat. -9

This morning Sona and I
were looking for Aunt-Bertha
but she did not come, so

this afternoon I took her
out and gave her a long
ride in her cab. She is
getting so that she had much
rather walk than ride
however

Sun July 10

This morning Grandpa came
down and took Soda and
I over home to dinner and
Uncle Fred stayed down ^{and}
they came over together
on their wheels. Soda made
Grandpa most-happy by
showing in many cute ways
that she was having a
lovely ride and delightful
time.

Mon July 11

We have all been very
busy today and Soda has
done much to help by being
very good. I could not let
her outside on account of
the heat-until tonight;

She walked about on the
walk and lawn and
played so nicely with the
children.

Tuesday July - 12

Aunt-Bertha ^{and} Ida came
down this afternoon and took
Sona out for a drive. She loves
to be with her Aunties as
much or more than she loves
to drive. She enjoys these
cool evenings too and makes
the very most of them.

Wed - 13

This afternoon Hattie Reed
came and took Sona out
Down town several times
and back. She says she loves
to take Sona out for so
many stops and ask her whose
pretty baby she has. I never
realized before we had such
an attractive baby. We
have been very busy today.

Thursday July-14

Tonight I took Sona down
street as it was the night
of the band concert. Sona
always thinks that a great
treat, and her Papa is so
glad to have her come he
dreads to have her miss
any of the concerts.

Friday-15

All our roomers and
boarders are gone and we
are having a cleaning up time.

Sona has been obliged to
entertain herself the best she
could, and she is trying
to get the fun out of it.
that she possibly can.

Sat-16

It has been a hot-terrace
and busy day for us all.

We have done all our work in
our day and are very tired
Sona and all. Aunt Bertha

was down this afternoon for a short time and she says Aunt Ida is not one bit better and she thinks if anything much worse. We have done so much worrying for her if only she might be better.

Sunday July 17

Grandpa came down this morning and wanted us all to go over to the farm to spend the day. Sona was very glad to see him and seemed very much disappointed when she found we were not going, but Papa was washing my hair and we thought best to stay at home and get thoroughly rest if possible after such a hot busy week. Mon - 18

It has been another very hot day. This evening I took Sona out for a nice refreshing walk and then let her have a good bath in her little

tub which always rests
her so much and she slept
very well after it - too.

Tuesday July 19

We are very busy today
planning to go over to Grandpa's
today to spend nearly a week.
Sona will have such a
fighting too. She loves to
roam around on the large
lawn as free as a little
bird some thing she cannot
do here as well.

Wednesday 20

Uncle Fred came down
this morning for Sona and I.
Sona was indeed a happy
little girl when we put
her into her seat in the
carriage and she found she
had actually started for
Grandpa's. Uncle Harry
and Aunt Bertie went to
visit a very dear girl friend
of Uncle Harry's and we

are going to keep Grandma
company while they are
away. I think Sora will
keep them busy mind
heart and soul, for she is
quite a mischief.

Thursday July - 21

We have been at Grandma's
all day today and Sora has
spent most of her time today
playing in the sand and
dirt and tonight I found
it necessary to give her a
bath from head to foot.

She has been standing at
the milk cans dipper in
hand and drank just all
the milk she could swallow.

It pleases her Grandpa
so much to see her enjoy
the milk.

Friday - 22

Tonight Papa came to stay
all night with us and
Sora did not know how

how to act when she found
he had come. She was so
happy to have him here.

He had been at the
Rapids to spend the day
on account of business and
brought some two new
dresses and me a pair of low
walking shoes. They are very
easy on my feet and I
shall enjoy them so much.

Sat - 23

It has been a very warm
day. Sora did not mind
it so much as the farmer
and played outside most of
the time. Aunt Carrie came
over and brought Helen along
and that girl has quite a
little more fun than she
otherwise would have had.
The two little ones play so
very nicely together.

Sun - 24

Papa came over early this

morning to stay with us all day and we mentioned we wished we had a watermelon and he started back through all the heat and soon returned with one. Soda eats and sleeps very well over here. Aunt Carrie was here this afternoon with Helen and we all made the most of every minute - Soda took a ride with Papa this afternoon.

Mon - 25 -

Aunt Bertie and Uncle Herman returned from their visit today. They report a very good time. Soda was very glad to see them back and especially Aunt Bertie for she has always loved her very much.

