

## **Tuesday, January 1, 1878**

After beginning this book last year I decided to keep it two years and have it run parallel having filled the first one last year it becomes necessary to use this page for the later year. In point of weather there is no parallel s it is quite warm this New Year's day, the mild damp weather has even coaxed the buds out on many outdoor shrubs and bushes. And it is stated in the papers that on the 24<sup>th</sup> of December past, boys were swimming in the Ohio River at Pomeroy. Many other changes exist: Little Freddie has gone from among us and a little boy has come to fill Lizzie's arms and heart. Our boys John + Enos are now away at college in Hoboken, New Jersey and Maggie is in MO with her Grandparents but we are hoping they will soon bring her home now as she has been gone almost three months. This time last year there was good sleighing and so far this winter no snow has fallen here.

It has not seemed at all like New Year's day, the weather is a little colder than it has been but very little and in consequence of Carl's having scarlet fever, we do not go out and no one except Ma + Mary comes here. Macy came over this forenoon and brought some canvas that I asked her to buy for me and also some wool and began a set of toilette mats for the spare room. I have been obliged to remain in bed nearly all day and thought it a good time to do the work as I couldn't do anything else. In the evening the doctor came and left some powders for me. Not feeling able to do anything else I began making a set of dried honey comb canvas toilette mats for the spare room.

## **Wednesday, January 2, 1878**

Weather is growing colder.

I dressed this morning because I couldn't keep warm without it, having to be up and down so often. About 11 o'clock I got up and kept up most of the day after that. Ma came over in the afternoon awhile and during her stay I cut out and began making a little baby skirt for one of my little friends. I wrote to Mother Ricker as usual in the evening.

## **Thursday, January 3, 1878**

Quite cold and rather cloudy.

Have not felt able to do much today except just what had to be done. In the afternoon I yielded to Ma's second invitation and went over home awhile to see Aunt Sallie Young and Julia. I've not been there to see Lizzie or the baby since the day Carl was taken with scarlet fever until today and I made extra preparations for this visit. I invited Aunt Sallie and Julia to spend next Thursday with us.

## **Friday, January 4, 1878**

Cold and snowy, upon opening the windows this morning we found a heavy fall of snow covering everything and all day it continued to snow a little at times. The children are much interested in the sleighs and bells. Willie was very anxious to have a sled ride so his Papa got out the sled and took him down street after supper. We had a good letter from Grandma tonight with plenty of good news about our little girl but no promise yet as to when they will

bring her home. I finished off the first one of the set of toilette mats I'm making for the spare room.

### **Saturday, January 5, 1878**

Very cold and the snow seems to be in good order for sleighing. I was busy as usual all the forenoon and when it is all done there is nothing worth mentioning. The afternoon or the greater part of it was spent in a very unusual way. Jimmie had Ma's horse and sleigh and took Lizzie and Willie riding and then Ma came to stay with Carl and I went, made two trips, both long ones, and was gone about two hours. Willie did not leave the sleigh until it was put up at the shop where it belongs.

### **Sunday, January 6, 1878**

Very cold and snowy.

Jimmie and Willie went to S. S. though and Jimmie went to church morning and evening. I went over home a little while after dinner and that was the only time I was out. I've not felt well enough to be left.

### **Monday, January 7, 1878**

Very cold, the thermometer 2° or 3° below zero when we arose in the morning with fires in the parlor, our room, the dining room, kitchen and pit we were kept busy and still had hard work to keep warm. I spent some time in the pit this morning cleaning up, fixing the fire and watering and showering the plants and when I came up I found Carl so thoroughly chilled that it took me about an hour to thaw him out. I was a little alarmed at first lest he should take cold and suffer for it but he seemed to be all right after his nap. Lizzie brought me some woolen stockings from Mr. Brodbeck's for him and I put a pair on him at once. The first he has ever had I think.

### **Tuesday, January 8, 1878**

Very cold last night and this forenoon, but later in the day it moderated considerably. The sleigh bells have kept up a merry jingle nearly all the time through the snow most nearly all the morning in some places. Keeping up fires has occupied much of my time but between times I've managed to finish off Carl's last two night dresses and after Willie's plaid skirt. He and I went to see Miss Gossin late in the afternoon and engaged her to make over my black cashmere dress next week. We looked for Bart and Jennie on the evening train and Jimmie + Will went to meet them but they did not come that way. A postal card came saying they would be here on the Scioto Valley R. R. which comes in anytime tonight that it can, having to back down from Chillicothe through the snow, it will probably be rather late reaching here.

### **Wednesday, January 9, 1878**

Weather cold, wet + disagreeable. I spent a little extra time on the housework today in anticipation of visitors tomorrow. Washed some windows, ect. Wrote to Grandma in the evening as usual. Saw in the Tribune today the mother of Mrs. Ruby Murphies's death at Franklin Furnace very suddenly.

Spent what time I had for sewing on the little skirt I am making for Jennie.

Jimmie went to church this evening and after that took the mail over home when he saw Bart a few minutes. It was so late that I could not go over home without company and as there was no one to stay with the children while Jimmie went with me, we both stayed at home and hope to see the folks tomorrow.

### **Thursday, January 10, 1878**

Cold, dark and gloomy. I had a very busy morning. Went over to see Bart + Jennie then they came over to see Carl whom I had left in bed not very well. After they left I hurried to fix the oysters for dinner and before I had finished putting my room in order or combed my hair, Aunt Sallie + Julia Young came to spend the day. I was soon ready to visit with them and we had a very pleasant day. Bart + Jennie took dinner with us + Ma came over in the afternoon.

### **Friday, January 11, 1878**

Weather very disagreeable. Yesterday was a bad day for visiting but today has been worse and yet Mrs. Toune and Mrs. Switzer called and made me quite a little visit. Mary had just come in and as she stayed in my room with the children and left soon after the ladies did, I lost nearly all of her visit. I had a letter from Grandma enclosing a postal card to Willie of which he is very proud.

### **Saturday, January 12, 1878**

Bright and not very cold.

Rosie had intended going home today but gave it up and then she had news from her father that decided her to go the first chance which will be tomorrow morning in an express. She left tonight after supper for the place whence they start in the morning. In the afternoon I took Willie and went to Mr. Connolley's got the materials for making over my cashmere dress, then took them to Miss Gossin.

### **Sunday, January 13, 1878**

Rather cold but today but sun shone brightly a little while. Jimmie and Willie went Sabbath school and Jimmie went to church twice. I was not out anywhere. Ma was over here a little while.

I had to get breakfast this morning as the first step towards doing the work for a few days.

### **Monday, January 14, 1878**

Bright overhead but very muddy and disagreeable in the streets. The work kept me busy most of the day but I managed to find enough time in the afternoon and evening to finish off the second piece of my toilette set that I am making. Got a letter from Grandpa who reports Maggie well, happy and "learning fast."

## **Tuesday, January 15, 1878**

Weather rather cloudy and growing colder late in the day. Carl is 19 months old today. I was busy with the work all the forenoon then Mace came to dinner and stayed to help with the dishes. After that she went home to sew and I sat down and spent most of the afternoon sewing on the little shirt. Heard indirectly that Rosie would be home tonight or tomorrow. Jimmie sent photos of himself to the boys and Aunt Betsy Ricker. Printed a long letter to Maggie to be sent with Grandma's.

## **Wednesday, January 16, 1878**

Cloudy and gloomy all day. Last night after we were in bed and asleep, Rosie knocked on the window and asked if we would let her in, we were delighted to do so. I quite enjoyed the feeling that I was not obliged to rise in time to prepare breakfast. Rosie washed today and I sewed on that same little shirt. Pa, Ma + Macy went out to Julia Young's today to dinner. WE were invited but could not go. I wrote to Mother Ricker as usual.

## **Thursday, January 17, 1878**

Bright and pleasant. Macy was here all the forenoon + to dinner. Looking out the window I thought I saw a pansy in bloom so Macy went to see and there really was a fine, large round one open that seemed to have been open several days. Truly they are hardy to bloom in the middle of January after as cold weather as we have had. I went to prayer meeting this evening.

## **Friday, January 18, 1878**

Quite pleasant.

Lizzie was here today, she is not well at all.

I have been busy as usual, am trying hard to get everything done before the folks come as there will be much to do for Maggie and the visiting besides.

## **Saturday, January 19, 1878**

Quite pleasant.

I finished up everything that was commenced and then sat down to my finery work in the afternoon. Mrs. Tewksbury, Ella Murray and Sallie Peebles called, the first time for ever so long. Late in the evening I went down to Reilly's and got 3 little picture frames and ordered for two pictures that I have.

## **Sunday, January 20, 1878**

Cloudy in the morning, but by church time it was quite bright and pleasant. I went to church in the morning and was glad of it for at night it rained and quite hard. Ma brought over a coat of Rich's this morning, that does not fit him and when Jimmie came home and tried it on it fitted nicely. He was very glad to get it when told he might have it.

## **Monday, January 21, 1878**

Damp and rainy nearly all day.

Anna would have been 15 years old today. Have been sewing busily today. Was not out of the house. Ma was here a few minutes and Mary a little while but they were the only members of the family whom I saw today. Jimmie went to church this evening.

## **Tuesday, January 22, 1878**

Cloudy, damp and gloomy. Was quite busy all day sewing but stopped long enough to go over home and show Jennie + Lizzie my new dress made out of my black cashmere that I have had three years and now it looks as it did at first. After supper I finished off the three undergarments that I was making for myself. This evening the whistling wind sounds like cold.

## **Wednesday, January 23, 1878**

Bright, clear and cold, quite a change since yesterday. Began fixing up night dresses got one done + one more ripped up + ready.

Mary Ellen was here this afternoon, the first time since the scarlet fever siege.

## **Thursday, January 24, 1878**

Bright and pleasant.

Have been busy sewing all the time I could today. Rosa was house cleaning upstairs and the pictures came home from Mr. Reilly's, I stopped to hang them and change some others.

Florance Nightingale looks quite handsome in her new frame and the motto "God bless our home" is very pretty. I hung eleven pictures before I quit. Miss Fannie Switzer was here.

## **Friday, January 25, 1878**

Cloudy and gloomy. Have been busy all day as usual but did not quite finish the night dress until supper.

## **Saturday, January 26, 1878**

The usual Saturday housework occupied the forenoon and after dinner I did a little fancy work and went to pay Miss Gossin for making my dress, then to Mr. Connolley's and got a few things.

## **Sunday, January 27, 1878**

Cloudy, gloomy and rainy part of the day.

Willie and his Papa went to Sabbath School and then they stayed with Carl while I went to church.

Dr. Pratt preached a good sermon from James 4.17<sup>th</sup> "To him that knoweth to do good and doeth not, to him it is sin." Uncle Jimmie was here to dinner.

## **Monday, January 28, 1878**

Cloudy and gloomy and towards night it began to turn colder. I had thought of going to Cin today but changed my mind on account of the meeting and other reasons. Have been sewing on a new night dress. Had a letter from Enos this evening. Mrs. Prescott was very sick today, and Mr. P was not at the office in the afternoon. They made a large casting of the foundry and it was 6:30 o'clock when Jimmie came home.

## **Tuesday, January 29, 1878**

Colder and brighter. I have been sewing all day but did not get anything finished. Went to church in the evening and we heard Mr. Kelsey preach in his first sermon for the week as he came on the late train last night. Willie and I were down to Mr. Brodbeck's this evening and I got a few things that I needed for sewing.

## **Wednesday, January 30, 1878**

Cloudy, cold and gloomy until after dinner and then sleet began to fall. I was over home just before it began but did not stay long. When I came back, Carl was crying for me. Wrote to Mother Ricker + Enos + sent papers to John.

## **Thursday, January 31, 1878**

Snow several inches deep this morning and as wet + heavy as it can be. Sewed all day and Jimmie + I went to church together in the evening, quite an occurrence. Letter from Aunt Betsey Ricker.

## **Friday, February 1, 1878**

The heavy, wet snow covers everything so that it is hard to get from one place to another. Jimmie and I managed to get to church in the evening however knowing that others who had much farther to go would be there. The meetings are not greatly attended as they should be but Mr. Kelsey preaches excellent sermons which cannot fail to do some good.

## **Saturday, February 2, 1878**

Quite bright and pleasant. Was busy until noon with the house work and after dinner took a little work and went over home a while. When I came back I finished off or nearly did, a night dress. Might have finished it but Rich came and said I was wanted over home so I went and about 12:30 o'clock a fat little baby came along wanting to be dressed so I attended to him and a little later came home + went to bed.

## **Sunday, February 3, 1878**

Cloudy and unpleasant.

Jimmie + Willie went to S. S. and Jimmie to church in the morning. In the afternoon we went to communion together, several persons, nine I think, united with the church. Have been over home several times to see Jennie and her new baby boy.

## **Monday, February 4, 1878**

Very bright and pleasant overhead but the walking was very disagreeable. I went to Mr. Connolley's + got a few things in the afternoon. Sewed on a night dress and some back + forth from our house to Pa's. Jennie + the baby are doing very well. Pa went to Winona (?) this morning early but will be back tomorrow. Jennie Stewart + Ella Smith called while I was out. I went to church in the evening.

## **Tuesday, February 5, 1878**

Bright but quite cold. Lizzie talked a little of coming to spend the day with us but decided not to do so as the baby had some cold. Jennie had a slight chill today and was not so well. I was over there three times during the day.

Jennie has been doing well until today.

I have sewed on a night dress all the time I could today.

## **Wednesday, February 6, 1878**

A lovely bright day but the streets are still sloppy from the snow which is not yet all gone. I was over home this morning to see Jennie and Bart, he came last night. Jennie is better than she was yesterday. Ma's cousin Geo Puntenev + his wife came on the boat today. I called on her this afternoon + she + Ma came over later to see us while Jimmie is at church. I have been writing to Mother Ricker + Clara King. Ella Fulton called this afternoon.

## **Thursday, February 7, 1878**

Bright and pleasant.

Mr. + Mrs. Puntenev came to dinner today, also Mar Moore. I did not accomplish very much aside from entertaining the company and doing a little on my toilette set which is almost done now. Mr. Kelsey is still preaching every night.

## **Friday, February 8, 1878**

Bright and pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Puntenev went away on the Bostana today. I was over to bid them goodbye and met them just going out the gate.

## **Saturday, February 9, 1878**

Very pleasant.

The usual work took me until noon as usual. The pit required considerable attention and I brought up one table full of plants to put into the parlor hoping the sunlight would develop the buds. In the afternoon I did various things that were necessary to be done.

## **Sunday, February 10, 1878**

Very pleasant.

Jimmie and Willie went to S. S. this morning and then I went to church. It was well I did for in the evening it rained and was very disagreeable.

## **Monday, February 11, 1878**

Quite pleasant.

When my usual morning work was done, I cut out three pairs of drawers for Willie and after about three trips to Connolley's I made two and Willie one. I got them underway and then by bedtime had them all done except the button holes. Went over in the evening to invite Rich and Lizzie over to spend the day tomorrow.

## **Tuesday, February 12, 1878**

Bright, clear and quite windy. I had Lizzie here to spend the day with me, Rich went to Cin last night. I asked her over to try to put her into the notion of housekeeping and succeeded most admirably. In the afternoon we went to look at Mrs. Calins house on Washington Street and decided that it was just the place for her. She can hardly wait until Rich comes home to talk the subject over with him.

## **Wednesday, February 13, 1878**

Weather delightful, it couldn't be more pleasant for a trip to Cin. The folks all promised to take good care of the children and insisted that I should go and enjoy myself. I did not know of the passengers but was introduced to Mrs. Boynton + her sister Miss Dora Hand who are on their way to Texas where Mr. Henry Boynton has settled on a farm. Mrs. B. is taking two little children, the baby has been quite sick but is improving rapidly.

