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Sunday, January 1, 1871-The new year begins with a beautiful day, bright, sunny and not very cold. All of my class, Nettie Row, Lizzie Mickelwaith, Anna Holmes, Florance Vincent, Sarah Ball, Emma Newton and Hattie Sterrett were present which was a good beginning. We attended church as usual in the forenoon but Ma and I had to leave before service was over which was not an unusual occurrence. I did not go down to Mission or to Monthly concert in the evening. It seems but a few short weeks since I began my last year's book which is now full and laid away with a new one to commence in. Much has occurred since that time which will affect my after life I hope nothing which I will ever have cause to regret.

Monday, January 2, 1871-The 1st coming on Sunday this year Monday was observed as New Year's day. Mattie Kendall came in the morning to make Mary a visit which she has been promising her. After dinner we began to make some little preparations for callers but just as I had spread the cloth on the table, Mr Franklin came in making the first on the list. After we were ready Mrssrs C.S. Cadot, Will Purcell, Will Bonsall & W.P. Iams of Marietta came. They were followed by Will Beyerley & John Cole. Mrssrs Dugan, Iams, Tracy and Lowell, then Mrssrs Damarin & Gist, Davy Jones, Henry Tracy, Will Brayton & G.G. Johnson. Lou Miller & Rick Peebles and John Burwell. There were two meetings in the evening which I would have attended if I could but did not. One year ago today I landed in Yazoo City and saw Hattie Prewett. This morning she was married, if nothing prevented, and started on her bridal trip to New Orleans. Since that time I have been married and made my bridal trip and am now settled for the winter and she is on her trip.

Tuesday, January 3, 1871-Two months today since our wedding the excitement usually attendant on such occasions has subsided and all is quiet once more. There is a party at Mr Lowell's tonight but we had our turn last week and I am glad of it. We went to church this evening and after I came home I wrote to Pa and Ma Ricker. It has been very windy and cold all day and I did not venture out at all. Mary and Mattie went however on a walk for pleasure. The days are so short and go by so rapidly that I don't know what becomes of them or how to account for my time. I always have a little sewing on hand and when I get through with my morning work I generally sew until some one comes in and I have to lay it aside. I do not get much accomplished when I do my best. Aunt Betsy was here this afternoon a little while.

Wednesday, January 4, 1871-It has been more pleasant today still I did not go out. It would be better if I did go more but it is hard to start (?) cold weather. Mrs O.F. Moore, Mrs Johnson and Miss Phoebe Gould called. About 4 o'clock Jimmie came home with a very severe headache and went to bed. He slept until after supper and when we went to church, he went to the office. He felt a little better and after church was out, he met us at the Opera House and went with us to hear "Josh Billings" other

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wise Henry Shaw. I was somewhat disappointed from his writings I had expected to be very highly entertained but I had read nearly everything he said and was disappointed to hear nothing new. I am mistaken about not going out, Ma and I were out this forenoon and called on our new relative up on 4th street. He only arrived Monday and I don't know what his name is.

Thursday, January 5, 1871-It is windy and blustery again today and I made up my mind not to go out. The morning passed off (?) the same as usual and immediately after dinner Ma and Mattie Kendall went down to the farm. It was windy but not cold. While they were gone, Mattie Gaylord came and Mary went down street with her so I was left sole proprietor of this establishment. Mary Peebles and Maggie Jones called and afterwards Mrs Cunningham. The folks were back in time for tea and although I had thought I would not go out today, I went down on 2nd for a few minutes getting back about tea time. When the time came we all, not all, went to church. Mary and Mattie stayed at home, Ma went with Pa to the party at Mrs Robt Baker's where Jim and I were invited also but we did not go. After church Will Brayton who is in town on a visit, called and stayed until around 10 o'clock.

Friday, January 6, 1871-I made an attempt to hem some ruffling for Ma this forenoon but had only got fairly started when Mrs Lydia McFarland came to make a social morning call and I had to go down stairs. After she left I returned to the machine and again had to leave to see Mrs Collins. I had intended dressing before dinner and going immediately after dinner to make some calls with Ma but it was now noon so I waited. Just before I had finished getting ready, Cal Swinn called but by the time we were both ready she went away and Ma and I went and made fifteen calls. Mrs Davis, Mrs Jno Lodwick, Miss Gould, Mrs Sam Nichols, Mrs Geo Waller & Clara, Mrs Pond, Mrs Cutler & Mrs Baird, Mrs Jas Nichols, Mrs Geo Bell, Mrs O.C. McCall, Miss Mary Damarin, Mrs Gharky, Mrs Iams, Mrs C.D. Elden, Mrs Towne, Mrs Safford and Mrs Hiram Murray. Went to church in the evening.

Saturday, January 7, 1871-After finishing my usual morning work I gave Jennie, Lizzie and Fannie their music lessons and then dressed for dinner and finished hemming my piece of ruffling. Thirty six widths in one piece. After dinner I stitched on the girls white (marsallrs) dress waists for Ma which will about finish my weeks work. The girls went to the church to practice for the anniversary and we could not finish Lizzie's so while Ma was working button holes in Jennie's I worked on my embroidery. Did not expect to go out this afternoon but about 5 o'clock went with Ma down to see Mrs Rumsey. After tea we had some music and then came upstairs to prepare for Sunday. Jimmie did not stay at the store very late this evening.

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Sunday, January 8, 1871-Two months today since John and Sallie were married. It began to snow a little last evening and when we got up this morning everything was white, but the snow was not very deep. We went to Sabbath school and church as usual in the forenoon. While at Sabbath school I received letters from Maggie Peebles and Mrs Hamilton. Dr Pratt preached the morning sermon I did not go to Mission. I don't think I will go any more. Mr Putnam preached in the evening and I was there to hear him.

Monday, January 9, 1871-Of course we went to work at the dresses this morning and kept at them with only such interruptions as were unavoidable. In the forenoon Wil Brayton and Mattie Gaylord called and invited us to a small party at Mr Gaylord's tomorrow evening. I sewed all day and after supper I wrote letters. I wrote to Pa Ricker, Debbie Chandler and Emma Spry.

Tuesday, January 10, 1871-We must devote all our time and attention to the girls' dresses if we hope to get them done and in view of that we have been busy. Just after dinner Grandma Smith came with a basketful of caps which we had made and sent to her last week, now they were to be taken to pieces and made smaller. It was discouraging but still we managed to get three of them made over and the rest she took back in the after noon. At noon I took the piano nearly all to pieces to see what made it rattle and it took some little time and trouble to get it together again but I finally succeeded. We were to have gone up to Mr Gaylord's to a small party this evening but when the time came I was not able to walk and as Jim could not make any arrangements for me to ride I had to stay at home and I couldn't persuade him to go without me. He took Mary up and then went to the office and worked all the evening. I went to bed without my supper.

Wednesday, January 11, 1871-I was not feeling well enough to get up for breakfast this morning so I lay still until about 8 o'clock but by half past 8 o'clock I was ready to sit down to my sewing. We sewed steadily all day with very few interruptions. Just before supper Mrs D.N. Murray and Mrs Roads called. We had service at 6 ½ o'clock this evening on account of the children's rehearsal which was to come after that. I had a good long letter from Pa Ricker tonight. Mary has been entertaining us all day with accounts of the party last night to which I wanted to go and could not. Will Brayton is to leave tomorrow morning.

Thursday, January 12, 1871-The weather is lovely the temptation to go out is hard to withstand yet the girls dresses must be finished before night. Ma, Mary and I sewed all the forenoon and Ma said she could finish them very easily without us so we went out after dinner. Before dinner Misses Anna and Gertrude Smith of Jackson Fce called to see me and soon after Mary Peebles and Maggie Jones came in. After

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dinner Mary and I went up to Mrs Gaylord's to call on the Hempstead girls but did not succeed in getting in so we came on down street and called on Mrs Sam Reed, Mrs Chris Young, Mollie Murray, Mrs Lowell and Mrs Tewksbury and Sallie then down to the music store and up to the drug store to bring Jim home to supper. He gave me two \$10.00 bills while in the office. After tea we all went to the church to the S.S. Anniversary Mr Bell and Mrs Draper had prepared our entertainment consisting of pictures shown with a magic lantern, music and recitations the piece is called Christiana and her children. It was quite a success and not so long as those exercises usually are. We were all home by 9 o'clock. Mrs Waller & Mrs Draper called.