Soda has gone out into the garden every day bare footed and any way with Uncle Herman to gather the vegetables for the day. She gets all the fun out of every thing.

Tuesday July - 26

Today Sona and I returned home after spending a very pleasant week at Grandmar. Sona was very glad to see her dollies after loving and kissing them. She took them all at once out for a ride and she felt of course that they were enjoying it as much as she. She is certainly a dear sweet-baby.

Wed. - 27

This has been our first day home and there has been much to be done. Uncle Henry and Fred and Ethel Fuller were all here to dinner.

Ethel is our little comfort to Sona for she does love her so much and to my she is a real little help. She takes many steps for me as well as for Sona and very willing by too. I love to have her come -

Thursday July - 28

Sona has been in the house most of the day and has been a very good little girl too. Tonight I took Sona down to her Papa's or to "Papa's house" as she calls it and he took her home again and put her to bed and I took the evening to go out to an entertainment with a friend. It was very much enjoyed by us both.

Sona was as good and slept as well as though I had been with her.

Friday - 29

Grandma was down to Aunt-Carrie to spend the day and Sona and I tried hard to get down to see her but Sona slept so long we could not. This evening I took her down but Grandma had already returned home so we missed her, but Sona

enjoyed her ride and the lights and all she saw very much. I was so glad that I took her, for I think she is so happy out in the evening. Sora wheeled her dollies down to her Pop's store for the first time today. It was quite a little effort for her but she managed it nicely.

Sat. July - 30 -

Aunt-Ida came down to spend the day and this afternoon we took a short drive and also went down to see Aunt-Carrie. Sora has been very to have Aunt-Ida here and we only hope we may do her some little good. Hattie Reed had Sora out in her little cab after we got back from our ride.

Sun - 31

Aunt-Ida is still here and we stayed in rather closely.

for her sake - Grandpa
came in a few moments
and Lou loved and kissed
him and was as delighted
to see him as though she
had not - for a year and
he was as much pleased
to see him I can say.

Mon - Aug. 1

Uncle Hannan was here
most of the day which Lou
thought was very fine and
this afternoon Aunt-Ida, Lou
and I took a walk down
town after some ice cream
soda for Aunt-Ida is so
very fond of it. Uncle
Hannan took Lou out
for a short drive this evening
and it made her very
happy.

Tue - 2

Aunt-Carrie came down
to spend the afternoon and
we both did nothing else
but sit and watch the
two little ones play

It is very entertaining for
they do have such good
times and are so happy
together. Wednesday Aug 8 -

Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Defendorf rejoice
over the arrival of a bright baby boy,
born yesterday afternoon. Weight
seven pounds.

Hattie came over and took
Sona out - for a drive in her
little wagon this morning
and this afternoon Aunt-Bertie
came down and took Sona
and Mamma out - for a drive.

She has been out-most-
of the day and very happy
too most-of the time.

Thurs - Aug 9

Sona has had a big day
today. This morning Gert
Dillman took her out - for a
drive and this afternoon Aunt-
Bertie came down and took
Sona and Mamma down to
see Aunt-Carrie and her new
little baby cousin, a little
boy. He was born last-
night - at seven o'clock and

weighed just seven pounds

He is just as nice as he can be and we are all delighted over the little fellow.

He has dark hair and eyes and favors his Mamma in thick. Soda wanted to hold him, and take him into her arms. She rubbed her little hands across his face and could not understand why she could not hold him and love him all she cared to.

Foot - 5

This morning Soda was over to Hattie's most of the time and came home all tired out - then this afternoon she slept - until after five o'clock. This evening I took her down to the back porch and she was awake until after nine o'clock.

Many were delighted at seeing her and so many thought they

Saturday Aug-6

This afternoon Aunt-Bertha came down and took Sona and I down to see Aunt-Carrie and the baby again.

They are both doing nicely and Sona was pleased with the baby as ever and we think it a nice baby boy.

Sunday Aug 7

It was a rainy morning and Sona and Mamma are in alone and close as Papa had to go up town on business.

Papa came home feeling very poorly so we have all been at home enjoying each other very much. Papa feels very much better tonight.

He cannot be sick very long where his little girl is for she cannot give me enough time to be quiet enough to get very sick. She is very active.