## **Thursday, February 14, 1878**

Arose about 5 o'clock or soon after and saw the folks start for Texas and then lay down again until breakfast was ready. Father + Mother Ricker + Maggie came to the boat soon after 8 o'clock and then we went up to the stores and bought 3 cloaks, I also did a few other errands. Was very tired when I got through but was quite well satisfied with my forenoon's work.

## **Friday, February 15, 1878**

Damp and gloomy. We were up and ready to leave the boat quite early. We and our packages about filled the bus. Ma, Pa, + Lizzie were over early to see the folks and I was very busy setting things all the forenoon. After dinner I went to see Mrs. Peebles, Mrs. Tewksbury and Ella Murray + Mary E Moore to ask them to call. Also went to fulfill the promise made Mrs. Boynton on the boat about telling her mother of the baby's welfare.

## **Saturday, February 16, 1878**

Bright and pleasant. After doing up my work I went with Lizzie to Mr. Evering to see about her dishes for housekeeping. She is very much engrossed now in the business of getting ready. Mrs. Tewksbury + Sallie called to see Mother Ricker this afternoon. Mary Peebles was here in the morning.

## **Sunday, February 17, 1878**

Rainy and gloomy.

Maggie went with Willie and her Papa to S. S. this morning, the first time since the 7<sup>th</sup> of October. Jimmie stayed at home with the children while I went to church with Grandpa + Grandma. Uncle Jimmie was here to dinner. In the evening I stayed at home and the others went to church.

## **Monday, February 18, 1878**

Bright and quite pleasant.

Was busy at home all the forenoon and later after dinner intended remaining at home but went with Macy to attend to come work for Ma, visiting a district and managed to make calls on several persons that I wanted to see anyway. Mrs. McConnell, Mrs. Loderick, Miss Gould, Mrs. Judge Harper and Mrs. Bard. Mrs. Peebles and Maggie were here this afternoon.

## **Tuesday, February 19, 1878**

Very pleasant. Have not felt very well and as I had no one with whom to leave the children I did not have a chance to help Lizzie fix up the house, much as I wished to do so. This is moving day and as Rosa has extra work I could not ask her to look after the children any.

## **Wednesday, February 20, 1878**

Weather very pleasant.

Lizzie really began housekeeping today by having supper in her own home and then spending the first night there. They have been moving + getting ready ever since Monday. I spent the afternoon there papering the closet in her room for her though I have felt so sick and badly all day that I found it hard to conceal my feelings. Did not go to church in the evening.

## **Thursday, February 21, 1878**

Rainy and dismal.

It was fortune Lizzie got moved when she did as the weather is not very formidable now. I went to see after my wrapper which was to have been done yesterday but it is still unfinished and I cannot have it before Saturday and perhaps not then.

## **Friday, February 22, 1878**

Rainy. This morning when Willie was dressing I noticed he was all broken out with some kind of a rash. At noon Jimmie went to ask Dr. McDowell to come and see what was the matter. He found the Dr. sick + unable to come but he said it was only dutch measles + would pass off in a day or two. Pa went away on the boat + expects to leave Cin. for D. C. on the Charles Morgan tomorrow. In the afternoon Ma + Mrs. Gregory went to see the Dr. + found him really sick but not willing to go to bed + give up. Later when she went to take him some soup he promised to go at bed time but alas some as he said the nights were so long to him.

## **Saturday, February 23, 1878**

Weather very pleasant.

While I was up in Mother Ricker's room this morning Father Ricker came to say that Jimmie had just come up and said that Dr. McDowell died about 1 o'clock last AM. I couldn't feel that it was so but when the realization came to me I was overwhelmed with grief. All day I have been blinded by tears. How can we do without him, we have talked of him so much lately as he was almost laid up with a serious cold yet he hadn't time + couldn't attend to it now as suddenly as he has been forced to leave all and go. Last night he promised Ma that at bed time he would go to be and be treated for hi cold, this morning he is in Heaven,

## **Sunday, February 24, 1878**

Very pleasant day.

Jimmie and the children went to S. S. and then I went to church with Father + Mother Ricker in the forenoon. Jimmie went with them at night. This is Dr. McDowell's first Sabbath in Heaven and while he must be enjoying it we are missing him as one from our own family.

## **Monday, February 25, 1878**

Cloudy and rather cold and gloomy. Was busy early in the morning until the house was in order and then I just walked around and watched + waited for someone to come in and stay with the children long enough for me to go + see Mary Kreider but Ma + Mother Ricker were out together + did not return until after 12 o'clock. After dinner Mother R. was at home + I went but did not see Mary as she was asleep. Mrs. Glosser + Mrs. Watkins called.

## **Tuesday, February 26, 1878**

A beautiful spring-like day which does not accord with our sad hearts but still it is better that it should be so when there is a funeral. We went at the ringing of the first bell to Bigelow church to attend the funeral services of our dear friend and even then we could barely find standing room. The church was crowded with people of all denominations, even Catholics + Jews, black + white. During the services of nearly two hours in length I stood and wept bitter tears, selfish tears I know for it was for our loss so the change is a blessed one to him no doubt he was literally worked to death, and was prepared to go if ever any one was.

## **Wednesday, February 27, 1878**

Bright and warm with indications of rain. I felt as though I wanted to go and see Mary Kreider today but had no chance to leave the children so was at home all day. Spent my spare moments mending the clothes that came in from the wash. Mother R. and Ma were out all the forenoon + after dinner Father + Mother Ricker went to make some calls. Misses Phoebe Gould and Clara Pursell were here to see Mother Ricker. Nearly everybody feels as though a member of their family had gone from earth.

## **Thursday, February 28, 1878**

Beautiful bright day and not cold. Father + Mother Ricker went to spend the day at Mrs. Tewksbury's and I took Maggie + Willie + went up to help with Lizzie's hall carpet. Carl does not seem very well today but I think it is only a cold. The Loan Exhibition of Uncle Enos' house opened today. It is for the benefit of the church society. Mrs. Gilbert Wait's funeral takes place this afternoon. Mrs. Hamilton called this morning, Mrs. Elden and Mrs. Robinson + sister Jennie after dinner.

## **Friday, March 1, 1878**

Bright and pleasant as spring.

I did not do much in the forenoon and after dinner I went with the folks to the Loan Exhibition for a little while then hurried home and dressed the children to go to Clara Pursell's for tea.

## **Saturday, March 2, 1878**

Rainy and unpleasant.

Mother Ricker and I had decided to devote the day to returning her calls but a rain in the forenoon interfered with our plans and so it was given up. After dinner the sun shone brightly for a while and she took Maggie and Willie and went to see Mrs. Loderick + Miss Phoebe Gould and Mrs. Towne.

## **Sunday, March 3, 1878**

Rainy almost all day.

Jimmie + the children went to S. S. and then I went to church with the folks. At 2 o'clock PM the funeral services of Mr. Jas L. Brown were held at our church during the day as Jimmie + his father went to hear Mr. Ketchum.

## **Monday, March 4, 1878**

Cloudy with indications of snow and enough wind to make it very disagreeable. Have done very little today in any way. After dinner Father + Mother Ricker went up to Mr. Tewksbury's not knowing just when they would return. I was down street a few minutes and paid my bill at Valley Book Store.

## **Tuesday, March 5, 1878**

Bright and pleasant.

Jennie and her baby came over to spend the day with us. It was his first visit and he was as good as he could be. Just before dinner Mother Ricker and Father came back from Mr. Tewksbury's and after dinner she and Ma went out to make some calls.

### **Wednesday, March 6, 1878**

Bright, warm and rather windy as though it would rain soon. All day long I have been darning and patching when not occupied with housework or company. I went to church in the evening and left a stocking to finish on my return.

### **Thursday, March 7, 1878**

Beautiful and spring-like. I went down to get some pepper this afternoon and as I had to go to Mrs. Porter's I went on a little farther and inquired how Sallie Peebles was. She has been and still is quite sick, then I came home past Lizzie's but she was not at home so my stay was short.

### **Friday, March 8, 1878**

Weather as lovely as it could be. The folks were intending to return today or tomorrow but we do not look for them soon. I have been out three times today I think, quite an unusual occurrence for one but the weather was so tempting and I really had very little to do at least that I could do just now. Lizzie was here this afternoon.

### **Saturday, March 9, 1878**

Warm as summer almost. The buds are rapidly coming out. I was in the kitchen all the forenoon, baking cake for the possible tea party next week. After dinner I fixed some pickles and then devoted the rest of the day to getting the children washed and dressed. Went over home a while and held the baby until he went to sleep. Jennie went with Ma to Dr. Dennis' to have some teeth extracted. Father + Mother Ricker came back from Ironton today.

### **Sunday, March 10, 1878**

Delightfully warm and pleasant. I have quite a troublesome cold in my head but went to church in the forenoon. Rev. Mr. Chidlan preached.

### **Monday, March 11, 1878**

Rainy and a prospect of its continuing for some time. Fannie Moore came this morning to ask all of us to take tea at their home this evening. As the children were included in the invitation we all went also Jennie and had a very pleasant evening. This is Jennie's anniversary, she and Bart have never spent together than their marriage. There was considerable lightning this evening. Our grape vine was brightened.

### **Tuesday, March 12, 1878**

The rain has been making up for lost time and a great deal has fallen today but now at 5 o'clock PM the sun shines brightly.

Mary came over with her sewing and spent the forenoon but did not see much of Mother Ricker who had started out for a forenoon's visiting. I've done almost nothing as I've not felt well on account of a severe cold.

## **Wednesday, March 13, 1878**

Very pleasant.

Mary went and invited our guests for tomorrow evening and promises to help me more tomorrow as she always does on such occasions. I could hardly get through without her. Rosie and I did a good deal of the work today.

## **Thursday, March 14, 1878**

Beautiful weather. Was busy all day preparing for my little tea party which consisted of Misses Peebles, Tewksbury, E. B. Moore + their wives, Uncle Jimmy Wood, Ma, Grandma Moore, Rich + Lizzie + baby and our own family. We had a very pleasant evening. Dr. + Mrs. Pratt + Mrs. Hamilton were invited but did not come.

## **Friday, March 15, 1878**

A lovely day. The folks left on the Bonanza today for Cin and expect to reach Kirkwood tomorrow night. I did not feel well enough to go to the boat with them and it was well I didn't for Mrs. Gaylord + Mrs. Towne came just after they were gone, to bid them goodbye. We felt very sorry to see them go this time as the furnace is out of blast + nearly everybody has left the place so it will be very lovely for them.

## **Saturday, March 16, 1878**

A bright and pleasant day but I have not been able to be out any. When I got the beds made in the morning I had to open mine and lie down and there I spent most of the day. Jennie brought her baby over and stayed with me for which I was very glad.

## **Sunday, March 17, 1878**

Rather cloudy at times but not so much rain.

I was not well enough to go to church today so I was not out of the house at all. Uncle Enos and Mary Ellen were here a while in the afternoon and Jimmie went out to see Uncle Sam.

## **Monday, March 18, 1878**

Rather April-like, cloudy and bright by turns. Was at home all day sewing and after dinner Ma brought Jennie's baby over, it was soon followed by Jennie then Mary, next Lizzie's baby + then Lizzie and we had a nice visit together. Rich came to escort his family home.

I made two pairs of drawers for Maggie today except the trimming around the bottom. One was made before and the other is yet to be done.

## **Tuesday, March 19, 1878**

Bright and pleasant. I was so fortunate as to be out most of the forenoon and enjoyed it thoroughly. We took the three children out walking and I got ready and went up to [ay a bill at Connolley's, the stopped at Lizzie's on my way home to see after the children. Afterwards went

to Mr. Peebles to see Mattie Wood but she was out then called to see Maggie Mason. Mattie came here and spent the evening.

### **Wednesday, March 20, 1878**

Lovely day and quite warm. Mattie Wood came to dinner and spent a part of the afternoon. After she left I, with the children + Ma, walked up to Lizzie's together but after doing an errand or two we separated and she went to Mr. Peebles + I to Lizzie's. In the evening I went to prayer meeting which was led by Mr. Johnson.

### **Thursday, March 21, 1878**

A delightful day notwithstanding a few clouds and sprinkles of rain. I was busy all day making over Maggie's spring dress although I was not at all well. Ma had the Ketchum family to tea this evening and as their girl has gone home with something like a felon on her finger she + Mary will have their hands full. Letter from John today noon.

### **Friday, March 22, 1878**

Lovely day, the first trees are blooming and the pansies in the yard are full of buds + flowers. Pa came home from D. C. this morning and brought Maggie a beautiful silver syrup can and Willie a toy balloon with flute attached. His pleasure was short though for Ma burst it and then after she had another balloon put on it, Jimmie bust that. He grieved very deeply over his losses. I sewed nearly all day and accomplished something. Wrote to John in the evening.

### **Saturday, March 23, 1878**

Weather bright but dusty and not very pleasant for walking out. After the morning work was done I devoted all the time that was left to Maggie's dress but did not make very satisfactory progress and before supper time concluded to lay it aside and not try to finish it until next week. Went up to Lizzie's a few minutes after dinner to see the afghan she is just finishing for her new nephew at Ashland. Rob + Hattie have a sow born on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March I think Lizzie said. The afghan is made of two umbias (?), the upper one being white with pale blue striped and the under one, white a layer of cotton, is put between and all are stacked together with zephyr daisies and a broad blue silk sash ribbon is put down the center with heavy white zephyr cord + tassel tacked on to finish it off. It is very pretty and soft + warm.

### **Sunday, March 24, 1878**

Weather clear and turning much colder. The children went to S. S. with their father and then I went alone to church. In the afternoon I went to see Pa a while and spent the rest of the time with the children as usual.

### **Monday, March 25, 1878 Fix degrees symbol in other computer**

Quite cold again, about 7 o'clock this morning the ther stood at 23° and it must have been much colder in the night. I went up to Connolley's a few minutes this evening and stopped to

see Lizzie, she and her baby and Jennie's baby spent the afternoon with me. Jennie was at Dr. Dennis' having some work done. I did not accomplish much in the sewing line.

## **Tuesday, March 26, 1878**

Very dry, dusty and rather windy but not quite so cold as yesterday.

I have stayed in the house and worked industriously all day and succeeded in finishing off Maggie's dress which looks about as well as if it were all new. I then did one or two little pieces of mending and after that hemmed these new table cloths that I bought last week. After doing up my visiting I expect to do some mending and it will probably be bed time when that I done. Macy was here this afternoon and in the evening Ma came in for a few minutes, neither she nor Pa are at all well. She has a very sore throat.

## **Wednesday, March 27, 1878**

Weather bright and pleasant. Immediately after finishing the morning work I began mending and putting away the ironing. Ten o'clock at night I quit mending but was not through had to leave some to be done another time. Jennie came over this morning to say that Bart would be here after dinner. She had just received a dispatch. He came and the children and I went over to see him then Carl and I walked up to see Mrs. Prescott who is just getting settled in the Hancock cottage where they expect to spend the summer.

## **Thursday, March 28, 1878**

Rained in the evening. Pleasant but too cool within doors to be without fire and out of door winter cloaks and clothes seemed troublesome. In the forenoon I cut out aprons for Maggie and began making them but did not accomplish much beyond the first seams and hemming some ruffles.

After dinner I had to go to the shop to take some books that Jimmie had forgotten and just as I returned, Bart, Jennie + baby came to spend the afternoon and take tea. It rained quite hard late in the evening. Bart expects to leave tomorrow morning for the Furnace. Had a letter from Mother Ricker who is settled again at home and answered it this evening with a long one.

## **Friday, March 29, 1878**

Very pleasant today.

Gingham aprons for Maggie engaged my attention most of the time. I have four cut out which finishes up the bolt of gingham I bought last fall, having made 16 aprons for Maggie + Willie out of it.

Miss Fannie Switzer called to see me this afternoon. Their spring vacation began today to last one week.