Friday, January 13, 1871-After my usual morning work I dressed and went up to Uncle Enos' to take a letter and make them a little visit. Just as I was coming out the gate I met Uncle Sam and stopped a few minutes to talk with him. Went up to Mr Peebles and found Maggie Coles there, she came up on the boat this morning. From there I went to sit awhile with Maggie Jones, then went down and brought Jim home to dinner. I was intending to go out calling in the afternoon but he came right back from the store with a buggy and we had a most delightful ride. The weather is like spring. While out we made a call at Uncle Drew Ricker's. Came home about half past three and by four o'clock I was out calling. Mrs Albert McFarland, Mrs Geo Johnson and Mrs Ella Thompson were here while I was gone and I returned the calls of Mrs Graham, Mrs Gibbs, Mrs Dr Burr, & Mrs Chas Burr, Mrs Draper, Mrs Caton, Mrs Helphenstein, Miss Therza Spry, Mrs Dennis, Mrs Reed and Mrs J.N. Murray and after church I went up to Mr Tewksbury's with John Peebles and Jim came after me. I am progressing very well with my calls. Received a letter from Ma Ricker.

Saturday, January 14, 1871-Swept and dusted as usual and then gave the girls their music lessons after which I sat down to write up my diary which has been neglected for a week on account of pressure of other work. This is another lovely day. Nearly all this week has been like spring. After dinner I sewed awhile for Ma and then Clara Waller came to call. After she left I dressed and went out myself. Ma was not well enough to go and Mary could not or would not be persuaded to go either so I went alone. Called on Amelia Thompson, Mrs T.J. Pursell, Mrs Collins & Em Bell, Julia Purcell, Alice Young, Mrs Stearnes and Canie, Mrs Bolton, Mrs Reilly, Mrs C.P. Lloyd, Mrs Peebles and then hurried home. It was almost dark and had turned quite cold and disagreeable.

Sunday, January 15, 1871-Went to Sabbath school and remained to church. My girls all had the lesson and so far have made a very good beginning for the new year. Dr Pratt is away from home and Mr Putnam preached both morning and evening. I did not go to Mission and just after coming upstairs to learn my lesson, Cousin Duvall came so I had to go down again. He went to the library with Pa and I returned to my study. Sang awhile with Jennie and then went to evening service.

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Monday, January 16, 1871-I was nearly all the forenoon getting through with my sweeping, dusting and house cleaning generally. Ma has commenced a set of shirts for each of the boys and they are the funniest little things I ever saw, made just like Pa's only they are open in the back. After dinner I wrote to Pa Ricker and then went down street. Wanted to match some ribbon but met with very little success. We were invited out to Mr Overturf's to spend the evening and I wanted some little ribbons for the occasion. While out this afternoon I made Mrs Miller quite a visit. Emma Voorheis was not at home. About 8 o'clock Jim and I went out to John Overturf's and after awhile John, Sallie and Mary Peebles, Davy Jones, Maggie Coles and Mollie Murray came. We enjoyed ourselves immensely. Had oyster soup with celery and pickles and when that course was finished we had oranges, cake and apples. They have had quite a number of small entertainments which are always pleasant. Mattie Kendall was here to say good bye, she goes home tomorrow.

Tuesday, January 17, 1871-It was about 1 o'clock when I went to sleep last night and this morning I did not feel particularly anxious to get up but managed to get down to the table and go through with my morning work then began to alter the waist of my black silk dress. I put it away about 10 ½ o'clock and went to bed. Slept until noon when Jim came home and waked me. I went to dinner and after I had eaten I felt better. Sewed a little while but finding it did not agree with me I put it away and went down street. Called at Mary Peebles' and saw Mag Coles and Maggie Jones there. Went down street with the latter and then up to see Kate Moore. She was not at home so I ran down to Maggie's a few minutes and then went to Laura's but she was not at home. Jim and I have been talking a little about going to the city tomorrow to hear (Niblesoon) sing but the ice came down from Parkersburg this forenoon and we decided not to go. Wrote to Ma Ricker.

Wednesday, January 18, 1871-The girls were lamenting the cold weather and ice in the river this morning because Lillie Fuller could not come and just as they were starting to school Lillie came very unexpectedly to any one for me did not think of the boat coming through such ice as this is in the river now. I sewed nearly all day on my silk dress and succeeded in making the desired changes in it. After church Jimmie went to the store and I went up to Mr Peebles' about 9 o'clock Maggie Jones came in and after awhile Davy came. Jim came about 10 o'clock and these with Mary Peebles who is keeping house now, and Maggie Coles and Mollie Murray made quite a lively little party. We ate peanuts and apples, talked and laughed until 11 o'clock and then Jim and I came home, leaving the others still there. I had a nice little call, have spent an evening at Mr Tewksbury's in the same way.

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Thursday, January 19, 1871-I began this forenoon to sew the edging on the ruffling for my set of pillow covers and sheet which Ma is going to make for me. After dinner I dressed and took my work down to spend the afternoon with Laura Loughry. Mary and I went together while Ma and Lillie went out together. We enjoyed our afternoon very much. Laura keeps everything in such good order and looking so cheerful. Pa and Ma went up to Mr Albert McFarland's to tea and then came down to the Opera house to hear the Burger family bell ringers. The rest of our party, eight in number were already there. Their entertainment in my opinion is the best that comes here. They draw crowded houses and deserve them. I had a letter from Mrs Doolittle, Mamie Fisk's mother this morning, a nice long letter telling about Mamie and her little boy, Willie.

Friday, January 20, 1871-Immediately after dinner I took my work and started up to Mrs Tewksbury's but stopped at Maggie Bell's on my way. Found Ceo at home about half sick and Maggie in the midst of house cleaning. I did not make a very long stay but soon went on up to Mrs Tewksbury's. Neither she nor Sallie were at home but I sat down a few minutes and Mrs T. soon came in. I took out my work and prepared to spend the afternoon. Sallie did not come home until nearly 5 o'clock. Mrs T. sent word down to Jimmie to come up to tea and he came. We stayed until time to go to prayer meeting. Jimmie had to go back to the office and after church I came home. He did not get here until nearly 11 o'clock.

Saturday, January 21, 1871-Our Annie would have been eight years old today had she lived.

I did not get up this morning until 9 o'clock. I felt so tired that I could not unless there had been greater need of it than there was. I had a letter from Mrs Hamilton before breakfast and one from Debbie Chandler before dinner. After I did get up Jennie prepared a nice little breakfast for me and when I had disposed of that, I gave Fannie and Jennie their lessons. Aunt Maria is in town and came here to dinner. After dinner I went to the kitchen to experiment on a new pie which was not as successful as I had hoped it would be. Before I had time to dress for company, Mrs Damarin, Lou Peck, Ella Overturf, Mary Bannon, Mary Gliddon, Mrs Cutter & Mrs Baird, came to call and while I was dressing, Mrs Tewksbury and Sallie came. I did not get down to see them.

Sunday, January 22, 1871-Went to Sabbath School as usual, Jimmie went but had such a headache that we came home before church. I stayed with him until church time and then left him to try and sleep it off. When I came home he was no better. I did all I could for him but it was not much relieved until night. I went to church again and found him feeling a little better when I came home. This evening after tea Pa,

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Ma, Mary and I about made up our minds to go the city tomorrow on the cars. I wanted to go if Jimmie was well enough.