Monday, Aug 8 -

This morning Hattie came bright and early and had Sona out in the cab. She had a most-happy time and then this afternoon she and I went down to call on Aunt-Carrie and the baby again. Sona did love the baby as much as ever and she and Helen had a good time together too. Tue Aug 9 -

Little Ethel Fuller came down to spend the day so that-means a good time for both. Hattie had her out most-of the afternoon.

Aunt-Ida and Bertha came down to see Sona a few minutes this afternoon and that-helped make her happier still.

Wednesday Aug 10.

This morning Grandpa came
right and early with Aunt-
Lida and Bertie and took
Sona & myself with them
to spend the day at Song Sabo.

It was camp meeting this
time, but this did not make
very much difference with
out little Sona she just
had every thing her own
way. She walked and
talked all she pleased and
stared things up generally.

So many thought her such
a lovely baby. So many stole
kisses when she would not
willingly give them.

Thursday 11-

When we reached home
last night we found Mrs.
Thompson of Lansing here.
She surprised us very much.
She came on the five o'clock
train and as we did not-

get here untill next october.
He and Papa had supper
together - They had a good
time. Aunt-Genia was so
glad to see Souda. She thinks
Souda has grown so fast.

She said to my today. "Sillie
I never loved a baby before
as I love Souda." It pleased
me so much and I know
it will please Souda some
day to know it - too.

We took Auntie today to
Soug Lake to meet her
husband there. So that
gave Souda two days a long
long ride. She enjoyed it
much today however for she
had her Papa. He let her
walk in the lake. She was
not the least-bit-afraid.

She did look so cute with
the water dripping from
her pants every time she
went over. She will talk
about it a month I know.

Friday Aug 12.

Sona entertained herself in the yard this morning most of the time. She does not seem so tired as I thought - she would from her long rides, but I am not feeling dull well and I fear I rode too far.

Hattie came and took her out this afternoon. Sona is such a good baby the most of the time.

Sat - 13

This morning Sona had a little lonely and all at once Ethel Fuller stepped in only to bring Mamma a message and to stay only a few minutes, when Sona saw and understood that she was about to go home she got up in a hurry and ran and shut every door in the house much to our surprise and amusement -

and came back and
began to talk as fast as she
could to Ethel. It nearly broke
her heart to have her go.

Sona is growing more
affectionate every day of her
life for which I am so very
thankful.

Sun Aug 14

Papa went to Grand Rapids
today to visit his sister Ida
and her little babies. He
would not have gone on
Sunday but he cannot leave
my well any other time.

So Aunt Bertha came down
right and early and took
Sona and I down to call
on Aunt Carrie. It had
been almost a week since
we had seen either Auntie
or the baby. We found Aunt-
Carrie sitting up and looking
so well and the baby had
grown wonderfully. He
is such a good happy baby.

then Aunt-Bertie took
us over to Grandpa's to
spend the day. Lona has
had a full day of it. She
was happy with the baby
beside her, her Auntie and
Uncles and all she saw
and had. She came home
very tired and glad to have
Papa come back. Papa felt
that he had missed his
little Lona so much all
day that he did not care
to repeat it soon again.

Mon - 15 -

This morning we had some
rain and it looks very
much as though we should
have more. Lona has
enjoyed her Papa so much
today. One would think
they had been separated
a month to see them
perform over their short-

repetition of yesterday,
Hattie had the baby set -
a little while this evening
and Sona was glued to
the side as it has been so
dumpy all day.

Tuesday Aug 15.

One of the little girls
came and took Sona out -
this forenoon but this after-
noon she slept - too late
to get away side, but she had
a good time on the lawn
with her dollies and her
many play things. She
has been pleased with so
many Uncles and Aunties
who have given her all the
play things that she has.

Wednesday - 17

This afternoon Sona has
played out in the yard most
of the time with me at her
side. She always seems
to have a better time if I
am somewhere near or

seem interested in what-
she is doing. She seems to
enjoy ~~my~~ my being with
her more than any of the
little girls, and it rather
pleases me too. I only hope
it may be so all through
life that she may have
and love to be near her mother.