Bart went this forenoon.

## **Saturday, March 30, 1878**

Quite April-like or rather worse. I fully intended going to see Mrs. Hamilton and Grandma this morning but a hard rain changed my purpose and I did not go until about 4 o'clock PM then it was bright but a hard rain caught me at Mr. Peebles and they loaned me an umbrella and I went to Mr. Connolley's and got a tie for Jimmie and some things for Maggie then came home.

## **Sunday, March 31, 1878**

Rained a little in the morning but the rest of the day was very pleasant though so cool that I wore my furs to church. Rosie did not go out so the rest of us went leaving only Carl with her. The rest of the day I spent at home except a few minutes after tea when I went to see how Ma was. She seems to be improving.

## **Monday, April 1, 1878**

Pleasant but rather cool.

I was at home all day sewing made a white apron trimmed with blue embroidered ruffles for Maggie. She has nine new ones five that I've made within a week so she will not need any more for a while. The button holes and buttons are still lacking and I'll probably be all week getting them done with all the other things that I've planned to do.

## **Tuesday, April 2, 1878**

A delightful day and one I have enjoyed. I decided early in the morning to go to Dr. Dennis' to have my teeth examined and as soon as I could get ready to go I went, made an engagement to go again tomorrow and then went to see Maggie Mason and her mother then to see Lizzie a few minutes and afterwards she came and spent the afternoon + took tea with us. After tea I went to engagement of Mrs. Ritz again.

## **Wednesday, April 3, 1878**

Lovely day.

I went to Dr. Dennis' about 9 o'clock and was there until almost 12 PM. Am rejoiced to think that my teeth are all fixed again for a while. Stopped at Lizzie's on my way home. After dinner and the mending put away the clothes. Maggie Mason + her mother called to see me.

Wrote the usual letter this evening.

Began to get milk from Mrs. Ritz.

## **Thursday, April 4, 1878**

Very pleasant and I decided to improve an opportunity to make some calls. Lizzie and I went about 3 o'clock and made a few near home as Carl did not seem well enough for me to go very far away. We went to Mrs. Miller's, Mrs. Pratt's, Mrs. Drapers, Mrs. Corton's, Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Spry's, Mrs. Helphenstein's, Mrs. Loderick, Miss Gould and Mrs. Connolley and then home.

## **Friday, April 5, 1878**

Bright and pleasant only a little windy after dinner. Lizzie + I went + called on Alise Higgins, Clara Pursell, Julia Young, Aunt Mary Moore, Ella Smith, went to Ella Crenturf's (?) + she to Mrs. Archer Davis.' I afterwards went alone to see Alise + Addie + Mrs. Chris Young, Mrs. Pursell's, Mrs. Bernell's, Mrs. Elden's and Miss Mollie Davis' and Mrs. Towne's. In the forenoon I made Mary Murphy a long visit.

## **Saturday, April 6, 1878**

Bright but too windy to be very pleasant. During the forenoon I attended to my usual work and soon after dinner I started out to finish up my calls. Went first to Mr. Lollins and bought a sugar spoon to send to Hattie Sterett as a wedding present then called upon Mrs. Dr. Dennis, Mrs. Beyerly, Maggie Mason, Ella Thompson, Ella Bonsall, Mrs. Tewksbury, Carrie Starnes, Ella Fulton, Mrs. Dunlap + Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Greene + Ella Silcox, Lay Rifemberick and Mrs. Gaylord. Ma + I rode home together in the car from Mrs. Greene's.

## **Sunday, April 7, 1878**

Very pleasant and though many are appearing in the street without cloak or shawl I still wear mine with comfort. This morning Ma, Jennie, Lizzie and I sat together and Mary was in her own seat. Jimmie stayed with the children.

## **Monday, April 8, 1878**

Bright and pleasant.

Carl has anted and had my attention today. He was quite sick all night and though better this afternoon is too weak to take care of himself. Late in the afternoon I took him over home to see Grandma and Aunt Maria who are back from Mr. Greene's.

## **Tuesday, April 9, 1878**

Very pleasant.

Carl has been feeling badly that it was all I could do to get the room ready for the expected guests coming to attend Presbytery. In the morning Aunt Ad came on the Scioto but she was alone, it was a mistake thinking Helen was coming. Presbytery opened this afternoon but I was not there. Have held Carl nearly all day.

## **Wednesday, April 10, 1878**

A little rain during the night but none during today which has been quite pleasant. Carl has been quite unwell all day and I've been obliged to hold him except when I went with Aunt Ad to the opening exercise of the meeting which only lasted half an hour. She dined + Mrs. Tewksbury but came back here to tea. We called Dr. Kline to see Carl, the first time we've had a doctor since our own good doctor left us.

## **Thursday, April 11, 1878**

Beautiful day. Carl seems a little better the Dr. was here + said he would not come again for several days unless we send for him.

Jennie and her baby went home today via S. V. R. R. with Dwight. We went over to see her off. In the evening I went with Aunt Ad Ricker to the closing exercises of Presbytery and heard Richard Lewis preach his trial sermon and received his license to preach. Aunt Ad went to the Scioto afterwards intending to be home in the morning.

## **Friday, April 12, 1878**

Weather very pleasant if it was not so windy and dusty. I did not do much in the forenoon but hold Carl who has improved a great deal but is not well yet. After dinner I put him to sleep + went out to pay some bills. Paid Mr. Connolley's \$18.00, Mr. Rintell \$2.90 cts. Mr. Whitney \$1.15, Mr. Tolliver \$1.00, Rosa \$2.00 and M \$1.25.

Mrs. E. E. Miller gave me some pinks which I planted in the pit for the present. Mary Ellen was here to see Carl. Aunt Maria McCall went home.

## **Saturday, April 13, 1878**

Warm and pleasant with a little thunder shower late in the day. Was busy all the forenoon with housework and after dinner I put a new braid + some lining on my black buster dress. Then worked a little while on my trimming. Mrs. Tewksbury + Ella Murray were here to see the pit and flowers.

## **Sunday, April 14, 1878**

Weather very pleasant but I felt comfortable with my cloak on while a few ladies appeared at church with lace wraps or none at all. Jimmie + the children went to Sabbath school and then Willie and I went to church.

## **Monday, April 15, 1878**

Bright and early the man came and work in the yard was commenced. He fixed up the rose beds and I put out the roses that I had in the pit, there were only a few small ones but enough to take the places of the slips that died during the winter.

## **Tuesday, April 16, 1878**

Warm and pleasant.

I have been in the yard all day superintending and helping a little. It is very convenient to have a man carry out all my plans. He has made a drain across the yard and some flower beds today besides a good deal of cleaning up I was very tired, almost sick when night came.

Rosie had finished the clothes so they were put away and by the time that was done and the children asleep I was tired enough.

The oleanders were put out today.

### **Wednesday, April 17, 1878**

Dry and no prospect of rain. The man finished up in the yard this forenoon and I did nothing but follow him around and tell him what was to be done. Everything is in good order except having the grass cut and it seems too dry for cutting. After dinner I put Carl to sleep and after his nap took him and my work over home for an hour or so.

### **Thursday, April 18, 1878**

Very dry and dusty but a little prospect of rain.

In the morning just as I had finished my work, Macy came with the buggy and asked Carl and me to take a ride which we gladly did. Did several errands and visited the green house while we were out. Stopped at Ella Coverturf's (?) and got some pinks that she had promised me. In the afternoon I worked in the yard a little, planted some seed that I had.

Hattie Sterett was to be married today at her home in Caltanowa (?) to Frank Wooster + I suppose she was.

### **Friday, April 19, 1878**

Cloudy but not much rain during the day still we are hoping there will be some before morning. I set out my carnation pinks today hoping the rain would come, also some small ones that Ella Coverturf (?) gave me yesterday. In the forenoon the children + I went to see Lizzie awhile and after dinner I cut out seven new drawers for Will and two night shirts for Jimmie being the first I have used of the new bolt of muslin.

### **Saturday, April 20, 1878**

Not rain enough to do any good yet.

My indoor and outdoor work kept busy all day. About all that I can do in the yard is done until time to put out the geraniums and tuberoses. I did but touch the new sewing today.

### **Sunday, April 21, 1878**

Quite warm too warm for my cloak today. Jimmie + the children went to S. S. as usual and he went to church. I went in the evening. This is one Easter Sunday that it has not rained for years past I think it has rained on Easter Sundays.

### **Monday, April 22, 1878**

Dry and dusty.

Began sewing on Willie's drawers that I cut out last week hoping to find time enough to make them all this week when not engaged in house cleaning which is to be the chief business of the week. I finished off one pair, except button holes and got three more pairs almost done.

## **Tuesday, April 23, 1878**

Very warm, dusty and windy until about bedtime when a rain began to fall which I hope will last long enough to do some good. I sewed on while sewing quite busily as I could and very tired at night. Just as I was putting the children to bed and Jimmie was starting to the P. O. Arthur Ricker came in to make a call on his way home from New York where he has spent the winter studying art. Wrote order to Storrs Harrison + Co.

## **Wednesday, April 24, 1878**

A delightful day, showers all day which cleared the air, refreshed vegetation and effectively settled the dust. Rosie and I made a beginning on the house cleaning up stairs. Finished the front room and did some work in the back rooms.

## **Thursday, April 25, 1878**

Some hard rains today that were quite refreshing.

Rosie went on with her house cleaning and got the upstairs and hall done, the stairs and most of the lower hall. I have not done much but regulate closets and boxes today.

## **Friday, April 26, 1878**

Very pleasant with a few sprinkles of rain now + then. Rosie, Godfrey Herzog and I spent the most of this day at work in the parlor and just finished it without attempting anything more than finishing the hall that was almost done before.

## **Saturday, April 27, 1878**

Rather showery but not enough rain to interfere with our work.

We took up the carpet in my bedroom and put down the matting got nearly through by noon and I paid off the man and finished up afterwards then washed + dressed the children for Sunday. No letter from Mother Ricker this week.

## **Sunday, April 28, 1878**

It rained in the morning when the folks went to S. S. and again at church time and in the afternoon but I managed to get to church in the evening between showers.

Mr. Peters of the Bigelow M. E. church preached for us.

## **Monday, April 29, 1878**

Cloudy and a few sprinkles of rain but not much.

The ground is thoroughly soaked now and things ought to grow now our grass has gone to seed and we can't get it cut. I sewed all day, was over home a little while in the morning and then Ma brought her work and spent the afternoon here.

## **Tuesday, April 30, 1878**

Weather lovely, the rain has refreshed vegetation and everything looks gay and green. I sewed all the forenoon and finished the two night shirts except the button holes. After Carl took his nap I took him and some button holes up to Lizzie's and made quite a visit. Dr. Pratt + wife and afterwards Julia called there.

## **Wednesday, May 1, 1878**

Weather delightful.

The children went over home with Ma this morning to watch the men fix the street pipes and after a while I followed with Carl and some sewing but I had only done about 4 inches when Ma wanted me to go out to Uncle Sam's with her in the buggy so I took Carl and went. It was almost noon when I got home. After dinner I sewed.

## **Thursday, May 2, 1878**

It is quite pleasant today but a little windy and very dusty when the wind blows. I thought some of having the dining room cleaned today but Rosie had planned to clean closets so let her carry out her plans and worked button holes all day making two dozen or more besides some other furnishing touches.

## **Friday, May 3, 1878**

Bright in the forenoon but after dinner we had a hard rain which was very refreshing. Rosie took up the dining room carpet and I helped her put it down again, wrong side up so it looks quite fresh + clean. She finished up the room before supper.

## **Saturday, May 4, 1878**

Bright and showery by turns but a pleasant day nonetheless. Rosie took up the dining room carpet and finished them yesterday and today has been busy in the kitchen. After dinner I went up to sit with Lizzie until church time and then we went to church together to preparatory lecture. After that we went to Geo Watkins's and selected paper for the kitchen and then I came home to the children. After supper Jimmie + I planted the tuberose checks and set out the geraniums + what was left in the pit to be put out.

## **Sunday, May 5 1878**

Quite cold and cloudy.

At noon it had grown so cool that I started a fire in our room. Communion services were held in our church today + several persons untied with the church.

## **Monday, May 6 1878**

Delightful day just cool enough for comfort and no dust to annoy me.

After putting the room in order I took Carl + walked up to see how Grandma was, found her better and Aunt Maria there, having come last evening. We came home by Lizzie's and then spent the rest of the morning finishing off some work and mending some things.

After dinner I cut out and made Carl's first pair of drawers and a waist to wear with them It will not stop short of a dozen pairs at least.

## **Tuesday, May 7, 1878**

Delightful weather.

I went to see Grandma + found her improving, met Mrs. Hamilton at the door there, having come to inquire how Grandma was. Went up to Lizzie's a few minutes and then went to Mr. Connolley's + bought some goods. After dinner I made ½ doz sheets for Willie's bed and all + out 11 pairs of drawers + 3 waists for Carl, also made a crumb cloth for the dining room.

## **Wednesday, May 8, 1878**

It rained hard in the night and hard in the night and has kept it up at intervals all day so things are well dampened now at 8 1/2 PM. I went to see how Grandma was this morning and bade Aunt Maria goodbye as she was going home. Sewed as I had chances during the day. Was over home a while. Ma sent us home strawberries for dinner, the first we have seen. Had a letter from Aunt Betsey and wrote one to Mother Ricker.

## **Thursday, May 9, 1878**

Very pleasant.

Rosie and I papered the kitchen today and as the walls had been white washed several times it was rather hard to make the paper stick in some places. Of course I did not sew any today.

## **Friday, May 10, 1878**

Very pleasant only rather cool. I went up to see how Lizzie was this morning and found her not at all well. Ma was there and after a short visit she took me up to the store where I got a few things, a piece of goods to make Willie a suit and later I sent + got a calico dress for Rosie. Sewed some during the day but do not progress very satisfactory.

## **Saturday, May 11, 1878**

Damp and disagreeable.

In addition to my usual Saturday work, I had the brine to change on the pickles which took some time and it was rather late when I got up to see Lizzie who does not seem to be getting any better. Ma stays there all the time except when she eats or sleeps. I have cut out 1 doz pairs of drawers for Carl this week and made four pairs besides 6 sheets + 1 crumb cloth.

## **Sunday, May 12, 1878**

Rainy and chilly, winter cloaks are still comfortable and fires a necessity. Lizzie has been very sick all day and most of the day I have been there. None of us went to church in the morning but Jimmie went at night. The children both went to S. S. as usual.

## **Monday, May 13, 1878**

Damp and cool.

Was up at Lizzie's as much of the time as I could be away from the children. She is a little better than she was yesterday but still unable to sit up any. Have been sewing a little.

## **Tuesday, May 14, 1878**

Chilly, damp and gloomy.

We were hoping that Lizzie could be brought home to Pa's today where she could be taken care of easier but she has not been able to sit up and the weather was too unfavorable so Ma had to stay again tonight. Rich went on the late boat to the May Festival, presume he thought Lizzie was so much better that she would not need him.

## **Wednesday, May 15, 1878**

More pleasant than yesterday still a good fire in the evening was necessary to comfort. I went up to Lizzie's + dressed the baby + did a few other things then came home + did numerous other things until noon when I sat down + fixed the machine work on the last four pairs of Carl's drawers. Then went over home + found Lizzie + baby moved +settled there. In the afternoon Sadie Crossley, Harry + Maggie Peebles called to see us. In the evening we took a ride.

## **Thursday, May 16, 1878**

A rainy day for the wedding. I have not done much aside from a few little things that I did to get ready for the wedding which Jimmie and I attended in the evening. Ed Burk and Anna Tracy were married at 6<sup>th</sup> Street church and then had a reception at home before leaving on the Fleetwood for Chicago. It was one of the prettiest weddings we have had here. 8 bridesmaids + maids of honor + no groomsmen made quite a pretty scene together with the plants and flowers and calcium light.