**** Excerpt from newspaper: *DIED.*** *Connolley – On Sunday, January 22, 1871, at 3 o'clock P.M., at Asheville N.C., Isabella E., daughter of Mrs. J. Connolley, aged 22 years and five months.*

Monday, January 23, 1871-We were up early this morning getting ready to leave on the cars. It is rather a sudden affair but such trips are not unusual with us. I did not like to leave Jimmie but he was better and wanted me to go though he could not himself. We were ready in time and he went to the depot to see us off. Had our dinner at Hamden where we were delayed an hour as is usual on the road. However we met with no other detention and a few minutes after 5 o'clock we found ourselves at the Lindell Hotel kept by Capt Pres Lodwick & E.B. Lodwick. Pa went immediately to get tickets but every seat was taken. We had supper and Mr E.B. Lodwick went with us and got our tickets for us and through his kindness we succeeded in getting camp stools in the best part of the house both for seeing and hearing. We had to wait about an hour before the concert began. M'lle Christine Nilsson being the star assisted by Miss Annie Louise Cary Sig Venger, Sig Brignole' and Mr H. Vrius temps violinist. The music was of the highest order too high in fact for my comprehension but I had a great desire to see and hear the wonderful Nilsson which desire was gratified and I was satisfied. We were all very tired after our hard day's travel and the concert and glad enough to rest.

Tuesday, January 24, 1871-Breakfasted about 8 o'clock and then went to the boat to get rooms and leave our baggage. After a short rest we went up on 4th street again and Pa took us to see the California Big Tree on exhibition in Wisnell's hall. It is a wonderful sight. The bark is cut in sections and put together as it was on the tree and inside is a good sized room. The bark grows in ridges about 18 inches thick in the thickest part. The tree is supposed from the rings in the wood to be about 1764 years old and is or was about 73 feet higher than the spire on the hand church on 4th street Cincinnati. It was out from the Mariposa grove Cal. After seeing that we instituted a search for MacKensie the artist who is painting our picture after several attempts we found him and them. He thought he would have them done by Saturday and I hope he will. We made a few purchases and then went to the boat. We have made a quick trip and accomplished all we wished to do. Oh how I wished I could be at home with Jimmie tonight after it was all over. I was so sorry he could not go too.

Wednesday, January 25, 1871-We were up before daylight and dressed in darkness. Pa was waiting long before we were ready to go. We reached home in time for breakfast with the family. Jim had the fire started and was about half dressed. It has

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turned quite cold since yesterday. It was so cold and gloomy that I did not spend much time on my room. About 10 ½ o'clock I went to bed and slept until noon when Jim came in and waked me. After dinner Ma and I got ready and went up to Mrs Peebles' to the Missionary society. I did not do much as there was nothing cut out for me to work at. I took two cuts of yarn home to knit a pair of stockings. On our way home we saw Mrs Johnson who told us that Belle Connolley was dead. Poor Belle, she would not give up to the last that she was dangerously sick and now she has died in North Carolina away among strangers with only her mother to kiss her goodbye. About noon today it began to sleet and freeze and it is almost impossible to walk on the pavements. We went to church however.

Thursday, January 26, 1871-Jim went up on the train this morning to see Pa Ricker. He met with an accident at Vinton Fce the other day. There was an explosion of gas and he was very badly burned, both on his face and hands. I would have gone too but everything is cased in ice and it would have been simply foolish for me to have gone out in such weather. We have not had such a day before this winter. I took a regular house cleaning this forenoon and then finished Debbie's letter before taking out my sewing. I worked hard the whole afternoon trying to see how much I could do and by night I had whipped the edging on nearly ten yards of ruffling. This was the evening for prayer for colleges but it was so icy and wet that Ma would not let any of us go. I set up one of my stockings after tea. I wonder when they will be done.

Friday, January 27, 1871-This is the anniversary of Gussie Connolley's wedding day. A year ago today they were all busy preparing for the wedding and today no one is at home but Frank and he is making preparations to receive his mother and Will with Belle's remains. What a sad change one year has brought to them. It's so icy and unsafe walking that no one is on the street who is not obliged to be. However Ma went up to see Mrs Peebles and Mrs Murray and did not get back until after church. Jennie, Lillie and Lizzie went up to see Emma Droiulliard and they stayed there to tea consequently there were four missing from our own tea table. I did not venture out to prayer meeting on account of my cold and would not let Enos go either so Mary and John met the rest of the family at church. I wrote to Pa and Ma Ricker.

Saturday, January 28, 1871-Mrs Connelley and Will arrived this morning bringing Belle's remains. It is the gloomiest possible day. Last night it began to snow and has continued all day. It was sad to see the young gentlemen who had been Belle's more particular friends, gathered around her door this morning waiting for the hearse to come bring the lifeless body of her who had been so gay so short a time before. Every one who knew her liked her. During the day many went to take their last look at her, I among the rest. She had requested her mother to have her buried in the dress she wore at Gussie's wedding and had taken it with her when she went to Asheville

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N.C. apparently thinking that perhaps she would not return alive. Everyone was surprised at her preparations for death for when she left here she seemed determined to return in health never speaking of any other possibility. Maggie Jones, Mary Peebles, and Frank Cunningham were here this afternoon.

Sunday, January 29, 1871-I went to Sabbath school and church this forenoon but did not get out again during the day. I was very much disappointed in not getting out to Belle's funeral. She died last Sabbath at 3 o'clock and was buried this afternoon at 3 o'clock. It was terribly wet cold and disagreeable but Mary, Jimmie, and Ma went. I had to stay in and take care of my cold but notwithstanding all my care it grew worse rather than better.

Monday, January 30, 1871-I did not get up this morning until after breakfast and then cleaned up the room before dressing which was no special advantage to my cold. I dressed but soon after had to go to bed again which I did with all my clothes on and tumbled around in awhile and out awhile all day but by night I was so much worse that Ma insisted upon a foot bath and mixed drink which I took and went regularly to bed.

Tuesday, January 31, 1871-I was in bed the greater part of today. It was too wet and snowy for me to have gone out had I been able to be up. Hattie Norton came down last night and I wanted very much to go and see her but of course could not today. I have not done anything but knit a little and did not feel very much like that. Mary was out all day part of the time attending to my old business, paying the bills.

Wednesday, February 1, 1871-This morning it was quite pleasant and Ma thought I had better go out so we, she Lillie and I went down to Mr (Mocnitt's) to see our pictures which have come. They are as good as they can be and I think we will prize them very highly, particularly if we should live to be old. They will cost \$100.00 but we would not take that for them a few years from now. After leaving there I went to see Emma Johnson who has been in Chicago ever since she went down on the boat with us after we were married. From there I went to sit awhile with Maggie Peebles after her long absence. She returned last night. A short visit to Maggie Jones finished my morning calls and after dinner I went to call on Hattie Norton, Ella Greene, Julia Waller, Mrs W.K. Thompson, Mrs Buskirk & Allie, Mrs Dr Norton, Mrs Droulliard, and then to society for a few minutes in the front den and out the side to call on Neal Duke, Mrs Lloyd & Luc, Mrs Bolles, Mrs J.K. Lodwick and Kate Glover making a good days work in spite of my severe cold which is not much better. I did not go out in the evening. Wrote to father & mother Ricker.

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Thursday, February 2, 1871-It cleared off beautifully this morning and gave promise of a very pleasant afternoon of which I proposed to make the most by calling on my Gallia street friends but about noon a high wind came up ruining my prospect for calling as I did not care to take my cough out. In consequence of the change in the weather I remained in the house and sewed. It is the first whole day I have spent in this way for some time. In the afternoon Carrie Stearnes and Julia Pursell called to see Lillie and afterwards Anna McGinty came to see me. In the evening Jim went to the office and the rest of the family went upstairs leaving Pa and me alone. I practised until I was tired and then I went to bed.

Friday, February 3, 1871-Three months today since our wedding. It scarcely seems possible and yet we are so quietly settled and have been for so long that it seems much longer since we had been in such state of excitement. Pa went away this forenoon and Lillie returned from her visit to the country. It is bright and clean but very windy and almost freezing in the sun, quite a change from the warm days we have had lately. I have sewed all day again today. It has been sometime since I could sew all day long. Mrs Stroube called this afternoon which was the only interruption I have had today. I have been feeling much better and think my cold is better, still I cough and am hoarse. Was not enough better to venture out to prayer meeting. Found Mr & Mrs J.W. Collins' and Mr & Mrs Geo H. Bell's cards under the door this morning. I don't know why we did not hear them last night.