Thursday Aug 18

Auntie and Uncle who
have not been here in some
time before came to spend
the forenoon and part of the
afternoon with us, and they
were surprised and delighted
at the way Sora had grown.
They think she is such a
good little girl. Auntie thought
Sora had about as lovely
hair as she had ever seen
on the head of a baby. It
is indeed handsome. It
hangs in curls all over

her cute little round head.

I am almost proud of her hair myself. Mrs. Dr. Allen called to see us today. The baby was out when she came but she came in before she left. She was very glad to see her.

Friday 19

I would not let Loretta go out this afternoon but made her take an unusual long nap as I want to take her out to hear the band play tonight. I took her and she had such a good time. She does love to hear the band so much and being with her Papa that it would be almost a pity to have her miss it. There have been but few band concerts she has missed this whole summer. For I have made an effort ^{to} to have

Sat, Aug. 20

Aunt Bertha came down this afternoon about to take Soud and myself down to visit Aunt Carrie. We found her doing very nicely and the baby growing like a little weed. When Soud saw the little thing nurse she was about frantic and her little eyes fairly danced with delight. This morning Paul Frank Soumier, one of Marie's friends called and surprised us very much. He says Soud is the only baby for him. He says she is the best-looking baby he sees on his whole trip.

Sun Aug. 21

We had our dinner all planned. Soud helping or rather hindering very much about making the ice

crews when Uncle Fred
came and wanted us to
go over home with him to
spend the day. We all went
and we were glad that we
did for we had a most lovely
day, but Louie came home
all tired out.

Monday Aug 22

This has been one of the
hottest days of all this summer
and it was more than Louie
could endure and about
four o'clock this afternoon
she took to vomiting and
has suffered more or less
all the afternoon. It is
almost more than her Papa
and I can endure to see
her suffer so terribly.

Tuesday 23

All last night the dear
little thing rolled and

tossed in fever and pain
and this morning did not
find her very much better,

The doctor came and gave
her quite a little relief and
this afternoon finds her very
much better. She says when
I ask her whether she is sick,
"No I make up." She always
says that when she feels
better after any pain of any kind.

Wednesday Aug 27

Today Louisa seems some
better, we called the doctor
in this morning and he says
he knows she will be all right.

Tonight she seems quite
a little better and we feel
very much encouraged about
her, for it gave us a very
hard scare, especially at
this time of the year. We
only hope she will improve
very fast;

Thursday Aug 25-

This afternoon she has been outside some. She seems to be gaining quite rapidly, but the heat seems almost more than she can bear of late. I hope for the sake of the little one it will grow cooler soon. We hear of so many sick ones and deaths too among the little ones. Friday 26

Today we had some out in her cage for some little time and I think it did her lots of good. She seems to be much better all the time. I think the worst is over for some time for her. I hope so anyway. She does not like her diet any too well either as we keep her on boiled milk & dry crackers.

Saturday Aug. 27

Today Grandma was down to spend the day. Papa and I surprised her by giving her a wheel chair for a gift. It did seem to please her very much and I know she will appreciate it more as the time goes by and she learns to depend on it more. Sora was very cross all day, but I think it a good sign that she is much better.

Sun - 28

While they were very anxious for us to go over to Grandpa to spend the day we thought we ought not on account of the baby Sora. We stayed at home and kept her very quiet and she feels very well tonight. We all had a very happy time just among ourselves.

Monday Aug 29.

Sona took her little dollie
out and had a great-tween
outside this this afternoon
the first she has been out-
with them in some times.

The little ones about- here were
glad to have her out- and even
one of the neighbor ladies saw
she was glad to have her
out- walking again for she
had missed her so much.

Tuesday 30

Sona is growing much
better all the time, only her
little bad spell has left- her
rather cross, but- I think
she will get-over that- soon
and be her good little self
again. She always feels
ashamed of herself after
doing something naughty ^{and}
loves me hard to make up-

Wednesday Aug 31

The first-time in Sona's life she attended a birthday party today for Merle Cull.

She seemed so happy among all the little folks. They were all very much delighted with her but so much so that they had her confused most of the time. It seemed quite a cross to her however that she could not eat all she saw and all the rest had.

Thursday Sept 1-

Sona is beginning to be quite a help to me. She carries the silver and glass ware from the dining room to the kitchen and back for me and is always saying "I help Ma'am work." She thinks she helps peel apples and potatoes when I give her a dull knife to help - I love to see her try to work -