## **Friday, May 17, 1878**

Lizzie seems to be improving but it is quite slowly however + she sits up nearly all the time now. I have sewed some and been over there several times. In the evening Maggie Peebles and Mrs. Crossley came and sat an hour or more with us. Have made button holes all day when I sewed at all.

## **Saturday, May 18, 1878**

Delightful day. Did the usual Saturday work and then made three waists for Carl including button holes. Ma made button holes in two pairs of drawers for me which finishes up all the work I have cut out. Have made 8 pairs of drawers + 3 waists this week. Had some delicious strawberries today.

## **Sunday, May 19, 1878**

Pleasant with some indication of rain in the evening which however did not amount to much. Just as we were coming home from church the drops began to fall and people raised umbrellas + quickened their pace but very little rain fell after all. Lizzie was here a few minutes in the afternoon.

## **Monday, May 20, 1878**

Began work on Maggie's dresses and spent a good deal more time trying to cut + plan than I did sewing. Lizzie + the baby were here all day, except just at dinner time when they went over home + then came back to stay until after tea. Mrs. Peebles + Flo McConnell were here in the afternoon. Lizzie is not at all well. Her girl came home this morning and in the evening she + Rich went home to stay.

## **Tuesday, May 21, 1878**

Very warm.

I sewed all day on Maggie's pale blue percale dress that the folks sent from MO and it is almost finished, only the buttons and button holes remain to be done.

## **Wednesday, May 22, 1878**

Quite warm and dry.

I sewed all the time I could all day and only succeeded in mending the aprons, some of which were greatly in need of patches.

Mrs. Prescott was here in the afternoon. In the evening I wrote to Grandma Ricker.

Was up to the store this evening to see about trimmings for Maggie's dress.

## **Thursday, May 23, 1878**

Delightful day, rather dusty but some indications of rain. Cut out and began making a linen skirt. Mrs. Hamilton was here in the afternoon. Late in the afternoon Jimmie came up and said he had to go out in the county about ten miles and would not be home until late. Mary took the children and me out riding a little while then we had supper. I watered some of the flowers and then put the children to bed. Jimmie came home at 9 o'clock and we had some strawberries + cream.

## **Friday, May 24, 1878**

Very pleasant.

Sewed most of the time today on Maggie's dress there is so much to be done that I scarcely know what to do first.

## **Saturday, May 25, 1878**

We had a nice rain, a slow steady one that did everything good.

Finished off both Maggie's dresses that I began this week and then spent most of the afternoon washing and dressing the three children. The two dresses are all the new things I made this week, one whole day was spent in mending aprons. Tonight I sewed 44 buttons on stockings for Maggie + Willie. Made 26 button holes this week.

### **Sunday, May 26, 1878**

Warm and pleasant.

Spent the day at home reading as usual and teaching the children a little.

### **Monday, May 27, 1878**

A little cloudy but no rain to do any good or harm. I began altering two of Maggie's last summer's white dresses. They are to be lengthened in every way and then will do well for this summer. Had to go up to the store in my hurry of course but could not spare the times to stop and see Lizzie but she seems quite well again now.

### **Tuesday, May 28, 1878**

Bright and pleasant. Put up a half bushel of strawberries in the morning and that tired me out so that I had to lie down until dinner time. After dinner Jimmie, Maggie, Willie and I went to return the tool he got last week and had a pleasant ride of 20 miles.

### **Wednesday, May 29, 1878**

Delightful day, pleasant a little breeze most of the time. I have been too busy to even go over home though I wanted very much to go there and up to Lizzie's. She was here just before dinner and again before tea. After tea, Jimmie + Carl went out in the buggy to see Mary Glidden's cows and the children went up to Lizzie's to take some morning glow (?) plants.

### **Thursday, May 30, 1878**

Bright and warm though we had a little breeze most of the day. Cherries was the business of the day. We got a half bushel in the morning and as we seeded them by hand we were nearly all day getting through with them. After tea Jimmie went out to Uncle Sam's to see Aunt Mary and Mrs. Borhwell + Ella who are visiting there.

### **Friday, May 31, 1878**

Bright, pleasant and dry. Jimmie put on the hose and watered the flowers in the evening. I sewed a good deal on the machine fixing skirts today and was not very well as a consequence. In the evening I went a little while as pals going up the river in the morning + I hadn't seen him for several days.

### **Saturday, June 1, 1878**

Warm and dry.

The usual morning work was finished by 9 o'clock and I sat down to sew on Willie's plaid kilt skirt. During the day I managed to finish it which makes seven garments that I have put in order this week. Two white dresses for Maggie and four white skirts altered and lengthened and Willie's skirt. Made 10 button holes.

### **Sunday, June 2, 1878**

Bright and pleasant.

Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath School as usual then he went to church. In the afternoon there was a service for the children and several children baptized among others, Mr. + Mrs. S.G. Johnson's baby W.M. Savage, Walter Gibb Hudson, John Gettis Peebles and Lizzie Steadman had three children baptized. No morning service and I was not out at all.

### **Monday, June 3, 1878**

A cloudy day with some rain, not much but enough to prevent Grandma's going home with Aunt Maria who had come for her. I went to bid her goodbye but she decided to wait until Wednesday. When I came home I cut out + made two blue + white striped skirts for Willie. In the evening went down to see Mame Hudson a few minutes.

### **Tuesday, June 4, 1878**

Weather delightful.

I've not done very much today. Hardly remember what I did in the morning except take a short ride with Mace. After dinner I went over home to see Aunt Mary, Mrs. Borhwell + Ella who were there to dinner, I took Willie's skirts and made 8 button holes in them. When I came home I began some trimming for white skirts.

### **Wednesday, June 5, 1878**

Delightfully cool and pleasant. I expected Aunt Mary, Mrs. Borhwell + Ella who were there to dinner with us today, but Aunt Mary was not well and none of them came so Rosie + I put up half a bushel of cherries. This evening Jimmie has taken the children to the Bazar of Nations an entertainment given by the young people of our church. Maj. Lloyd + his wife from Cin are to be there + I wanted Jimmie to go and see him.

### **Thursday, June 6, 1878**

A lovely day.

Jimmie went to market and bought half a bushel of nice cherries which Rosie and I put up. Mary came over while we were seeding them and helped until that part was all done for which I was very thankful.

### **Friday, June 7, 1878**

Delightful day.

Rosie and I seeded and put up the cherries which Rich bought and they filled five more jars so we now have 30 quartz which will be as many cherries as we will need. After they were put away I sewed on Carl's dress and finished it all but the fastenings. Maggie loaned Ma \$67.00 and kept 63 cts.

### **Saturday, June 8, 1878**

Cloudy with a little rain in the morning which made me think it would be a good time to transplant my pansies so I worked in the yard half the forenoon but the sun came out and I came out and I came in tired out. At night I was about laid up with my day's work and did not sew any at all.

My week's work was ten skirts for Willie and a dress for Carl including 14 button holes.

### **Sunday, June 9, 1878**

Rather cooler than it has been. Jimmie and the children went to church. The day passed much the same as usual with me except that I indulged in a short nap after dinner. Was not out to church at all, have now missed two Sabbaths entirely. Our new ice box came + Jimmie had hard work to get it within the cellar.

### **Monday, June 10, 1878**

Quite a change in the weather, a hail storm in the vicinity somewhere has cooled the air until a fire is almost necessary. I cut out two more. Made 5 kitchen towels and in the evening wrote to Jennie.

### **Tuesday, June 11, 1878**

Weather still almost cool enough for a fire but we managed to do without any. Was very busy all day sewing and did not go anywhere as the home folks were busy too. I did not have much company.

### **Wednesday, June 12, 1878**

Very pleasant.

Lizzie went to Cincinnati and took her baby and the girl this morning. It was quite unexpected to all of us herself included. Rich suggested that she go and get a carpet where it belongs now that Mr. Peebles has given them their furniture.

### **Thursday, June 13, 1878**

Delightful day, rather warm in the sun but quite cool in the house.

Made the rest of Carl's white dresses today.

In the afternoon Ma came over and soon after Mrs. Borhwell + Aunt Mary called, then Mrs. Burr, canvassing for books and lastly Mrs. Graham. Went riding a while in the evening.

## **Friday, June 14, 1878**

Weather pleasant.

Have been busy sewing all day.

Lizzie came home from Cin this morning and after I had cut out Carl's two pink dresses, I took time to go up and see her and her new carpet which she went to buy. It is a red and black super extra ingrain, very handsome and only cost 90 cts per yard. After I came back I sewed busily to make up for lost time.

## **Saturday, June 15, 1878**

Warm and pleasant.

After my morning work was done I sat down to sew and during the day succeeded in finishing off the last of Carl's dresses except the fastenings which I'll do as I have opportunity at my convenience. After dinner I gave the children their bath, dressed them, had an early supper and then we all went and had a nice drive. Bought Willie a straw hat while we were out.

Have made six new dresses this week, four white and two light pink striped ones.

## **Sunday, June 16, 1878**

Quite warm and showery. Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath School but not to church. Dr. Pratt went to Hillsboro to attend commencement where Mame expected to graduate and he was taken sick so he did not get home to preach. In the evening Jimmie went to hear Mr. Peters at Bigelow M. E. church.

## **Monday, June 17, 1878**

Warm and sultry in the morning and rain all the afternoon, some hard showers. Jimmie went to Cincinnati this morning and took Willie with him. Maggie then went over home and upon invitation concluded to stay there while the others were gone to Cin. After dinner I went to see Miss Gossin and then up to Lizzie's. She + Ma were sewing carpet and Aunt Mary Sam was there with her little baby. Went over home to tea.

## **Tuesday, June 18, 1878**

Spent the forenoon cutting out work and after dinner I sewed on four little wrappers but did not finish any. Spent the evening cutting out and since yesterday noon I have cut out six double wrappers and three dresses besides the sewing and visiting I've done. Mary was here to breakfast and dinner but the rest of the time Carl + I have been alone.

## **Wednesday, June 19, 1878**

Quite cool and pleasant today. I was up before six and had been out weeding sometime when Jimmie and Willie came up from the boat. I was glad to hear that Willie behaved well all the time he was gone and was more comfort than trouble to his father. I began sewing on his blue suit today. Did not write tonight, was too tired.

## **Thursday, June 20, 1878**

Weather lovely.

Sewed on Willie's suit all day. After supper we went out riding, I stopped at Lizzie's a few minutes after we started while Jimmie and the children did an errand for Mary. Lizzie had bought more currants than she could use so I promised to help her use them up and tomorrow expect to make jelly. Wrote to Grandma Ricker as I failed to do so last night.

## **Friday, June 21, 1878**

The longest day of the year has been quite cool and pleasant. I was very busy with Willie's suit all day but did not get it finished. After supper we did a little work in the yard.

In the morning I made 15 glasses of currant jelly and afterwards found I had 13 left from last season so I won't need any more of that kind.

## **Saturday, June 22, 1878**

Weather so cool and damp that Jimmie opened the grate and started a fire this afternoon and we ought to have had one sooner.

I finished off Willie's blue suit this forenoon then after dinner I fixed one of his white shirt waists that needed fixing and put in the rest of the time making button holes. Have made 32 this week and still have two of Carl's dresses needing them.

## **Sunday, June 23, 1878**

Quite cool and damp today. We had fire nearly all day and it felt very comfortable which is rather unusual this late in the season.

Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath School and he went alone to church, Dr. Pratt having returned from Hillsboro.

## **Monday, June 23, 1878**

Cool in the morning but during the day it became quite warm.

I cut out and almost made Maggie's blue English gingham dress today and tonight felt very tired. Have not been outside of the yard today but Ma + Mary have been here

## **Tuesday, June 25, 1878**

The weather has become suddenly hot and is now as June-like as possible. I finished the blue gingham and cut out Maggie's new linen which is all I expect now to make for her this summer.

## **Wednesday, June 26, 1878**

Quite warm.

Sat down to make button holes in Carl's last two dresses + Ma came over to sit a while. We talked over the arrangement of Lizzie's house + decided that a move would make it more pleasant so we went up to propose the change. It met her approval + in the afternoon we went to help her make up a carpet she had for her back room and she will now have all the rooms

down stairs finished as the parlor will be on the north side + she will use both south rooms for bed + sitting rooms.

### **Thursday, June 27, 1878**

Quite warm.

Began getting Carl's skirts on order today and when they are finished he will have all the clothes he needs. Ma came over about 3 o'clock to da that they had a letter from Jennie which decided the doubt in her mind about going up + she wanted Maggie to go with her tomorrow morning so I set about getting her ready.

### **Friday, June 28, 1878**

Warm. Ma + Maggie went on the early S. V. R. R. train before starting but heard of their getting off all night. After finishing off the three skirts I had on hands I began work on the little wrappers again and hurried to get as much as possible done. The boys' school closes today + they will probably be home soon.

### **Saturday, June 29, 1878**

Very warm. I sewed busily all day not until standing the heat and finished off the four double wrappers that were begun except the button holes of course. Have made 12 this week in Carl's dress which are now all done, also made over + fixed skirts for him. We went up to Lizzie's a little while after supper.

### **Sunday, June 30, 1878**

Very, very warm with heavy clouds in the afternoon that threatened us with a storm but passed us by and we only had a shower. Willie went over home early to see if the boys had come but they had not, they went to Jimmie's + met Ma there. He + his father went to S. S. and church and Carl + I went over home where it was cooler than at over our house. We went over home to tea.

### **Monday, July 1, 878**

This month promises to be as warm as usual judging from the way it starts in. It has not hindered my sewing though in the least, I feel it less when busy so have made two double wrappers and now have six put away for waiting button holes.

### **Tuesday, July 2, 1878**

Positively hot with a few clouds but no rain.

I cut out a white saque (?) for myself and was hoping to make it today but the grocery boy brought one quart of currants that I had asked for with little or no hope of getting so I laid the sewing aside and spent the whole afternoon at the tedious business of picking currants that were very ripe. I want to keep them until the red raspberries come that I ordered. Sadie Collins was buried here this evening, died of consumption I suppose, aged 19 yrs.

### **Wednesday, July 3, 1878**

Very, very warm, I have sewed busily all day and got my saque (?) done all but the button holes. Want to wear it tomorrow evening. Carl was almost sick today and I believe it was more the heat than anything else. Wrote to Mother Ricker as usual. Jimmie had a postal card from Enos at Winova (?) and he says they will be home the last of this week.

### **Thursday, July 4, 1878**

Hot as we can well bear it, clear and remarkably quite as nearly everybody went to the county picnic. The red raspberries that I thought lessly engaged for this particular day came early and Rosie went to a picnic so we had no regular supper and I went over home and read to Pa awhile and he gave me the book I was reading.

### **Friday, July 5, 1878**

Warm and dusty.

Sewed busily all day notwithstanding the heat. Word came today that Ma, Maggie and the boys would be home on the late train so when it was due, Jimmie and I went over and were there with Mary + Lizzie to meet them, Rich had gone to the train. The boys have grown some but John is less changed than Enos. Heard tonight that Belle Zimmerman was very sick.

### **Saturday, July 6, 1878**

Very warm.

Maggie slept over home last night and Willie went before breakfast to see her, they were both so delighted to meet again that neither of them thought of or tasted breakfast until 9 ½ o'clock when I gave them a picnic in the yard. My week's work has been making two double wrappers, white sack for myself and white slip, made 27 button holes and put up the raspberry jam.

### **Sunday, July 7, 1878**

Hot with some indications of rain which however did not amount to much.

Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath School and he went alone to church both morning and evening. Reports from Belle Zimmerman are not at all encouraging. She is very low.