Saturday, February 4, 1871-It usually takes all my forenoon to clean up my room and give the three girls their music lessons. This was no exception to the general rule. I had intended dressing before dinner in order to get an early start immediately after but the forenoon slipped away and I was not ready before 2 P.M. Ma yielded to my persuasions and went with me. We called on Mrs L.C. Robinson, Mrs Hutchins & Nora & Bertha Glidden, Mrs A.C. Thompson, Mrs B.R. Miles, Mrs J.H. Roads, Mrs D.N Murray, Mrs Gregory, Mrs A.F. Moore, Mrs A. McFarland, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Dan McFarland and Mrs Peter Murray, and finally Mrs D.D. Jones, which nearly finishes my list in the city there are a few who have called very recently and some in the country whose calls I have not returned. I was quite tired in the evening and retired early.

Sunday, February 5, 1871-I went to Sabbath school this morning but coughed so much that I could not venture to remain through church and subject the congregation to the annoyance besides taking the risk of having to leave before being regularly dismissed with the rest. I was not out of the house during the remainder of the day.

Monday, February 6, 1871-The family around the breakfast table numbered ten and at dinner there were missing, Lillie, who has been with us for more than two weeks, left for Columbus with her uncle, on the morning train. As soon as she was gone we

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began to get Ma and Mary ready for a trip to Moscow. Pa came home yesterday morning saying he had seen cousins Duvall and Will and they said aunt Sallie Young was very sick and Pa thought Ma had better go down. In the afternoon I sat by myself and sewed. Carrie Swinn called to see how I was, she noticed yesterday that I was not well and so she came to see me today. I appreciated her kindness very much. No one else was in and I was alone until the children came from school. Just before tea I wrote to Pa and Ma Ricker.

Tuesday, February 7, 1871-The snow is falling today, making the streets very disagreeable. I was alone all the forenoon, yes and all the afternoon as well until the children came home. Mr Merritt brought our pictures home and I am quite satisfied with them which is all that could be asked. Should I live to be as old as Ma it will be a great satisfaction to have them. I sewed some on the machine, was busy all the forenoon and part of the afternoon, finished the second cover for the top of the bureau and then knit awhile. Teacher's meeting was held this evening at Mr E.E. Miller's but of course I could not go. I was mistaken about being alone in the afternoon, I would have been had I stayed at home but I went over and sat a while with Mrs Hoover and then up to see Mr John Nichols' present. His friends in the church presented him with an elegant silver tea service, soup tureen ladle and tea spoon for his own use. There are twelve pieces in all.

Wednesday, February 8, 1871-Ma and Mary did not come home today and we were not much disappointed because we hardly thought they would. I was not out of the house today and no one came in. It was society afternoon and I did not look for any one but Maggie Jones. I saw Emma yesterday and sent word to Maggie that I was alone and would like to have her come and spend the afternoon with me and after dinner I put my room in good order took my knitting and sat down by the window where I waited and watched in rain all the afternoon. I could not go to society so I worked on my knitting at home. It is just two years today since Sallie Peebles and I went out to Madison Fce to visit. I little thought then that I was visiting my future husband and his parents. I remember that the weather was unusually fine and we had a most delightful visit. Mr Sherman Johnson came in after church and spent the evening playing chess with Pa.

Thursday, February 9, 1871-After doing an unusual amount of sweeping and dusting, I retouched my hair and fixed for company should any chance to come in. Then I sat down to reconstruct two old shirts into one good one. It is about my first experience in that line though I have often assisted Ma in making new ones. It took the remainder of the forenoon to rip the good bosom out and get it ready to put into the other body which was also to be ripped. After dinner I began putting them together and Maggie Peebles came in and sat about half the afternoon with me. I

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was very glad to see her and enjoyed her visit ever so much. After she left I returned to my shirt and by tea time had it all done except one or two buttons and a few other stitches. In the evening Mr Johnson came in again, this time to see Jim, but as he was not here, he stayed to play with Pa. Pa and Ma were invited up to Mrs Stroube's to spend the evening but as Ma was away Pa would not go.

Friday, February 10, 1871-I was late to breakfast as usual and when I went down I found Ma and Mary at the table. They were only gone a few days but still we were very glad to have them back again. After the morning work was done and we were ready to sit down and talk, Mrs Edgar Draper came in and made a nice little morning call. As it was a pleasant day. I went out after dinner, first wrote to Ma Ricker and then went up to Mr Peebles' from there I went to see Sallie Ball and then called at Kate Moore's. She is still on the sofa unable to walk without crutches. After sitting awhile with her I stopped to see Maggie Jones on my way to the drug store. Jim went with me from there and proposed calling on Ella Murray at her rooms in the hotel so we made quite a little visit there then I came home. Of course I did not go to church in the evening as I can not go out at night.

Saturday, February 11, 1871-It was quite bright this morning but soon clouded up with a prospect of snow or rain. I busied myself about various things in the forenoon and after dinner hemmed about thirty yards of ruffling for Jennie. I always find enough to keep me busy when I feel well enough to do it. My only regret is that it is not always that I feel so.

Sunday, February 12, 1871-Upon looking out this morning every thing was found to be covered with sleet and a heavy mist falling. I dressed for Sabbath school and went to breakfast where the universal verdict was passed that I should remain at home. My class had not been provided for because I had expected to be there myself but Jim promised to get a teacher for me so I had to stay. It makes the day very long for me to stay at home when I have been accustomed to going so much.

Monday, February 13, 1871-Jimmie went up to Jackson to see his father and mother this morning and I should have gone too if it had not been for my cold. As it was I had to stay at home. I wrote to Julia Young for Ma and then did my little housework. After which I sewed on the machine for Mary the rest of the forenoon. Helped her after dinner until I became too tired to do any more then I took up my knitting and finished one of my little society stockings. Emma Voorheis and Laura Loughry came in and stayed a little while and afterwards Maggie Bell came and sat until tea time. Jimmie said when he left that he might be gone until tomorrow but he came on the evening train. Pa went up to Mr Gregory's to spend the evening and while Jimmie was gone to the store I knit until my eyes ached and then went to bed.

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Tuesday, February 14, 1871-Ma Mary and I put in a whole day at the sewing and accomplished a good deal. The door bell rang several times but to all my answers I only received handbills, and papers in various forms. Among them was Mr Merritt's bill of \$100.00 for our pictures and cards to Dr Norton's party Thursday evening. The snow is an inch or two deep which would keep me in if I had nothing better to do. I had a letter from Helen Ricker tonight which was dated Dec 20th though finished only a few days ago. I have thought it strange that I did not receive an answer to my letter written soon after my return from New Orleans. They want us to make the promised visit but I don't know when we can. Mr Peebles made John and Sallie a present of a house and lot today, a brick on the S.E. Cor of 9th & Barr streets opposite John Overturf's.

Wednesday, February 15, 1871-I was all the forenoon finishing a piece of work which I commenced yesterday for Ma. After dinner I dressed to go to the Missionary society and went first with Ma to the store and then to Mr Peebles where I paid my annual fee to the treasurer and gave in the stockings I took out 3 weeks since. It is the first pair I have knit for years, I don't know that I ever finished more than one other pair. I stayed there until I was tired and almost had the headache from the oppressive heat of the rooms and then went down to see Maggie Jones and her mother a little while from there I went to the store and although it was not later than 5 o'clock, Jimmie came home with me. I had intended going to church this evening but did not feel well and they thought I had better not go out. Aunt Jennie Ricker was here while I was gone.

Thursday, February 16, 1871-I have tried very hard all day to feel well enough to go to the party this evening but my efforts were a failure. I have had a dull headache and finally had to give up all thoughts of having my hair dressed for such an occasion. Pa was out to the factory or rather Agricultural Works all day working at the machinery and of course he was not able to go. Ma was not well and Jimmie had to be coaxed a good while before he would consent to go alone. I went down and sat awhile with Frank this forenoon but as going out did not seem to make me feel any better I did not go in the afternoon. Ma's new silk dress came home today and is very handsome. I think it is long and she makes quite a fine appearance in it. I wrote to Pa and Ma Ricker this evening.