### **Monday, July 8, 1878**

Still very warm and cloudy. It rained very hard in the afternoon but did not cool the air very much. The close warm atmosphere is very oppressive. I partly made Maggie's new linen dress today. Belle Dunham Aukerry Zimmerman died this morning at the Burnet House in Cin. She was only 26 yrs old but had lived a very gay life and crowded the years with events. Was first married in 1870, lost her husband in 1875, went to Europe in 1876 and was married again 1877 Sept 19<sup>th</sup>.

She was beautiful in face and manner and I trust is in heaven today but she was very gay for a Christian.

## **Tuesday, July 9, 1878**

Very, very warm. Jimmie was one of Belle's pall bearers and met the friends when the Ohio came in at noon and afterwards attended the funeral at our church at 5 P. M. I was not out at all.

Sewed on Maggie's dress and could easily have finished it had I the necessary articles.

## **Wednesday, July 10, 1878**

Absolutely hot, I can't remember ever feeling the heat more seriously. Put away Maggie's linen dress to await the rest of the material and made another white slip ready for button holes. After the children were asleep I went in the buggy to take a look at Mr. Bannon's grounds which are being used by the young folks of All Saints church for a Fete and they are beautifully illuminated with Chinese lanterns. We viewed the brilliant scene from a distance + then returned.

## **Thursday, July 11, 1878**

Hot as ever.

I have tried to pass the time away sewing as I find it is the best way and besides it is quite necessary in my case, I've no time to sit and fan myself.

## **Friday, July 12, 1878**

Very warm.

Had my sewing all spread out on the bed and was making a little white slip when Emma Voorheis came in to make an informal morning call, before she left. Mr. Thompson came to bring me a catechism and Lizzie came for a short stay. During the day I almost finished a dress but must get more material before completing it.

## **Saturday, July 13, 1878**

Very warm. I spent the forenoon and most of the afternoon preparing for company. Emma Voorheis + two of her children came to tea and we had a real pleasant visit. Maggie Mason came to see me and I wanted her to remain but she had another engagement + couldn't. Lizzie, Rich + the baby went to Ashland today to visit Rob + Hattie. Made Maggie's linen dress and three little slips this week including 6 button holes.

## **Sunday, July 14, 1878**

Oh, how warm, or hot it is!

Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath School but he went to church alone both morning and evening.

Maggie began learning the catechism for Young Children today, I've wanted her to have one for a lone time but never succeeded in finding one until last week.

## **Monday, July 15, 1878**

Jimmie's birthday came on a very hot day and found me unprepared with a gift of any kind for which I was very sorry. My will is good but I was unable to get anything. Rich and Lizzie came back from a short visit to Ashland but I did not see them. Maggie got a bump today while playing that gave her the blackest eye I ever saw, she seems to be very unfortunate.

## **Tuesday, July 16, 1878**

Hot and uncomfortable.

The awning has occupied most of my time yesterday and today and it cannot be finished until we get a little more material from Cin though we can use it minus the north end for a few days. Maggie went to Mrs. Draper's this afternoon and Willie went to the store and got me some braid for binding.

## **Wednesday, July 17, 1878**

Adjectives fail when used to describe the heat we are experiencing during these days. It is very hot and many are dying from the effects of it but we are very thankful to say we kept very well through it all. I wrote to Mother Ricker today but did not spend much time on it. I sewed and ripped as usual and am progressing very well. Gussie Halderman called to see me this evening much to my surprise as I have not called in the five weeks that she has been here.

## **Thursday, July 18, 1878**

Unusually hot and close. The papers are full of accounts of sunstrokes and suffering which seems to be worse in St. Louis, Chicago, Milwaukee and other points than here. I have spent the day sewing as busily as usual and in the evening we took a little ride. Hattie Norton's baby about 8 months old was buried here today, it was only sick about 16 hours.

## **Friday, July 19, 1878**

Hot, dry and still. I am just perspiring myself away and what is left of me is covered in prickly heat. Today I finished a new long dress and fixed up an old one besides washing and ironing some embroidery and a dress that I had ripped up. Began a letter to Jennie but Lizzie + baby came in and I did not finish it. Mary took Carl to have his picture taken.

## **Saturday, July 20, 1878**

Still hot but a slight breeze renders it more tolerable. A few clouds give promise of rain sometime. In the forenoon I finished Jennie's letter. This week I've made the awning a new slip and made over an old one besides ripping and getting another one ready to make. Made 2 button holes yesterday.

## **Sunday, July 21, 1878**

It was a hot day but towards evening it became a little more pleasant. Jimmie + the children went to S. S. as usual. In the evening he went to the Union service at 6<sup>th</sup> Street M. E. ch. and heard Mr. Ketchum.

## **Monday, July 22, 1878**

Last night a change took place in the atmosphere which has been a relief to us today, it is decidedly cooler and we feel in hopes the worst is over. I made over entirely a long dress of Maggie's today and changed it from low to high neck + long sleeves. It is the last dress I intend making now.

## **Tuesday, July 23, 1878**

Weather still quite pleasant. We found it necessary to get a little covering last night or rather towards morning. Today I sewed very busily and have made two long skirts, tucked and trimmed. Have not been over home for two or three days.

## **Wednesday, July 24, 1878**

Quite pleasant morning + evening but rather warm during the day. I worked industriously and cut out two night dresses, one of which I finished, minus button holes, before supper. Finished reading Mde Riedesel's letters + journal and wrote to Grandma.

## **Thursday, July 25, 1878**

Still warm.

Began early and made the other little night dress and sewed the trimming on two long skirts. I am almost through with machine sewing now and have a nice lot of hand work ready that I shall enjoy doing when I have the chance.

## **Friday, July 26, 1878**

No abatement in the heat but a lively breeze kept the clouds of dust in the air all day. Later during the forenoon I dusted everything, and after dinner I washed the dust off again and closed every window. Of course I sweltered all the afternoon but things were measurably clean, and I sewed in peace, made four rollers, a towel and 10 button holes.

## **Saturday, July 27, 1878**

Warm as ever. This being Rich's birthday, Lizzie had a small tea party for him and gave him a handsome book case. We walked up there late in the evening to see it but as the company was still there we returned. I cleaned house all the forenoon and about laid myself up. After dinner I made 10 button holes and bathed the children, after tea I made five towels. My week's work has been 2 night dresses, 2 long skirts, making over a long dress, putting trimming on 2 skirts, making 4 roller towels + 6 short towels besides 26 button holes.

## **Sunday, July 28, 1878**

The heated term continues and we are just perspiring the flesh off our frames. The day passed much the same as usual with S. S. and church for those who could go and after that I read to the children, taught catechism + verses and sung in the evening. Uncle Sam was to have been here to dinner but he stopped off at Buena Vista.

## **Monday, July 29, 1878**

Very warm. I was not able to get up this morning and had suffered so much all night for my imprudence on Saturday that Jimmie went after Ma about 6 o'clock to come + see me. She thought + so did he that I needed a physician so he went after Dr. Kline who came promptly and was here three times before noon. While the folks were at dinner I was taken with a different kind of illness and Jimmie had to go again after Ma + the Dr. who soon came and at 1 40 o'clock a dear little daughter was added to our family. She is quite small but very plump and nice and I spent the afternoon in thanks giving.

This is sister Jennie's birthday also. She is twenty five years old today.

## **Tuesday, July 30, 1878**

A warm day but I am so glad that yesterday's experience is over that I can bear the heat very patiently.

Lizzie came in this morning with her cheerful looks and words and asked permission to relieve Mrs. McFarland of the task of dressing the baby which was gladly granted and she proceeded as though she had years of experience. It is a great privilege to be near so many kind friends who are willing, able + ready to help me.

Letter from Aunt Betsey Ricker.

## **Wednesday, July 31, 1878**

The last of July is hot enough anywhere but in bed it seems particularly so I just lie on my back and perspire wishing someone would come in to talk to me and help me forget the heat but nobody ventures out in the hot sun. The folks came in on their way home from church for a few minutes.

Lizzie comes every morning and dresses the baby, making herself useful in many ways. She is a treasure of a sister.

## **Thursday, August 1, 1878**

This has been quite a pleasant day compared with some we have had. I altered the ruffle on the neck of one of baby's dresses, they are all so much too large that she is lost in them. After dinner I made the trip to a mosquito lab and was proceeding to put the lower part on when Ma came in and relieved me of it. Mrs. Prescott came and made me quite a visit. In the evening we had a grand display of lightning. Letter of love + congratulation from Jennie.

## **Friday, August 2, 1878**

It has not seemed quite so hot today but still I am warm enough.

Lizzie came again this morning and dressed the baby for me. In the afternoon she went to make some calls so I did not see her again.

## **Saturday, August 3, 1878**

Oh, so warm and being in bed is not the most comfortable place one could find, however I am getting along nicely and the baby is good so I try to be very thankful and not complain. Mrs. Tewksbury and Fannie Moore were here besides the home folks who come very often.

## **Sunday, August 4, 1878**

Very warm again today with a slight shower in the afternoon. Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath School and then Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath School and then Jimmie + Willie went to church in the forenoon, after that they stayed home. It was Communion day but as Jimmie had never gone without me, or did not remember doing do, he did not want to go this time.

## **Monday, August 5, 1878**

Very warm, thermometer reaching up into the 90's again. This morning we were awakened by Uncle Enos coming after Mrs. McFarland, my nurse, and now I am dependent upon the kind attentions of the home folks which troubles me somewhat as they are without help themselves. In the afternoon Hester came to say that Mary Ellen has a daughter born today. Violent storms in the afternoon.

Martha Coleman came in the evening to take Mrs. McF's place.

## **Tuesday, August 6, 1878**

Very pleasant since the rain. Mrs. Prescott came to sit awhile with me this morning and Jennie Tewksbury was here a few minutes. This is Maggie's 7<sup>th</sup> birthday, we had her silver spoon ready but that was all. She now has 10 of the dozen besides a napkin ring, syrup pitcher and cup, most of the money in bank belonging to the family and a fine stock calf.

## **Wednesday, August 7, 1878**

Rather more pleasant than it has been. Sallie Peebles called to see me this morning and during the day all of the home folks were here. Fannie + Ralph Moore came in the evening. I wrote to Jennie and Grandma Ricker. Mrs. Prescott + Jennie Tewksbury were here yesterday.

The calf Daisy was sent to Buena Vista on the Bonanza today.

## **Thursday, August 8, 1878**

Quite warm through the day but a little cooler last night. I am still in bed but sat up a few minutes this morning. Late in the afternoon Mrs. E. B. Greene called to see me and after tea

Mrs. Greene called to see me and after tea Mrs. Connolley, Gussie Halderman and Ford were here. Wrote to Aunt Betsey Ricker this afternoon.

Lizzie's girl Katie left her today but she soon had another still the home folks are without.

### **Friday, August 9, 1878**

Very warm. The days are very much alike, not very eventful but very warm. The home folks are in and out frequently but few others come until late in the evening after sundown. The papers report Yellow Fever very bad in some parts of Miss. and La and spreading rapidly. It began some time ago, early in July and the prospect is dark for those places that are visited by the terrible scourge.

### **Saturday, August 10, 1878**

Quite warm,

Stayed in bed all day though I felt very well but as I have repeatedly cautioned to be careful thought it best not to risk getting up. Clara Pursell was here quite a while this afternoon. Mary was here also and Ma + John came bringing little John to stay here until Lizzie came home from a ride down in the country. She went to see after her girl.

Began reading Memoirs of Hannah Moore.

### **Sunday, August 11, 1878**

Warm. Jimmie and the children went to S. S. as usual but there being no service at our church and Jimmie having a headache he did not go out again. Uncle Enos was here in the evening to see us. I got up and dressed after dinner but did not do much walking except to the tea table. Finished the book I was reading.

### **Monday, August 12, 1878**

Quite warm.

Was up nearly all day but am not much more substantial than a shadow.

Mary, Rich + Lizzie left on the early train this morning, he went to Columbus and they to Jennie's for a short visit. This morning I worked the scollops on a flannel skirt which I cut out and sewed up and in the afternoon I sent Maggie + Willie after some linen floss to work the scollops.

In the evening Miss Fannie Switzer + Ralph made a call which was shortened by the appearance of a harmless cloud. Martha's sister Sophia went to Ma's today and another of her sisters expects to go in a day or two so she will be well supplied with Colenaus (?).

### **Tuesday, August 13, 1878**

Very warm according to the reports of those who have been out in the sun but I did not feel it much. Dressed myself after breakfast and was up most of the day only lying on the side of the bed awhile. Mary Murphy was here an hour or more this morning but no one else was in during the day except Ma.

### **Wednesday, August 14, 1878**

Quite warm again but I've not felt the heat very much. Have been up since about 7 o'clock A.M. and wrote a letter to Mother Ricker in answer to one rec'd from her at noon. Ma was here a long time in the afternoon and we had a nice visit and talk. Had a letter from Mary this morning.

### **Thursday, August 15, 1878**

Very close and warm but I've not felt it as seriously as some others. Arose and had my breakfast about 8 o'clock and after that dressed the baby and during the forenoon finished scolloping the flannel skirt I had begun and Martha put the band on it. In the afternoon I read Romeo and Juliet or rather part of it. Jimmie brought home a large Atlas and Gazetteer of Capt. Cleveland's which he thinks of buying. Ma brought Enos' crayon of himself for me to see.

### **Friday, August 16, 1878**

Warm, dry and dusty. I was up to breakfast with the family and after dressing the baby spent the forenoon finishing Romeo and Juliet. Am not well enough read in Shakespeare to enjoy it very much. Mrs. Prescott was here this evening before supper, she has been very kind about calling to see me.

Made button holes in a long dress.

### **Saturday, August 17, 1878**

Very close and warm.

Nothing very noteworthy occurred here today. I am improving all the time and the baby does well.

Rich left after dinner for Winova and expects to return Monday with the folks.

I made a visit over home today, the first for some time.

Made 26 button holes this week.

### **Sunday, August 18, 1878**

Rained hard in the morning and was cloudy with occasional showers during the day but still oppressively warm. In the evening there was a grand display of lightning up the valley that threatened a hard storm but it did not come near us after all. Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath School but there was no service at our church so they remained at home the rest of the day.

### **Monday, August 19, 1878**

Very pleasant.

I took the baby over home awhile this morning, it was her first visit away from the house. The sun is quite hot but there has been quite a breeze stirring all day. After dinner I went over home again and found Lizzie there, she, Rich and little John came on the noon train from Jennie's and left Mary there. She intends trying to bring Jennie + little Bart with her in a few days.

Carrie Jones came in the morning to live with Lizzie so she was just in time to go with her and put the house in order.

After tea Jimmie and the children walked up to Lizzie's but no one was there except Carrie. Did a little hem stitching on a baby shirt.

## **Tuesday, August 20, 1878**

Nights are beginning to be cooler though the days are still quite hot. Have been feeling very well today but stayed at home as it has been cloudy and damp. Martha went to have some teeth taken out and I gave her \$1.00 which I borrowed from Rosie. Have been reading "As you like it" and hem stitching a little today. The home folks were here as usual but I believe no one else came in. Carl has not seemed very well today and at night I began giving him fever powders as he had a fever.

Enos is 18 years old today but he has such severe cold that he can't enjoy anything. He and Ma were here a little while this evening.

## **Wednesday, August 21, 1878**

Warm in the sun but cool at night. Carl slept without a night dress Monday night as he has been doing during the hot weather and took cold which has made him sick. Took medicine all night and today has not been at all well though his medicine may help him. I have left very well and done perhaps more than was good for me.

Maggie + Mary Peebles were here in the morning and after tea Mrs. Elden and Mrs. E. E. Miller called.

## **Thursday, August 22, 1878**

Hot during the day but the nights are quite pleasant. Carl was better last night and we all slept most of the time. His cold has gone to his head but he is still rather hoarse. Willie found a wheel barrow in the hall this morning for his birthday present and is greatly pleased with it. I lifted Carl around too much yesterday and today am suffering the consequences.

## **Friday, August 23, 1878**

Weather very pleasant.

Have been feeling better today and spent the day about as usual. The papers are filled with accounts of the Yellow Fever that is raging in some parts of the South. New Orleans, Vicksburg, Grenada and Memphis are the principle sufferers now but the fever is spreading and growing worse all the time and the prospect is very dark.

## **Saturday, August 24, 1878**

Very pleasant.

Lizzie was here in the morning and Mary in the afternoon. No calls from anyone but the family. In the evening I went over to call on Gussie Halderman and meeting Ma + Mary on the way there went also but we found the all out. It was the first call I have made in months.

## **Sunday, August 25, 1878**

Quite damp and cool, it rained when the folks went to Sabbath School and continued so damp that we are all taking colds. Willie is almost sick, Carl is better but Martha, baby and I are all just beginning. Prof. Beach of Marietta preached and Jimmie went to hear him in the morning but stayed home in the evening. Uncle Enos and Ralph were here a little while.

## **Monday, August 26, 1878**

Delightful morning. Ma came over and sat awhile then she went home and we got the children ready to go over and see procession of Barnum's circus as it passed but it did not come out this way at all. Jimmie took Maggie + Willie down street + I took Carl up to Lizzie's. After dinner I went over to see Mary Murphy but she was not at home. Then Ma and I went to call on Mrs. Prescott, then Mrs. Nichols. I afterwards went up to see Mary Ellen and her baby.

## **Tuesday, August 27, 1878**

Quite warm during the day but the hot nights are over for this season I think. Mrs. Greene was here this morning and had been over to MA's but no one was home. After dinner I took baby over there awhile and later in the afternoon I went up to Lizzie's and made a visit, then Mace + I went up to Mr. Connolley's store. My first trip there for several weeks.

## **Wednesday, August 28, 1878**

Rather cloudy with a few little showers that did not amount to much. I was over home twice today and this forenoon slipped away before I had accomplished anything. Enos came to take dinner with us. After dinner I resolutely stayed at home and tried to work but did not finish even the little under shirt.

## **Thursday, August 29, 1878**

Rather warmer than yesterday was. Have spent the whole day at home trying to finish up several little pieces of work an undershirt and linen shirt for baby some marking and after that began on the garters, made Carl's and commenced Willie's. When Jimmie came home to tea he brought me a nice cutting table that he had made for me, just what I've been wanting forever so long.

## **Friday, August 30, 1878**

Warm and pleasant.

My work today was making garters but I only got one pair done and another commenced. Julia Young and little Bessie were here in the afternoon and after they left I took my work and went up to see how Lizzie + her sick folks were doing. John is a little better, so is Carrie but she is still in bed.

## **Saturday, August 31, 1878**

Weather delightful.

Finished the third pair of garters today. Do not succeed in accomplishing very much. This is Rich + Lizzie's 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary but John is so sick and then will not be much of a celebration. She gave him (Rich) a very handsome writing desk + her picture done in crayon by Enos + he gave her a large album.

### **Sunday, September 1, 1878**

Very pleasant except for the dust which is getting quite deep. Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath school and then I went with them to church. In the evening Jimmie and I went again. We heard two excellent sermons from German Methodist ministers who are here attending conference.

### **Monday, September 2, 1878**

This is a memorable day in Maggie's life. She commenced going to the 4<sup>th</sup> street public school. Has never gone a day before but can ready very well, having learned at Furnace last winter. As that is her only stock of book knowledge she has to begin at the lowest grade. I took her this morning and introduced her to her teacher Miss Lizzie Watkins a former S. S. scholar of mine. In the same room are Mattie Peebles, Jennie Bousall, Allie Higgins and Laura Murphy, children of some of my friends before any of us were married.

Aunt Mary was here.

### **Tuesday, September 3, 1878**

Lovely weather. Have not done very much today except crochet trimming. Went up to see how Lizzie and her sick folks were this afternoon. She is scarcely able to be up, John is better but very fretful and Carrie is still in bed with no prospect of being able to work very soon. Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. Peebles + Maggie came home today.

### **Wednesday, September 4, 1878**

Weather pleasant.

Uncle Jimmie sent me a pick of Indian peaches and I spent most of the day making a few old fashioned preserves of them. Carl is not at all well and has been a good deal of trouble so night found me almost tired out notwithstanding I have two girls. Intended going to prayer meeting but could not leave Carl and was too tired anyway. Wrote to Mother Ricker.

Aunt Mary Ellen was here in the evening.

### **Thursday, September 5, 1878**

Quite warm again.

We are all better today, Carl began to improve about dinner time and seemed better all the afternoon. Lizzie has been putting up first (?). Ma took Carrie home yesterday + brought Jennie to take her place and we hope they will do better now. The Yellow Fever reports from the south are dreadful and growing worse daily. It makes me heart sick to read the papers and yet I want to know the news.

Paid Rosie \$2.00 and Martha \$3.00

## **Friday, September 6, 1878**

Still warm. Sewed all the forenoon finishing off a new skirt for myself. After dinner I got ready and went down street taking Willie with me. Bought Maggie's school book, Webb's word weathered and took it to her school.

After dark Jimmie + I went up to Uncle Enos' a little while.

## **Saturday, September 7, 1878**

Very pleasant in the morning but quite warm the rest of the day. I made and sewed a ruffle in a skirt in the forenoon. After dinner while Carl + the baby were asleep I bathed + dressed myself and then went down street, called at Mr. Peebles and Mrs. Hamilton went to Mr. Connolley's and got some stockings for the children.

Paid Mrs. McFarland \$5.00

Mary Ellen was here a few minutes and we walked around home with her to see a picture of Dr. Meyor that Fannie has been making. Mary gave me a beautiful enameled picture of Carl.

## **Sunday, September 8, 1878**

Delightful day. It is my birthday, am 30 years old and am still enjoying health, home + friends feeling very grateful to God for all His goodness to me.

Went to church twice. Dr. Pratt has returned + took up a collection for the Yellow Fever sufferers amounting to \$233 with the books left open for absentees to contribute.

## **Monday, September 9, 1878**

Weather very dry and dusty and quite warm.

The usual work was done and things were moving along about as usual when Mary came over after dinner and after a short visit went home + found Jennie there. Her letter notifying us of her intended visit failed to come and she took us by surprise. Mary brought her here + sent up to Lizzie's for her + Ma and then got her a lunch. Ma + Lizzie were busy + did not come very promptly.

Finally Ma came and said Lizzie wouldn't be down so we all went up there and surprised her.

## **Tuesday, September 10, 1878**

Very pleasant.

I made 11 glasses of quince jelly this morning and it recused (sp) most of my time until it was done. After dinner I took the baby and went over home where Jennie and Lizzie were with their babies and Ma + Mary were panning peaches.

## **Wednesday, September 11, 1878**

Rainy and cool, we opened the grate and made a fire in our room this evening. I intended going to prayer meeting this evening but could not leave the children very well and this evening was not very favorable for me anyway. I have been making, rather crocheting, a collar for Willie which is almost done and is very pretty.

## **Thursday, September 12, 1878**

A cold, gloomy, rainy day.

Willie went with Maggie to carry her umbrella home. No one was here except Ma and Mary + John. After dinner I put away my work and went up to Lizzie's, Jennie, Mary + I were all there together and Ella Greene came there to see Jennie. Lizzie was going to Mr. Peebles to take tea with the Lloyd family + Dr. Field + his little girl Flora.

## **Friday, September 13, 1878**

Quite cool but not rain here today. I sewed some in the forenoon but did not get the pillow cases quite done. After dinner Mary asked me to go up to Mrs. Jones' + see the pictures she + Enos had made. I was delighted with Enos' picture of Dr. McDowell and wish I had money enough to buy it off him. Am quite proud of his success. Mary has also made a lovely little fancy crayon head. Thyra Spry was here to spend most of the afternoon + take tea informally and I enjoyed it very much.

## **Saturday, September 14, 1878**

Rather warmer than yesterday. Still a good fire was comfortable. John + Enos took dinner with us and after dinner, when Maggie + Willie had been dressed + had a walk, I went over home awhile, Mrs. Greene + Mrs. Elden was there and after a short visit I came home and had calls from Mrs. Gregory and Hattie and later from Mrs. T. J. Pursell. Ma, Jennie + Bartie were here after supper. The papers today report terrible rainstorms thorough out the country and frost in some sections. The river here rose rapidly last night + today. Finished Willie's collar and the two pairs of pillow cases today.

## **Sunday, September 15, 1878**

Lovely day. Went to church in the morning, Uncle Jimmie was here to dinner or we should have gone over home to dine with the others. After the children's lessons we went over and were all together awhile before the breaking up again of the home circle as the boys go tomorrow + Jennie the next Tuesday or Wednesday we expect to go to Ironton.

## **Monday, September 16, 1878**

Beautiful day.

As the boys were going on the Bonanza I did not begin to do anything in the forenoon. Spent most of the time over home and then Willie and I walked down to the boat with them and we were found there afterwards by Jennie and Lizzie.

After dinner I got ready to go out + Willie was dressed to go with me when Mr. + Mrs. Ketchum called after they left we went up to Mr. Gaylord's to see Hattie Norton but she was not there. Came down to Mrs. Greene's + then met Ma and we went over to see Mrs. Sherman Johnson and then came home on the street car.

## **Tuesday, September 17, 1878**

Delightful day. As Jimmie was to leave at noon I took Baby's lace cap + went over there to fix it and visit at the same time. At noon she left and after dinner I went up to Lizzie's it was her first visit there. When I came back I gathered up what things I wanted to take to Ironton and then wrote to Mother Ricker.

## **Wednesday, September 18, 1878**

About 8 o'clock Jimmie, Willie baby + I started in the buggy for Ironton. The ride up was very pleasant, a little dusty + warm but we got there very comfortably and went to Mr. Hosford's, found them expecting us and in the evening Aunt Ad, Helen, Mrs. Ferguson and Mattie Wood came to see us. Addie came after school and I saw Mrs. Henry Wilson + Mrs. Ed Wilson who came in to see Bessie.

## **Thursday, September 19, 1878**

Bright, warm and dusty. After breakfast Bessie and I went down to Uncle Alex but could not see him as he was asleep. At 10 ½ o'clock Mr. H and Bessie, Jimmie + I went out to the fair, taking Willie with us. Saw several persons whom I knew. Went to Uncle Alex to tea and saw him a few moments. Was not expecting to see him looking so badly thought I know he was very sick. In the evening Mr. Richards and Kate came in and sat awhile.

## **Friday, September 20, 1878**

Was down to see Uncle Alex a few minutes this morning and found him seeming much better. After I dressed the baby Helen came in to visit awhile and someone proposed that we go out to the fair which we did leaving the baby with cousin Bessie, her daughters Alice + Clara both want to keep the baby all the time and give me a good chance to go out if I wish. In the afternoon I went to Libbie Ferguson's and after tea Bessie + I went down to Kate Richard's + saw her two boys.

## **Saturday, September 21, 1878**

A disagreeable change in weather a sudden wind came up last evening and after a shower of dust came a drizzling rain which continued this morning awhile, we started home a little after 11 o'clock and at noon it began to rain again and was quite cold. Baby + I should have suffered had not Bessie loaned us an extra shawl. Got home about 5 o'clock and found all well and ready for us. The girls had the house in nice order.

## **Sunday, September 22, 1878**

A lovely day. I went to church with Jimmie in the morning with Jimmie but did not go out again during the day. Have felt all day as though I had cold and supposed I have after my ride yesterday.

Lizzie, Rich and little John were here this evening.

## **Monday, September 23, 1878**

Cool enough for fire and closed windows. In the afternoon it rained quite hard. Willie wore his over coat when he went after Maggie to come from school. My cold had developed sufficiently to put me to bed this afternoon. Was up several times but could not stay up.

## **Tuesday, September 24, 1878**

More pleasant than yesterday and I have felt rather better still have a bad cold and tonight my throat is sore. Began to crochet another collar for Willie and went up to Lizzie's a few minutes in the afternoon, she + Mary were busy making pickles so I came home again + found Lucy Rifenberick here.

## **Wednesday, September 25, 1878**

Pleasant but rather cool. I was again disappointed about going to prayer meeting this week. I am not well enough. Took ten grams of quinine when I first woke up as a preventive for chills. Wrote to Mother Ricker as usual and sent the Tribune to Enos.

## **Thursday, September 26, 1878**

Tried in vain to finish off Willie's waists, not feeling well made it rather slow work. They are all ready for the sleeves which are done and ready to be put in.

## **Friday, September 27 1878**

Very pleasant and bright but quite cool, Macy was here about noon with a shawl around her. Martha washed the windows and I did nothing but crochet a little and make button holes in Willie's new waist after sewing in the sleeves. He has three new ones for every day wear.

## **Saturday, September 28, 1878**

Very pleasant so far as regards weather but I am not able to enjoy the pleasant days owing to my cold and other ills. Should have remained in bed for me own good but dislike doing so when I am able to be up at all. Went over to see Mrs. Boulding a little while and she came over here in the evening to return some pictures. Rained a little this evening.

## **Sunday, September 29, 1878**

Very pleasant.

The folks went to Sabbath school as usual after which Jimmie and I went to church. The afternoon was spent as usual and in the evening Jimmie went to church alone as I was not well enough to go out in the night air.

## **Monday, September 30, 1878**

A lovely day, warm enough for a comfort without fire indoors and rather too warm in the sun. I went out to cousin Duvall's this morning to see Anna Young who is still visiting them she was just ready to go to the boat so I only saw her a moment. Visited a while with Julia then went to Clara Pursell's, Susie was not there as well. While I was there Carrie Donham came in and soon after Mr. Zimmerman her brother-in-law came in. They are just starting on a visit to his parents. After dinner I took the baby up to Mary Ellen's and about 4 o'clock Jimmie, the two older children + I went down to the farm for a drive. Chris gave me some slips of his microphylla rose.

## **Tuesday, October 1, 1878**

Beautiful day warmer than it has been lately, the thermometer nearly up to 90° during the middle of the day.

I have felt much better too and after ripping + mending a while in the forenoon I intended going out all the afternoon but Martha's finger was so painful I did not like to leave her until it was a little relieved. Mrs. Ella Lloyd called and after she left I went to Mrs. Gharky's, Mrs. Elden's, Mrs. Pratt's, Mrs. Miller's and Mrs. Draper. The mosquitoes are simple dreadful tonight.

## **Wednesday, October 2, 1878**

Lovely day. After dinner I went up to Mrs. Tewksbury's and on my way met Dr. Field who said he was coming to call at our house so I hastened home a little sooner but he did not come.

While out I went to Ella Fulton's and she gave me a large bouquet.

Jimmie + I went to church in the evening and afterwards to Mr. Peebles to see Mrs. Ferguson + Mattie Wood who came from Ironton today.

## **Thursday, October 3, 1878**

Beautiful day. Just as I was starting to the pit to sweep up a little, Maggie Peebles came in and was soon followed by Mattie Wood, Libbie + Eddie Ferguson. They made a call and then said goodbye as they intend going home tomorrow. I went out in the afternoon to make a call or two and expected to meet the folks at Mr. Gaylord's but when I left them they had not come.

## **Friday, October 4, 1878**

Beautiful day and I have been wanting to take up some plants but not as I want some changes made in the pit and also want some sand + loams (sp). Mrs. Spry was here this afternoon and while she was here Ma and Lizzie came in also.

## **Saturday, October 5, 1878**

Cloudy and damp.

Have been at home almost all day and not done much of anything. Made some tomato catsup and finished off the second collar that I was crocheting. Went over home awhile to sit down to tea, Dr. Field called. He was to have gone away today but injured his lame knee and is detained in consequence. He came here using one crutch and an umbrella.

## **Sunday, October 6, 1878**

Pleasant day and we went to Sabbath school and church as usual. Nothing unusual occurred.