Friday, February 17, 1871-When I was ready to sit down this forenoon I wrote a long letter to Helen Ricker and then marked all the new sheets and pillow cases which were made and not marked. I did not accomplish much in the whole day. After dinner I read and made tatting which was about all I did do. Could not go to church in the evening and not feeling very well I came up stairs immediately after supper. Mary was

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down to see Emma Spry who has returned from Boston covered with glory and wearing glasses. The former because she enjoyed the privilege of playing on the great organ at a concert and the latter on account of suddenly becoming (whether in fact or fancy I don't know) near sighted. Emma deserves credit for the way she has improved her opportunities.

Saturday, February 18, 1871-My usual Saturday mornings work is over and I don't know how I shall spend the rest of the day. There is nothing urgent for me to do unless I should begin a piece of work and I don't care to do that so late in the week. I worked on my embroidery until it was too dark to do so any longer. It was too cloudy for me to go out and no one came in Jennie and I practised duettes in the evening until I was tired of that and then I came upstairs.

Sunday, February 19, 1871-It was quite pleasant this morning and we were all up unusually early, breakfast was ready by 6 ½ o'clock but we did not eat quite that soon. Before going to S.S. I made a trial of taking my cod liver in whiskey and it proved a failure. The whiskey made me too sick to care to repeat the dose. I went to Sabbath School and remained to church after being absent from church two Sabbaths. I wanted to go down to Mission after dinner but Pa thought I had better not. Later in the afternoon Jim, Jennie and I went to see Uncle Enos and Grandma. The folks were all at home but Uncle Enos. I did not go to church in the evening and as Jim had a headache he stayed at home also.

Monday, February 20, 1871-Jim has been almost sick all day with his headache. As it was pleasant the folks told me I must go out so I got ready. Uncle Enos came before I left and when he was ready we went together to the store. From there Jim and I went to see Jennie Tewksbury but she was at school, sat awhile with Mrs Tewksbury and Sallie and then I went to see Maggie Peebles was there until noon. After dinner I went to see Dell Ramsey she was out but I sat awhile with Carrie and her mother and then spent the rest of the afternoon with Therza and Em Spry. Therza is enough better to sit up and Em is looking splendidly, never saw her look as well, her trip has improved her very much indeed. Mary had company in the evening and I was down stairs awhile. Hattie Norton and Mattie Gaylord were here with little Bernice when I came home this afternoon.

Tuesday, February 21, 1871-I felt like going out this morning but thought I must fix my green poplin dress which I spoiled soon after our return from New Orleans. I spent the whole forenoon in it except the few minutes that I went to do an errand for Ma. Ma finished a vest for Jimmie this morning which she had cut from her dress pattern. I got the nicest bolt of muslin this morning, one which Jimmie told Mr Cook to send to see if I liked it and he said I might keep it if I wanted to, so I did. After

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dinner I went to make two or three calls. First on Mrs Putnam who has just gone to housekeeping, then Mrs Wm Draper and then Clara Waller. There were all calls to be paid then I went to Mrs Collins and spent the rest of the afternoon. Jimmie suggested going up to spend the evening with Maggie and Mary Peebles but Ma thought I had better stay in the house and I was tired enough anyway. It doesn't take much to tire me now.

Wednesday, February 22, 1871-Cousin Duvall made us a morning call and while he was here Mrs Neal Duke came to invite Jim and me to a little tea party at her house tomorrow evening. Mary Rice came back from Cin this morning and things go on as usual once more. Ma and I started up to the Missionary meeting this afternoon but met Maggie Jones coming to sit awhile with me and so I came home again. She had her work and I took out mine and Mary brought hers in my room so we had a nice time. I did not go to church as I had expected.

Thursday, February 23, 1871-I tried to rest all day in order to feel well for this evening. It was so pleasant after dinner that I made part of my preparation for this evening and then went up to sit awhile with Maggie Bell. Had a nice visit with her and then went down Washington with the intention of seeing Maggie and Mary Peebles but saw them on the street and then called at Anna McGinly's. Failed to make myself heard so I started to see Kate Moore, met Mrs Jones on the street who said Maggie was alone and I had better go there so I went. Came home and finished dressing to go to Neal Duke's and about 7 ½ o'clock went. It was the first time I had been out after dark for over four weeks. Neal just had a little tea party for her attendants, Mary Peebles & Will Pursell, Em Johnson & Mr Cadot, with John and Sallie, Maggie Peebles, Kate Johnson, Jim and I and Mrs Ida Brown. I was glad I went but very tired before I got home.

Friday, February 24, 1871-We have had quite an entertainment in our neighborhood this morning, or rather all day in the form of an election for Post Master. The election took place at the court house where we could plainly see every person coming and going to deposit their votes. There were six candidates for the office, among them Mrs Eliza Glidden which made affairs quite lively all day. Towards evening the excitement increased and many who had made up their minds not to vote had to go out to prevent the election of a (?) whom none of the business men wanted in that place! It was quite disagreeable in the evening but part of the family went to prayer meeting none the less.

Saturday, February 25, 1871-Gave the girls their music lessons as usual but did not do much else during the day of course I did not sit idle but it being Saturday I did not want to begin a new piece of work and so worked at my tatting. Stayed at home all

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day. Frank Cunningham was here a long time in the forenoon but no one else came in the afternoon.

Sunday, February 26, 1871-It was raining a slow steady rain when we awoke this morning still I hoped to go to Sabbath school until breakfast when Ma said I must not and being still subject to orders I did not go. Settles myself to rest and by the time Sabbath school was dismissed the sun was shining brightly so I dressed and went to church. In the afternoon it rained again, but Jimmie went to Missions a privilege of which I am deprived entirely now. Of course I could not go to church so I went to bed instead.

Monday, February 27, 1871-This morning in my searches through a closet I found my old green silk dress which as soon as I was ready, I began to rip up preparing to making it over into a wrapper. Ma was working on her short black silk dress so we spent the day or the greater part of it together in her room. Emma Spry came up in the forenoon and stayed until about 3 o'clock. She played a good many pieces for us and played them well. While I was showing her some of my bridal presents Mrs Graham called to see me. After she left I finished ripping my dress and then put the things away and read some magazine articles to Ma and the girls. Before supper wrote a letter to Ma Ricker and after supper lost no time in getting ready to retire. I was very tired.

Tuesday, February 28, 1871-As soon as I could get ready this morning I went down to the store to get my bottle of wine exchanged and then after an errand at the music store, I went up and sat the rest of the forenoon with Sallie Peebles. She is just about finishing the preparations for housekeeping. She seems quite anxious now to go and so should I if I had a house of my own to go to. I went back to the store to get my packages and walk home with Jimmie. After dinner I took some merino scrapes to Frank and then took those I had selected for Maggie Bell to her after which I went to Mr Peebles' and stayed until 4 ½ o'clock when I again went to the store for Jimmie on my way to the foundry to see a casting Mr Bodine a friend of Davy's & Jim's was there and he went with us. Mr & Mrs Collins spent part of the evening with us.

Wednesday, March 1, 1871-This morning at the table Pa said he was going to Vinton and Jim thought he wanted to go with him, he had to go to the store first and then he did not have time to come home again before going. I went up to see Uncle Sam and get him to do an errand in the city for me. From there I went and spent the rest of the forenoon with Laura Loughry. Immediately after dinner I got ready for Society and when I went found no one there so I went down to Maggie Jones and worked on my embroidery until nearly 3 o'clock then went again to the Society. On

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my way home I stopped awhile at Mrs Draper's. Went to Lecture in the evening, the first time for five weeks.

Thursday, March 2, 1871-Pa and Jimmie came home at noon. It is the first time Jimmie has been away from home over night since we were married but I was away two nights when I went to Cincinnati to hear Nilsson. We have been intending for some time to make an evening call at Mr Gaylord's and as this has been an unusually pleasant day I rested and made myself ready for the walk. After dinner I took my work and went out to sit awhile with Carrie Swinn but as she was not at home I went and spent the afternoon with Emma Voorheis, coming home in time to change my dress before supper. Jimmie, Mary and I went as far as front street together and while he went to the store a moment, we went to see if Maggie Jones would not go with us but she could not so we went on. Spent an hour or two very pleasantly with the family Hattie included and were much surprised to find it raining when we came home. We were very, very tired. It seems as though I can't stand anything this winter.