## **Monday, October 7, 1878**

Pleasant. Jimmie sent some lumber up and intends fixing the pit a little for me when he gets time. I took Maude Boulding's picture over for her mother to see. They gave Ma her shots and Mary enameled it for her. It makes a pretty picture.

## **Tuesday, October 8, 1878**

Delightful weather.

Went up to Lizzie's if I remember rightly, feel anxious to get my pit ready for the winter but somehow can't get to work at it. My towel was lost and Ma's couldn't be found so I could not take anything up. Jimmie had some sand brought for me and Willie amused himself nearly all day sifting a part of it then I finished it and was quite tired when the last of it was in the barrel. I made a seam out of some wire cloth, sewing thin strips together and while I was doing it Mrs. Dr. Cortin's (sp) came over to inquire about Carrie Jones. I also cut out some undershirts for Maggie, using two more cut ones of Jimmie's.

Aunt Mary Ellen was here a few minutes about noon I believe and while she was here Ma came in to ask Jimmie to do an errand for her. Lizzie had sent in an order also.

Paid Martha \$ 5.00

Quite cool early in the morning but the sun came out bright and warm. This is Pa's birthday, also election day and I went over to see him before he left on the noon train for Pittsburg and sat down to eat a bit of birthday lunch with him.

## **Wednesday, October 9, 1878**

Weather delightful still we have a little fire night and morning. The morning slipped away before I had done very much and in the afternoon I went out to call on Maggie Bell and on my return to 5<sup>th</sup> street called on Maggie Silcox. Went to church in the evening and did not write my usual letter to Mother Ricker, must do it tomorrow evening.

Jimmie put some new shelves in the pit making two of the old ones wider.

Paid Rosa \$2.00

## **Thursday, October 10, 1878**

Beautiful day.

Pa came back from Pittsburg this afternoon having made a flying trip. Have been at home all day working in the yard most of the time. Took up a number of plants to have them ready for the pit.

## **Friday, October 11, 1878**

Beautiful weather but cool enough for fire morning and evening. Have been busy here and there and not accomplished very much at anything. Martha was having a kind of house cleaning

upstairs and I attended the baby and sewed on Maggie's two undershirts which I have been making out of Jimmie's old ones.  
Finished them today.

### **Saturday, October 12, 1878**

Beautiful day and I was as busy as a bee all day, had more work planned than I could accomplish. Wanted to take up all my tube roses and gladioli. Worked sometime in the pit putting things in order for the reception of the flowers.

In the afternoon Miss Fannie Switzer brought Ralph and the baby around to see us. The two babies are about the same size though Lucy looks a little larger than Bessie. We heard today Katie Galine, who used to live with Lizzie, has gone crazy. It is a great pity for she was a very nice girl.

Took down and mended the mosquito bars to have them washed and ready for next season. Martha also took the white curtains down. Ma has finished a crayon picture of John, her first effort in the line and it is quite a good beginning.

Letter from Jennie.

### **Sunday, October 13, 1878**

Lovely weather though quite dusty. Went to church both morning and evening with Jimmie and heard two good sermons, morning text "And thou shall be missed for thy seat will be empty." evening "I pray thee have me excused."

Heard good sermons both times.

### **Monday, October 14, 1878**

Lovely day. Was busy in the forenoon ripping an old dress up and after dinner Jimmie brought me \$70. 30 cts and I immediately went out and paid every cent I owed as follows.

Wal Connolley	30.25
Fuller + Hathaway, Carl's photo	5.50
Peter Brodbeck	7.52
Valley Bookstore	1.50
Ph Tollver	3.25
E. F. Moore for milk	2.50
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Wrote to Jennie. Was over home a few minutes before supper.

Put some plants in the pit.

### **Tuesday, October 15, 1878**

Warm and pleasant except for the dust which needs rain to settle it. I have been at home all day sewing or rather getting ready to sew on a black buster skirt which I am making over. Mrs. Dr. Meyer + Eddie were here this morning soliciting for the Reading room dinner next week.

Mrs. Prescott called in the afternoon. Willie killed a little garter snake in the yard today and it was quite an event for him as well as the snake.

### **Wednesday, October 16, 1878**

Beautiful day but quite windy and dusty. Went up to Mrs. Gaylord's to take a pot for the tree she gave me and then stopped at Ella Fulton's to get some slips she had promised me. She also took up and gave me 8 nice geraniums which Davy Edwards brought home for me. In the evening Jimmie + I went to church + I did not write my usual letter.

### **Thursday, October 17, 1878**

Rainy and cold.

Soon after breakfast Mattie Peebles came to invite Maggie and Willie to her birthday party tomorrow afternoon. Have been trying to sew but did not accomplish anything as Rosa + Martha were making apple butter and I kept the children all in my room. It was dark when they brought the apple butter home from Ma's wash house where they made it and not it is all sealed up, almost 7 Gallons.

Wrote to Mother Ricker. Paid Martha 2.00.

### **Friday, October 18, 1878**

Damp, rainy, gloomy and cold. It did not rain much either but was quite cold and cloudy. I sewed on the trimming for my dress skirt most of the day. There was no school in Maggie's room after dinner so she was at home until time to go to Mattie's birthday party, she + Willie went at 4 o'clock and after tea Jimmie + I went after them. There were about fifteen little folks, invited guests and they were having a most delightful time. Mattie is 7 years old today.

### **Saturday, October 19, 1878**

Weather colder and clear today. No frost to hurt anything in town as of yet. I finished my black walking skirt by dinner time and after dinner I did a little work in the pit and made some pickles then washed and dressed to go out. Went + paid Mrs. Nicholls \$ 1.90 for my hat, called to see Grandma Moore and then Em Voorheis and home again.

### **Sunday, October 20, 1878**

Bright and pleasant but the kind of weather when a kind of congregation is made up of folks dressed for all kinds of weather, some wrapped in shawls + cloaks while other wear summer hats and no shawl. I wore a heavy cloak and was comfortable. We went to hear Mr. Peters as our synod is in session at Ripley and our vinistus (?) are there.

### **Monday, October 21, 1878**

Beautiful day.

Began making some sheets as soon as done breakfast and though I had numerous interruptions, I kept at work all day and succeeded in making four sheets before dinner and after dinner, made four pillow slips while the baby was asleep the cut out 6 under waists of

canton flannel, three of which I made before going to bed. My day's work has all been machine sewing and it has been more than was good for me but I am very anxious to get ever so many things done.

### **Tuesday, October 22, 1878**

Rained quite hard in the afternoon and was rather threatening before that. Went over home this morning + found Mrs. Hamilton there but she only made a short call to tell Ma she couldn't make her intended visit this week. I made three under waists, button holes included, today and feel the effects of too much machine work tonight. I'm not much account for work now a days.

### **Wednesday, October 23, 1878**

Bright and lovely after the rain of yesterday. Our parlor stove was brought home + set up again today + is all ready for a fire. Just as we were sitting down to dinner Uncle Drew came walking in very unexpectedly but none the less welcome for that. After dinner I took some work + went up to Lizzie's but she was at Ma's so I went there too + we all visited together. Went to church in the evening.

### **Thursday, October 24, 1878**

Beautiful day. Uncle Drew left after breakfast and I did not see him again as he dined at Mr. T I suppose and then went to Ironton on the Telephone. Ma made me such a nice visit this morning and was over twice afterwards. Mary + Lizzie were here also. Em Voorhees + Nellie called in the morning. Late in the afternoon I went down street and got Carl's photo + some zephyr the stopped at Lizzie's on my way home. Mrs. Bell + Maggie called. Uncle Drew and Aunt Jennie's 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary.

### **Friday, October 25, 1878**

Weather delightful. I devoted this time to the setting out of slips and fixing the pit, some time ago so carried my intentions out as the weather was favorable. The girls put the carpet down in my room this afternoon and brought in the dining room store so we are fast getting ready for winter. Alice Higgins made me a nice long call this afternoon. This is Geo + Maggie Bell's 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

### **Saturday, October 26, 1878**

Very pleasant though rather cool. My first business was to go over home and give Bessie Hall a music lesson, the first I've given for a long time. She is a nice pleasant girl and I expect to enjoy the lessons very much. I told Rosa today that I would have to reduce her wages and she decided to leave rather than submit.

### **Sunday, October 27, 1878**

Cloudy and cool most of the day. It rained when the folks went to Sabbath school but not when we went to church in the forenoon. In the evening it rained quite hard.

## **Monday, October 28, 1878**

Very pleasant day, bright and rather cool. I was up to breakfast but did not remain up very long, was sick all night, thought it was the result of impudence in eating but think after all it must be cold. Spent most of the day in bed and by night was sick enough to send for the doctor. He was sick himself and could not come so with a little prescription from him and treatment from Ma, I went to sleep.

Mary Murphy made quite a call here this afternoon.

## **Tuesday, October 29, 1878**

Cool and foggy in the morning, bright during the day rained hard at night. Was better today and got up about 9:30 o'clock and sat up the rest of the day, did not accomplish anything in the way of work. Lizzie came down and spent most of the afternoon and I got out the goods and patterns to cut a dress for Maggie but did not do it after all. Uncle Drew returned from Ironton today + went to Mr. Tewksbury's. How Schuyler Colfax lectured here but neither of us went to hear him.

## **Wednesday, October 30, 1878**

Weather growing colder all day and this evening the wind whistles like winter. Rosa left this evening and Mary Raugh came to take her place. I began cutting out a dress for Maggie this morning but did not make much progress owing to interruptions. Bessie Hall came here and had her music lesson without the piano. Mrs. Nichols, then Mrs. Merrill, then Uncle Drew called in. Em Voorhees + Nellie called in the afternoon + Uncle Drew spent the evening here + has just gone down for the boat on his way home.

## **Thursday, October 31, 1878**

Gloomy, cloudy, windy, wintery and very disagreeable. It tried to snow but did not succeed very, so the wind just blew and whistles + howled. It was very cold for the season this morning. All day I've been trying to sew a little on Maggie's dress and accomplished very little. Was over home a few minutes in the morning and am now about ready for bed.

## **Friday, November 1, 1878**

Very pleasant but rather cool.

Have been trying to sew a little but I do not make much progress. Nothing very remarkable took place.

## **Saturday, November 2, 1878**

Weather quite cold this morning. I went over home and gave Bessie Hall a music lesson the first thing and then came home and went to work. Martha is not able to do anything scarcely though she keeps trying, consequently I have been very busy all day.

## **Sunday, November 3, 1878**

Delightful day.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary was spent in a very quiet way. Communion services were to have been held in our church but Dr. Pratt has erysipelas in his arm and we had no service. I should have been glad to go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> church but Martha is not able to keep the children + I could not leave them.

## **Monday, November 4, 1878**

Beautiful weather, bright and pleasant. Ma came over this afternoon and visited upon my getting to go with her to see Jennie tomorrow. I should enjoy going but do not see how I can leave home very well. She stayed with the children while I went to see a washerwoman as Martha went home sick this afternoon and Mary couldn't manage anything alone. I stopped to see Lizzie a few minutes and she extended my invitation to Maggie to stay with her while I am away if I go.

## **Tuesday, November 5, 1878**

Beautiful day. I spent the forenoon getting ready for the trip Ma + I are going to take up to Jennie's. At noon the bus called and Ma, Willie, baby and I started, changed cars at Circleville, Lancaster and Logan and reached Winona F'ce a little after 7 o'clock, the noon being almost full and shining brightly. Mr. Magon walked up with us and we took Jennie completely by surprise, the letter + telegram reaching her after we did.

## **Wednesday, November 6, 1878**

Very bright and pleasant and so soft and balmy that rain cannot be very far off. This afternoon we all went over to take a look around the furnace and grounds. I was very tired when I returned and think the walk was rather too much for me. Of course Bessie missed her lesson today.

## **Thursday, November 7, 1878**

Rainy nearly all day and consequently very muddy about the furnace so that Willie had to stay in the house all the forenoon but after dinner Dwight managed to get him over and he spent the afternoon with him. I was not at all well today and kept as quiet as I could, crocheting a little for the past time.

## **Friday, November 8, 1878**

Very pleasant in spite of occasional clouds. I felt better today but stayed in the house very closely and did not take any extra steps. We are not doing much but visiting and resting. This is John's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday. Ma + Jennie went over to see Mrs. Magon but she was not at home.

## **Saturday, November 9, 1878**

Bright and quite cold this morning when we started for home. We were up and had our breakfast over and were down to the station several minutes before the train arrived. Jennie and Bart went to see us off and we were soon on our way having had a most delightful visit with the folks, they did everything they could to make it pleasant for us and we enjoyed every moment. Reached home safely and found all well.

Gave Bessie Hall a music lesson after my return.

## **Sunday, November 10, 1878**

Lovely day.

Dr. Pratt's still confined to his room with erysipelas and we had no service so went to hear Mr. Peters in the morning and in the evening went out to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pres. and heard Richard Lewis. I have such a cold that I was hardly fit to go out at all but it has been two or three years since I was out to the 2<sup>nd</sup> church and I wanted very much to go.

## **Monday, November 11, 1878**

It was raining in the night and kept it up nearly all day making the bluest kind of a Monday especially when there were two inexperienced girls in the kitchen and I had to help with the dinner. We survived though and in the evening I wrote to Jennie telling of our safe arrival home.

## **Tuesday, November 12, 1878**

Still damp and unpleasant. Ma was over and said Mrs. Hamilton had come to make her long talked of visit and would be over in the evening to call. After dinner it cleared off and I went over home but found the folks all away so came back and tried to sew a little. In the evening Ma + Mrs. Hamilton came and sat about an hour with us.

## **Wednesday, November 13, 1878**

Very pleasant again.

Gave Bessie her music lesson and began learning the art of enameling photographs. Of course I have not sewed much. Paid Mary Raugh off as she was not competent enough to do what I need done. Uncle Jimmie was here to tea. I went and invited Mrs. Hamilton and Grandma Moore to take dinner with me tomorrow. Wrote to Mother Ricker.

## **Thursday, November 14, 1878**

Very pleasant day and a very busy one with me. Mrs. Hamilton came early and about 11 o'clock Grandma came. I couldn't visit with them as much as I wished because I was needed in the kitchen but managed to get along very well and if they enjoyed it I am glad. Was tired and went to bed early. Mrs. Draper was here to ask for Maggie and Willie to take part in Mother Goose entertainment but I could not promise to allow them to do so.

## **Friday, November 15, 1878**

Bright and pleasant.

Went over home and stayed nearly all the forenoon, working on Carl's picture, it is very fascinating work and time slips by very rapidly when one is engaged at it. After dinner I did a little more to Maggie's dress and then decided to write and ask Mother Ricker for more pieces as I haven't quite enough to finish it as I would like.

## **Saturday, November 16, 1878**

A cloudy day that ended in rain. In fact I think it began with rain and kept it up all day. I was busy in the kitchen most of the day after I had given Bessie her lesson. In the afternoon I washed the children and sewed buttons on their clothes. I am greatly tempted to make some pants for Willie because he gets his white ones so very dirty and looks so badly. I am sorry to see him begin to dress like a real boy for he will never be again what he is now in skirts + jackets.

## **Sunday, November 17, 1878**

Not a very bright day and as I have such a cold, did not go out to church at all. Dr. Pratt is not yet able to be out but Mr. Rossister, Tract Missionary, preached in the morning. In the evening he preached at the 2<sup>nd</sup> church and Jimmie remained at home.

## **Monday, November 18, 1878**

About 3 o'clock AM Jimmie got up and went to the river to wait for the boat going up the river to Huntington. We had breakfast a little later than usual and after that came a busy day in which very little seemed to be accomplished. Three times after I took the baby to dress her, did I have to out her down, help Maggie get ready for school, see this new washerwoman and attend to the stove man. I swept = dusted until dinner then got ready to go out. Mrs. Glover + Tracy Richards called, then Mrs. Connolley. After that I went up to Lizzie's, out to Clara Pursell's to Mrs. Damarion to call upon the Misses Slackford the Uncle Enos' to call upon Miss Sue Bierbower. After tea Ma + Mary came in to sit awhile, then Mr. Rossister came for his tract money and when they all left I sat down and cut out a pair of pants for Willie from a pattern of Earl Pursell's. Now I have written up my book and am ready to go to bed.