Friday, March 3, 1871-It rained very hard in the forenoon and was gloomy all day. Going out was not to be thought of so I busied myself in the house. It is four months today since I was married and I can't realize it when I think of it though it seems perfectly natural to me now and I should miss my dear husband more than I can imagine if I was deprived of him now. I dared not venture out to church in the evening and came directly up to get ready for bed when the others left. It has been so long since I have attended church regularly that it doesn't seem strange to be left at home now. I spent this afternoon frying doughnuts and after all my trouble neither Pa nor Jimmie would touch them because they were not twisted and did not look like doughnuts. Such is the gratitude and commendation we often receive after sweating and toiling over some dish.

Saturday, March 4, 1871-Gave the girls their lessons as usual and occupied the rest of the forenoon in various ways, principally napping I believe. After, No I wasn't napping today, I was getting ready to receive Pa and Ma Ricker who came on the noon train to spend Sunday with us. After dinner we talked until time for preparatory lecture and after lecture Ma Ricker and I went home with Mrs Tewksbury to see Jennie. They sent for Jimmie and his father to take tea with them and immediately after tea Jimmie and I came home and the others went up to Mr Drew Ricker's. Pa and Ma Ricker came back to stay with us.

Sunday, March 5, 1871-Went to Sabbath School and stayed to church in the forenoon and at 8 o'clock we had communion service, it is a year today since Jimmie united with the church and was baptized. It was a lovely day but towards evening it became colder and the wind began to rise. We had the usual monthly concert of

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prayer for missionaries in the evening which the younger members of the family attended while our parents went to Sixth Street.

Monday, March 6, 1871-Last night I was awakened by the wind rattling the windows so that I had to get up and fasten them, I afterwards fell asleep again and was next awakened by the fire bells. Oh! what a night for a fire. The wind blowing almost a gale. I went to a back window and saw the fire already under fearful headway. Pa, Jimmie and Pa Ricker hurriedly dressed and went down to the corner of 2nd & Market where the fire was. It was between 1 and 2 o'clock and from that time until morning the flames raged. Market street being very wide was the only salvation for the blocks above as the wind blew the flames, smoke and cinders in that direction for more than three squares. By the utmost exertion and watchfulness, the fires were put out as soon as kindled by the sparks, but nothing could save the square from 2nd to Front and from Market west to the alley. This morning we went down to the scene of destruction and saw the smoking ruins of Massie Block, the Taylor House & new addition with six other buildings. The grade and streets were filled with people some who came to look on and others who were gathering up what was left of their property. In the evening Mr Wood was here to tea and those of us who could went to church according to the appointment given out yesterday.

Tuesday, March 7, 1871-Ma Ricker and I went up to see Sallie and Ella this afternoon but found them all napping. Sallie got up however and we had a little visit with her. Mrs Tewksbury received the news of her sister's death yesterday after dinner and she and Mr Tewksbury left on the Telegraph for Wisconsin to see the afflicted family. She leaves seven little children. Ella has been obliged to go home and they are in quite a state of excitement over the fire and other bad news. Pa Ricker went back to Vinton at noon today. There was service tonight but I could not go.

Wednesday, March 8, 1871-I did not do anything of any importance this morning, I never so now. After dinner Ma R. and I went up to Uncle Drew Ricker's to spend the afternoon. We rode up in the omnibus. I had my work with me and put in the time very faithfully. When it became too late to sew I went out to have a run and romp with the children. I almost tired myself out chasing four or five of them over the place. After tea I wanted to come down to church but they would not let me. We started home about 8 o'clock and as Jimmie had to go to the store he proposed leaving me at Maggie's until he went down and back but not finding her at home I went with him and came home almost aching I was so tired.

Thursday, March 9, 1871-It rained today and Ma Ricker did not get back as she had expected. I could not go out so I stayed in and worked on my embroidery. Although there was service in the evening I did not go for I did not feel well enough. It seems

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strange for me to be so worthless as I have been for some time, in fact all winter. I never used to miss so much time because I was not well enough to go, but now it is the exception when I go.

Friday, March 10, 1871-This morning I went up to see the folks at Uncle Enos'. Met him on 4th street and he turned and went back with me. We sat in the library and visited quite a while then I went up to see Uncle Sam and ask him to get some materials for pincushions in the city. Played awhile with the baby and then went out and spent the rest of the forenoon with Ella Overturf. After dinner Ma Ricker and her brother went over in the hills and soon after they left Aunt Mary came with the baby to make us a visit. He is such a dear little creature and looks just like Willie did. I often call him Willie. In the evening we went to prayer meeting, those of us who were able.

Saturday, March 11, 1871-Both the girls left after breakfast this morning so our own forces had to go to work. We get along much nicer and better without than with poor help but it keeps the girls so closely confined to the house. They will not allow me to do anything in the kitchen and I really am not fit for much any way. Ma Ricker went up to Mr Tewksbury's this morning to be gone until after dinner and after dinner I dressed and went out to finish paying up my bridal calls in town. I have actually accomplished it but still there are those who have since returned my calls and those in the country to whom I am still indebted. This afternoon I called on Mrs Tom Jones, Mrs Stroube, Mrs Martha Robinson, Mrs Dr Norton and Mrs Hope. Then went to see Maggie Jones a few minutes.

Sunday, March 12, 1871-Rained last night but was quite pleasant today. We went to Sabbath school and church in the forenoon. Mr Putnam is away and Dr Pratt had charge of all the services which were more numerous than usual. After dinner there was a meeting for the children at which time there were six babies baptized. Ettie Catharine Irwin, Howard Murray, Allene Belle Jones, Ella Micklethwait, Emma Patterson and Charles Pratt, somebody whom I did not know. In the evening we had service again. I have not been out so many times in one Sabbath before for a long time except last Sabbath.

Monday, March 13, 1871-After doing up my work Ma Ricker and I went up to see the baby at Uncle Sam's and I wanted to get my zephyrs. I then went up to Connolley's to get some kitchen aprons and Ma went to see her brother. On my way home I called at Maggie Peebles' a few minutes. After dinner I finished an apron and then began my cushions. I like to do it very much but I worked at it until I was very tired. Dr Pratt called and stayed nearly an hour this afternoon. I sat up in my room without fire last evening until I took cold which settled in my limbs and today I ache severely for it. I went to church in the evening though and was glad I went, service

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was in the upper room and there were a good many out. I wrote to Pa Ricker in the evening before tea.

Tuesday, March 14, 1871-After dinner Ma Ricker and I got ready to go out to Mr Bannon's. About 3 o'clock Jimmie came with Mr Bannon's little express or buggy and took us out. I stopped at Mr Bell's to call on the folks there Lucy is here now to stay I suppose. She came last Wednesday. The folks all but Mary Glidders were coming in town and when they were all ready to start Mary with Bruce and Robbie walked over to Mr Bannon's with me. We had promised to spend the afternoon and take tea so I had my work with me. Mrs Bannon has two dear little boys, Harry and Arthur and her Mother and sister Josie Smith are living with her. They have no girl but their work does not seem to be much trouble to them. We had a nice supper of which I ate heartily and enjoyed it very much. We could not get in to Teacher's meeting for which I was sorry. We did not stay late though and come home very tired then.

Wednesday, March 15, 1871-This morning at breakfast we were told of an invitation to dine at Mr D.N. Murray's I love to go when I feel well but I was sorry to hear a call to go out today. I would have begged off and spent part of the day on the bed if it had been possible but I could not. Pa & Ma, Ma Ricker, Jimmie and I were invited but Ma was sick and we did not know that either Pa or Jimmie would go and as it would not do to all refuse, Ma R. and I had to accept. Besides ourselves there were Uncle Drew and Aunt Betsey and Hiram and his wife. Aunt Jennie was sick so was Ella Murray. I stayed until about 4 o'clock and Mollie brought me home in the carriage. In the evening we children went to church and heard a sermon from Dr Pratt. There was quite a large congregation present. Mrs Griswold died this evening after months of suffering. She had been confined to her bed since August 1869 she has not been here quite a year. She came sometime in April last year. She was a devoted christian and it is thought she had accomplished a great work for Jesus in her illness.

Thursday, March 16, 1871-The weather is decidedly spring like and induced the feeling commonly called spring fever. We are compelled to overcome it in some degree in order to get the work done having no one on whom to depend but ourselves. If we were all well it would not be very hard to do all that we want done but Ma being sick and me not half well it throws the burden of the work on Mary. I am real sorry but see no help for it at present. Mr Collins house took fire this morning but I have not heard how much damage was done, not much I hope. Ma Ricker went up to Uncle Drew's this forenoon but came back after church. I did not go to church nor any place else in fact.

Friday, March 17, 1871-I have been busy all over the house today upstairs and down. Ma is still in bed and insists that it is no use to send for a physician. It is real

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discouraging but of course not so bad as it might be. She is in bed we've no girl and I am not able to help Mary very much. This afternoon I had to go and ask Mrs Vincent to come and sit with Ma while we went to Mrs Griswold's funeral. Mrs Griswold made all the arrangements herself in regard to affairs. She selected her own pall bearer's. Mrsrs Geo Johnson, Judge Towne, C.D. Elden, Jas Stephenson, Neal L.C. Robinson, Sam'l McConnel and Pa. In compliance with her request Dr Pratt preached to sinner and backsliders from 1st Peter 4th 18th and said very little about her. I did not go to prayer meeting in the evening not feeling well enough.

Saturday, March 18, 1871-Ma Ricker went home to Jackson this evening which was about the only event of the day. It is lovely weather and the leaves and buds are coming out very fast only to be nipped I am afraid. I was not out at all today. Ma is still in bed and we are without help. Consequently I found enough to keep very busy and make me tired by dark.

Sunday, March 19, 1871-We were very late with our breakfast the bell was ringing for Sabbath School when we were through eating. I intended staying home from S.S. to wash the dishes but Ma told me I had better go and let them stand. I came home from S.S. and did the work instead of going to church and by so doing had dinner in time for Jimmie to go to Mission. I took a nap after dinner and learned my Sabbath School lesson and went to church in the evening.

Monday, March 20, 1871-A small german girl came this forenoon and she will perhaps be able to assist a little anyway. Ma is still in bed and we have finally succeeded in getting her consent to have the doctor come to see her. Pa is gone to Ironton today but will be home this evening I suppose. We have had company all day. Mrs Vincent, Mrs Hoomes and Mrs Connolley were in all the forenoon and after dinner Mrs Hoomes came again with Lake and Mattie Lewis. Maggie Peebles and Mrs Draper called but I did not take them upstairs, so I had to entertain them as best I could running up and down stairs. Wrote to Pa Ricker in answer to his letter of last week.

Tuesday, March 21, 1871-I was in all day taking care of Ma and working at fancy work. We had a rush of company yesterday and no one in today at all. However it was well enough for Ma did not feel like seeing any one. I went to church in the evening and Jimmie went to Mr Peebles to teacher's meeting. I guess we did but don't know I don't care very much.

Wednesday, March 22, 1871-This was such a bright pleasant morning that I went up to see Ella Greene. Got ready and went down as far as our church where I met Emma Spry and as she was going up to the Seminary I went on with her instead of stopping

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for the Peebles girls as I had intended. It seemed like old, old times when we used to go to school together. I walked up as far as Mr Gaylord's because it was so pleasant and then came back to Mr Greene's. The Peebles girls were there and soon after Mrs Carson and Miss Cutler came in. We waited quite awhile but I did not get to see Ella who was dressing to go to Cin. On my way down street I stopped at Mr Tewksbury's a few minutes. I went on down street stopping at Mrs Trotters and Mrs Buell's to see what was to be seen. Went to Rousheim's to get a pattern of an R but they had none to suit. Forgot all about the Missionary society. Wrote to Ma Ricker I believe.

Thursday, March 23, 1871-There is nothing going on now but church and I don't get out to the meetings more than once or twice a week and stay in during the day to take care of Ma.

Friday, March 24, 1871-Our little german girl got through her work this afternoon in time to go over home awhile. It was windy and cold and she will likely be sick for it. Mrs Niles was here this afternoon quite a little while. Ma was not down to see her but came down to the tea table the first time for more than a week. Things move on very monotonously these days. I don't go out much, few people come in and I do about the same thing every day. Mary Peebles was here a few minutes today. I did not get out to church.

Saturday, March 25, 1871-Our little girl was really sick this morning and did not come down at all. Mary got the breakfast ready and then we all went about the Saturday work. I got through my part and sat down to make tatting had made about three loops when there was a great commotion in the street caused by the escape of the prisoners from the jail. By the time that excitement had subsided I had concluded to make lemon pies for Sunday and got the work commenced about 11 o'clock. I did not get liberated from the kitchen until about 5 o'clock. It seemed as though there was no end to the crust, short as I had made it. I made seven lemon pies and then looked about for something with which to fill the rest of the crusts. I finally sent to the grocery and got some blackberries and then finished out with custard. Awhile before I finished two girls came along who wanted a place so Ma secured them at once. The girls are twins and look so much alike we can't tell them apart.

Paid \$10.00 subscribed to Mr Putnomer.

Sunday, March 26, 1871-It was raining dismally when we awoke this morning. Pa was not well. Jimmie about half sick, Ma hardly able to be up and it seemed likely that no one would get to the table. Ma and I finally made our appearance but did not get off to Sabbath School. I made a fire in our room and Jimmie got up in time to go to church. I went down and made him a cup of coffee which some crackers and orange constituted his breakfast. I did not get out at all as it rained all day long.

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Monday, March 27, 1871-The rain is over but it is damp and cold. Ma is better and there is a general feeling of relief among the older members of the family in consequence of having plenty of help once more. Ma, Mary and I all sat down to sew this forenoon Ma at my pillow covers and I on a night dress which I finished after dinner with the exception of buttons, button holes and trimming. After putting that away I went up to Aunt Mary's to take some flowers then to Maggie Bell's but she was out to Connolley's for some buttons. Mrs McCall's and she was out. Spent an hour or two with Maggie & Mary Peebles and then went to Yoakley's to settle a little bill, started to the store but met Davy who said Jimmie had come home so I came too. He had brought my dress from Teasdale's a letter from Pa Ricker and \$20.00 for me. It was just in time too for I had only about thirty cents left besides a \$20.00 bill which I don't intend to spend. There was preaching by Mr Calhoun at our church but I did not get out to hear him. Letter from Helen Ricker.

Tuesday, March 28, 1871-Ma has not been out of the house for more than two weeks until this afternoon. We both dressed after dinner with the intention of going to afternoon prayer meeting but started in time to do a little walking first. Went to Connolley's and then down to call on Mrs Duke but she was not at home. We then went to Mrs Jones to wait until the church bell rang and did not hear it at all. We finally thought it must be late and discovered that it was nearly 5 o'clock instead of 4. We stopped at Mrs Trotter's and then just met the folks coming away from church when we were coming home. We went to church in the evening however.

Wednesday, March 29, 1871-Did not go out in the forenoon but dressed after dinner and went up to see Maggie Bell, forgetting that it was Missionary day and she would be at the society. Not finding her I came directly home again and waited until prayer meeting time and Ma and I then went there. From there we went up to Connelley's and then I went down to walk home with Jimmie. I had done a good deal of walking for me and was glad to rest in the evening.

Thursday, March 30, 1871-Was at home all the forenoon, Mary was out after the bills and Emma Spry came home with her to dinner. I worked on my pincushion until time to dress for church or rather prayer meeting. Ma, Mary and I went there and afterwards went home with Maggie and Mary Peebles and saw Maggie Crossley. It was nearly supper time and I did not stay very long. Went to the store to walk home with Jimmie. He gave me a letter from his father. He is such a dear good man and writes such nice letters to me. Ma and all six of us children went to church and heard an excellent sermon from Mr Calhoun of Ironton. Jimmie came from the store to church and was there to come home with us.

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Friday, March 31, 1871-Last of the first spring month, on the whole it has not been a very disagreeable month though we have had some hard winds. This forenoon was beautiful, I went up to see the folks at Mr Tewksbury's, Sallie has been sick but is better. Therza Spry was there and about 11 ½ o'clock we came down street together. Looked at the spring goods until time for dinner then I waited on the corner of 3rd for Pa and Jimmie and came up with them. After dinner I sewed a little, Jimmie came up during the afternoon to see if I wanted to take a little ride. When he came with the buggy I was ready and we went out for half an hour and then he took me to prayer meeting. After that I went and got some stamps at the office then came home. Did not go to church in the evening.