## **Tuesday, November 19, 1878**

Very pleasant.

Sewed on Willie's pants but did not get them done much to my disappointment. Willie and Maggie have made several trips out to Clara's after patterns. Jimmie did not get home until midnight but I was glad to see him at any hour.

Rich and Lizzie came and spent an afternoon or more with me this evening.

### **Wednesday, November 20, 1878**

This forenoon I gave Bessie Hall her music lesson as usual and then worked awhile on Carl's picture I think. Managed to get Willie's pants together so he could wear them in the evening and surprise his papa and it was a real surprise. Neither of the children had told him of it and it was quite wonderful to keep such a secret. I made button holes in the evening instead of writing to Mother Ricker.

### **Thursday, November 21, 1878**

I spent most of this day making over Willie's pants so they would fit him better. They were entirely too large but he did not like to leave them off long enough to be changed. Wrote to Mother Ricker this evening and altered a waist to fit the pants. Willie appreciates his pants very much, I wish he had enough made to do him.

### **Friday, November 22, 1878**

Very pleasant.

I started out early this morning to get a girl but did not succeed spent part of the forenoon in the kitchen while Martha was out on some errand. After dinner Jimmie came home and went to bed with sick headache and when I had done all I could for him, Ma + I went up to Connolley's and bough some goods. Uncle Enos' folks were here just at tea time to make a call. Finished Carl's picture and it is beautiful.

### **Saturday, November 23, 1878**

Very pleasant but not very bright, yes I think the sun did shine awhile today. We still have no cook and I do enough housework to keep me tired out and have nothing to show for it. Miss Bierbower, Miss Fannie Switzer and Mary Ellen were here late yesterday afternoon.

### **Sunday, November 24, 1878**

Beautiful day, so warm that it will surely rain soon. We went to church in the morning and heard Dr. Pratt preach after an absence. In the evening neither of us went out, I am not well enough to go.

### **Monday, November 25, 1878**

Rained during last night and a part of today and the rest of the day was cloudy and gloomy. The forenoon was consumed in the ordinary morning work and an attempt to settle down to sewing which however did not prove successful. After dinner I intended to work on Maggie's dress but Mary wanted me to go over home and work on the pictures while so I laid the sewing aside and went. After that I went up to the store and got some things for Martha and settled up with her, paying her 5.75, part dry goods.

## **Tuesday, November 26, 1878**

Cloudy and disagreeable. My day's work has mainly consisted of such trivial things that I can't remember now what they were. Am still trying to finish Maggie's dress which I fear will be worse out in the making.

## **Wednesday November 27, 1878**

Rained very hard most of the forenoon. Went over home to give Bessie Hall her music lesson but she failed to come so I spent most of the forenoon finishing up Jimmie's picture and mounting one of Maggie's of Carl and of Willie. In the afternoon we swept, dusted, cooked, baked bread and got ready for Thanksgiving. Jimmie wrote to Mr. Brooks to come up but we have not yet heard from him.

## **Thursday, November 28, 1878**

Thanksgiving day is dark and dreary, not very cold during the day but growing colder this evening. Mr. Brooks wrote to us a letter of regrets. Our only guests were Uncle Jimmie Wood and Mary Moore our dinner was of the usual kind with the rare addition of water melon saved up for the occasion by Uncle Jimmie but had never been very ripe or sweet and was not as delightful as we have had. This evening Jimmie took Maggie and Willie to the Mother Goose entertainment at the Opera House. Wrote to Mother Ricker.

## **Friday, November 29, 1878**

Weather not very pleasant nor yet very unpleasant. Gave Martha 25 cts today.

## **Saturday, November 30, 1878**

Not very pleasant but very cold. A busy day as usual. My first business was to give Bessie Hall her music lesson after which I had plenty of Saturday work to keep me busy all day, and when it was all done there was nothing to show for my trouble still I suppose the omission of it would have been noticeable.

## **Sunday, December 1, 1878**

Not very bright in the morning and in the afternoon it rained very hard. Jimmie went out to the 2<sup>nd</sup> church to attend the funeral services of Mr. W. Rhodes and came home very wet. Mr. Rhodes died somewhere in New York some day last week, he had been a citizen of this place for a goof many years and was one of the leading singers.

## **Monday, December 2, 1878**

Raining still.

Sent the washing out this morning and during the forenoon I engaged a girl who came after and went to work but I do not feel as though she would stay very long.

Was over home sometime this forenoon working on the picture, Mary, Lizzie and I together, it is pleasant work and delightful for us all to work at it together, if Jennie could only be with us.

## **Tuesday, December 3, 1878**

Rained hard most of the day. Sewed a little one Maggie's dress but it is not yet finished. After dinner I tried to work on the pictures as I am in something of a hurry to get them done but the day was too dark to work very satisfactorily.

## **Wednesday, December 4, 1878**

Wet and not very cold. This is the fourth rainy day we've had in succession. I gave Bessie her music lesson then came home and dressed baby, paid off the new girl and went back to Mary's room + put in the rest of the forenoon on Carl's pictures. In the afternoon I finished off Maggie's dress all but the buttons which I have yet to get. Cut out a comfort for Willie bed and then cut out a brown jacket to go with his pants. Wrote to Mother Ricker as usual. Borrowed 1.00 of Martha.

## **Thursday, December 5, 1878**

Rain, wind and a prospect of snow. Have been busy at home all day and only saw those who came to see me. Was surprised to hear today that an old time friend Mr. Cragg was in town advertising Mr. Bell give an exhibition of pictures for the benefit of the church but as it takes place in the church I do not expect to see it. I do not approve of entertainments being held in the church. I believe I was down street a few minutes today looking for buttons.

## **Friday, December 6, 1878**

Dark, damp, dismal to the last degree, I cut out and began making a coat for Willie and worked so steadily that I neglected to take off my wrapper and put on a dress and as usual company came in and I shall never forget my chagrins and mortification. Went to the door myself and there stood Mr. Cragg, Mary Glidden, Lucy + Parker Rifenberick, too late for retreat so I just endured it and I think, learned a valuable lesson.

## **Saturday, December 7, 1878**

Still disagreeable.

Had plenty to do as usual but did not do much in the afternoon except go to preparatory lecture and after that Mary and I went down street to do a few errands. In the evening Jimmie took the children to the church to see the Stereopticon Views exhibited by Mr. Bell and Mr. Cragg for the Sabbath school children. The views are said to be very fine.

## **Sunday, December 8, 1878**

Rainy and gloomy.

The children and their Papa went to Sabbath school as usual then he and I went to church in the forenoon, communion in the afternoon in the evening Mr. Ketchum and Dr. Pratt exchanged pulpits and both preached on the observance of the Sabbath.

## **Monday, December 9, 1878**

This makes the fifth rainy Monday we've had in succession that I remember. I wrote a short letter to Maggie Bell this forenoon asking her for a picture of herself or Ida, I want to enamel it for her.

After doing my usual housework, I spent the rest of the day sewing Willie's jacket.

## **Tuesday, December 10, 1878**

Still rainy and disagreeable. Have been trying to finish off Willie's jacket but did not get the buttons on after all. Jimmie and Mary went to S. S. Teachers' meeting and Ma spent the evening with me. She has been here most of the day. Mary is making a visit up at Lizzie's this week.

## **Wednesday, December 11, 1878**

The weather has finally cleared up and this afternoon the sun came out bright and pleasant. Capt. Pres. Lodwick and Uncle Jimmie Wood took dinner with us. After dinner I finished Willie's jacket, he put it on and we went out awhile. I went to see about a girl and to do some other errands. Mollie York and Flo McConnell came home with me to see the baby. Bessie Hall did not take a lesson as school begins too early now.

## **Thursday, December 12, 1878**

Bright and pleasant except underfoot. The walking is very disagreeable. I engaged another girl at noon today but my expectations are not very high and this time next week she may be gone. Cut out some aprons for Maggie and Carl and when it was too late to sew, Willie and I went up to see Mrs. Prescott awhile. Jimmie sent for Gaskell's copying down which arrived today and we are going to try to improve in our writing at least \$1.00 worth this winter.

## **Friday, December 13, 1878**

Weather quite cold and damp though it has not rained any today. Dr. Pratt and his wife called here this evening late, I had been out most of the afternoon and the parlor fire was lower than usual so I felt rather cool but as they were wrapped up I hope they did not. Gave Maggie her first music lesson today. Mrs. Hattie Jones called.

## **Saturday, December 14, 1878**

Weather very unpleasant. I went over to give Bessie her lesson but it rained so hard that she did not come so I worked on the pictures awhile.

## **Sunday, December 15, 1878**

Not a very pleasant day. Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath school as usual and he and I went to church. There was a Mass meeting at the Opera House in the afternoon in reference to the enforcement of the Sunday laws but I did not stay with the children and hear them say their lessons.

## **Monday, December 16, 1878**

Bright and clear, the first Monday we have had of this kind for a long time. I was over home part of the day working on pictures, until I had done all I could at them then I put them away to dry and came home to begin Maggie's blue gingham aprons.

## **Tuesday, December 17, 1878**

Weather not very pleasant. I have sewed on Maggie's new blue gingham aprons today. It is very heavy and hard to sew and if it lasts as well as it ought, I shall feel repaid for my work. Paid Martha all I owe her which was \$4.50 including 1.00 I borrowed from her to pay the washerwoman one week. She went tonight out to pay Dr. Kline \$5.00 and he took it for a full settlement of a bill \$15.00.

## **Wednesday, December 18, 1878**

Quite bright for a while. I have been sewing on Maggie's aprons today trying hard to get them done. Had a letter from Grandpa Ricker today inclosing a check for 25.00 to be used for the children Christmas. I began a picture of Jimmie to send to Grandma which I want to finish by Friday. There are so many things to be done in a hurry that I do not know which to do first. Got ready to go to church this evening but did not get away in time after all. Wrote to Grandma before supper.

## **Thursday, December 19, 1878**

Cloudy part of the day and not very good for the work I want to do. Took baby over home and kept her there all day while I worked on the pictures. I want to get one done for Martha Ricker and one or two for Jimmie. The girl I got one week ago left today and she did not go any too soon, things vanished very mysteriously while she was here. Jimmie + I went down street + bought Maggie a set of furs with some of the Christmas money.

## **Friday, December 20, 1878**

Not very pleasant, cloudy and cold, a little rain, a little snow and sleet. With Mary to help I managed to get Jimmie's picture done for Mother Ricker and in the evening we packed it with Carl's picture for Grandpa, the Harpers for them to read, a few bulbs and some other little things for their Christmas. Lizzie was sick yesterday and today and I went up to see her a few minutes this morning but hadn't long to stay.

## **Saturday, December 21, 1878**

A steady cold rain all day with a little snow falling but melting of course all the time. I intended taking some work and sitting awhile with Lizzie today while she is sick but all my efforts to get away were unavailing so I finally gave it up. Was busy as I could be all day long and there is almost nothing to show for it now. Gave Bessie Hall a lesson, the first she has had for two weeks.

## **Sunday, December 22, 1878**

Growing colder. Some snow fell today but it is almost too cold to snow very much. Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath school and Maggie went with us to church in the morning. After dinner Jimmie and I went up to see Lizzie as I had intended. We also went to leave a message at Mrs. Whitfield's + to see Pa a minute before coming home.

## **Monday, December 23, 1878**

Cold and growing colder. All day a sharp wind made walking very laborious. During the forenoon I was over home awhile and after dinner I left all the children with Martha and went down street with Lizzie in search of Santa Claus headquarters. We were almost frozen in our search and did not find much after all.

## **Tuesday, December 24, 1878**

Ther. 3° above 0 this morning.

There is almost enough snow on the ground for sleighing but the wind blows it around so that it does not make a very good road. I gave Bessie Hall a lesson this morning and after that went out to do errands and was gone until noon. Baby spent most of the day over home. Lizzie + John, Jennie + Bart, I + my baby were Mary's guests. Pa has been sick in bed all day and Dr. Kline is attending him. We've had many consultations and much trouble trying to make our very small means accomplish the most possible good. No doubt the children will be satisfied and that is all that is necessary.

## **Wednesday, December 25, 1878**

Bright and cold we went over home to dinner and the tree which was loaded with many nice things for us. Jennie + her baby, Rich, Lizzie + John were there too but Pa was sick in bed + he boys away. Mary + Lizzie gave us a new set of dishes, Lizzie gave Willie a fine suite of clothes and Ma gave Maggie a bonnet besides ever so many other things we had. It was a pleasant day.

## **Thursday, December 26, 1878**

Cold and snowy. There seems to be a prospect of snow for some time. I was over home to see Pa and Jennie, her visit seems so short that we scarcely know how to make the most of it. The afternoon I went to see Grandma + Aunt Maria, Clara Pursell and her new son, born Sunday, Julia Young, and Mrs. Stevenson about making a waterproof for Maggie.

## **Friday, December 27, 1878**

Cold and snowy, sleds and sleighs are in demand. Was over home to see Pa who is still in bed. Aunt Maria + Roby were there to dinner and called here afterwards. I invited them to take tea with us and they accepted my invitation. I went down street to get oysters and then came home to cook them and make other preparations.

## **Saturday, December 28, 1878**

Weather cold and snowy, sleighs are very common on the street now. I went over to give Bessie Hall her lesson and then sent for Maggie and gave her one after which I came home and was busy there the rest of the day. Maggie's bonnet, a Christmas present from Ma, came home tonight, and is a very nice one, black velvet brimmed with double faced ribbon red and black.

## **Sunday, December 29, 1878**

Still cloudy and a light snow falling nearly all the time. After Sabbath school Jimmie and I went to church leaving the children all at home as the walking was so bad. Perkins Pratt and his wife were there with three little ones who behaved remarkably well. Martha went in the evening and I stayed with the children. Went over home to see Pa a little while.

## **Monday, December 30, 1878**

The sun came out bright and warm enough to that the snow a little in some places but still the sleighing is sufficiently good for many people to be out making the most of it. Pa was so much netter that he ventured to go to the office this morning and Jimmie took his dinner to him. I heard of a girl and hurried down to see her early this morning, I am in hopes she will come and prove to be good. Martha is almost sick with cold and really ought not to be doing anything. After dinner Maggie, Willie and I went out to Mrs. Stevenson's to take the goods for waterproof cloak. Jennie is sick tonight with a bad cold.

## **Tuesday, December 31, 1878**

Quite cold. This day closes this year and it has been very busy one to me. Martha was unable to get up to get breakfast consequently I did it and after it was ready she managed to help a little though really not able to do so at all. Bessie all came for her music lesson which I gave her and then went to see how Jennie was. She was better but not able to be up. Pa had gone to the office.

### Martha Coleman's Account

Began work August 5<sup>th</sup> 1878 at \$1.00 per week

August 20<sup>th</sup> paid her 1.00

Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> paid her 3.00

Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> paid her 5.00

Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> paid her 2.00

Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> paid her 5.75

Which settles to date

Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> .25

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 4.50

Which settles to date

Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1.25

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 1.75

Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 1879 .25

Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> paid Tillie .50  
March 5<sup>th</sup> paid Martha .50  
March 11<sup>th</sup> paid Martha 9.00  
March 18<sup>th</sup> paid Martha 1.25  
Account closed

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Dr. Kline's visits  
April 10<sup>th</sup> to Carl  
11<sup>th</sup>

Coffee bucket 8 ½ lbs  
Coffee to brown 1 lb  
Coffee in closet 14 ½