Saturday, April 1, 1871-I had nothing particular to do and so put in the time on my pincushion. Ma went down to sit awhile with Laura Loughry and did not come back until nearly four o'clock. Charlie and Jakie were here to spend the day with the boys. After dinner Miss Emma Bell came in to sit awhile. The feather beds were away being cleaned and I did not dress to go out knowing there would be some sewing to be done when they came home. We just got them finished before Ma came home. After she came Mrs Graham and Mrs Hutchins called. I was very very tired and retired quite early.

Sunday, April 2, 1871-Pleasant but cool enough for my furs yet. I went to Sabbath School and church in the forenoon and church in the evening. Jimmie & I would have gone to Mission but we did not have dinner in time. Uncle Enos, Uncle Sam and Mr Prescott were here nearly all the afternoon. Mr Putnam is away and we were treated to a sermon from Dr Pratt both morning and evening.

Monday, April 3, 1871-Ma and I went down street this forenoon to look at dress goods and other spring things I bought a black and white plaid poplin at Connolley's and then came home to make it. Ma and Mary did the principal part of the work. Ma was making it after an old pattern of hers and I had nothing I could do at it so I worked on my pincushion. Jimmie went to Jackson today and came back with the news of the sale of Fulton Furnace which involves a heavy loan for Pa Ricker. It was election day and in the evening the excitement seemed to run pretty high. Jimmie came home from church with the family and afterwards went down street again to get the returns. It was a rainy day and no one came in. In the evening it cleared off beautifully and we had a most beautiful rainbow which seemed to span the eastern half of the city.

Tuesday, April 4, 1871-Ma and Mary worked on my dress while I did what I could to assist them. My assistance did not amount to much however. I was sitting on the side of the bed for a few minutes to rest and soon fell over and went to sleep, slept about

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an hour I suppose and after waking up and stirring around a little I felt better. By evening my dress was nearly completed. I sewed nearly all the afternoon and did a good deal of stitching which was not food for my as my experience afterwards proved. I could not go to church. I am sorry to miss all these meetings but when I am not well enough to go I must stay at home and make the best of it. Tired as I was I wrote a letter to the folks after supper.

Wednesday, April 5, 1871-This has been a lovely day but I did not feel well enough to enjoy it as I would wish. I did not get up until 9 o'clock, then I dressed and went up to Maggie Bell's. She was not at home so after waiting awhile for her I started home again. Saw Kate Glover at her door and went there, I had my work with me so I sat until noon. After dinner I seated myself by the window in the sitting room and spent the remainder of the day there not feeling well enough to be tempted to leave my rocking chair for anything. A buggy ride would scarcely have been an inducement and when that fails nothing else need be offered. Ma and Mary were out nearly all the afternoon getting the material for my summer sewing. Little scraps of various things which look so funny with my things and will look still more funny when made up. I could not go to church in the evening so I went to bed as soon as possible.

Thursday, April 6, 1871-Ma Mary and I went to see about hats this forenoon I have been looking and thinking about mine until I am thoroughly tired of the whole subject. Mary and I went to Mr Peebles and stayed awhile and then came home to dinner. After that Mary went off somewhere else and I sat down to my pincushion. I concluded I might as well work at it while visiting somebody and so went to sit awhile with Laura but not finding her at home I went to stay with Therza Spry until church time. Did not go to church in the evening. Maggie Bell was here this morning and was telling me about Hannah Lithgow's wedding. I wrote to her at Tuscaloosa Alabama after dinner.

Friday, April 7, 1871-Pa Ricker came down today noon to stay until tomorrow morning. Ma and Ma Ricker had intended going to the Rock next week but Pa still remains too sick to be left and Ma had to tell Pa Ricker to tell Ma R not to come down until she sends her word again. I have been working busily all day until time to go to prayer meeting. The sack of my spring suit in the work I am engaged in at present. When the time came I went to prayer meeting and then up to Mr Peebles but it was so late I did not stay more than five minutes. Went to the store and came up to supper with Jimmie and Pa. Went to church in the evening. Our series of meetings closed with this one.

Saturday, April 8, 1871-I spent the forenoon finishing off my suit and after dinner I put it on and went out to see about my hat. Found I could not get it until night so I

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went visiting without it. Spent awhile with Kate Glover and then went to see Lucy Rifenberick. From there I was going to Mr Tewksbury's but as I was passing Neal Duke's I saw her and Maggie Peebles in the parlor and went in. Found Sallie on the sofa and Ella gone out for a few minutes. After leaving there I came home to supper and when supper was over Mary and I went up to spend the evening with Maggie Jones. On our way home, Jimmie came up from the store and we stopped to see about Mary's dress and my hat but neither were done, so we went into the ice cream saloon and had the first we have had this season.

Sunday, April 9, 1871-Spring seemed to be here in all it's beauty. It looked cloudy when we started to Sabbath school but did not rain after all. I went to Sabbath school feeling pretty well but was obliged to leave before the lessons were half over. I disliked very much to pass such a beautiful day on the bed but I had to do it never the less. Pa is still in bed and during the day the Dr was in and also Mrsrs Peebles and Lloyd besides uncles Enos and Sam. In the afternoon Jimmie and Lizzie went to Mission and I went to bed to study my lesson and read. In the evening I went to church and then to the store with Jimmie to get some medicine for Pa.

Monday, April 10, 1871-I spent the forenoon cleaning up my room and mending and getting my clothes ready for the wash and also in writing up my book and a letter to Mrs Hamilton. Pa is still sick so Ma could not leave him to go to the Rock today. After dinner I dressed up in my spring suit and went out to walk and make a few calls. Stopped first at Mary Damarin's and then started up to see Ella Greene but Ella McFarland was sitting at their front windows and called me in. She has been sick and I have been wanting to see her cousin Kate whom I met the first night she came at Meal Duke's. After going to Mrs Trotter's to pay my bill I had but a few minutes left and spent them at Mrs Jones' before going to the store to walk home with Jimmie. After tea Jennie and I played and sung for about an hour and then I came up stairs to work and wait for Jimmie.

Tuesday, April 11, 1871-It has been so windy today that I have been glad that I had a pleasant home in which to stay. I finished the top for my pincushion and then took a little nap before dinner. After dinner I dressed and sat down to my embroidery but soon laid it aside and took up some darning instead. There were some old socks of Jimmie's in his drawer which have seen much service and little darning for months I should judge from their appearance and I tried my skill on them at supper time he brought me a letter from his mother which I have already answered. He says our friend Mr Addy of Cin is in town, I wish I could see him but he could not be persuaded to come up to tea. Invitations to Carrie Neely's wedding came from Duguoin this evening for Pa and Ma. She is to be married on the 18th of this month.

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Wednesday, April 12, 1871-Went up to see Uncle Sam this morning and get him to do an errand for me in the city. Then up to see how the Tewksbury's were, John is a little better, Sallie is just able to get around to wait on him. Jennie was off in one corner trying to fix a dress for herself unable to help anyone else and no one else to do anything for her. Mrs Tewksbury had to take to the lounge this morning and Julia who was sick yesterday is taking care of her now. I only stayed a few minutes as Pa wanted some wine and I had to go to the drug store and wait for Jimmie to get it for him. It was so windy in the afternoon that I was glad to stay at home. Mrs Collins came in with her work and soon after aunt Mary came with her baby. In the evening we children all went to prayer meeting. Dr Pratt and Mr Putnam being at Ripley attending presbytery, the lecture was appointed for Friday.

Thursday, April 13, 1871-I walked up to Maggie Lloyd's to see if she could do some stamping for me and finding some pretty patterns I came home to cut out and get in order two little flannel shirts. While working at them Emma Johnson came to visit Mary and us up to spend the evening with them before Miss Kate leaves. I put my hair on pins and then took the work up to Maggie. After dinner I went to bed to take a nap and rest myself. About 3 o'clock I got up and dressed for the party all but my dress which I did not want to put on until after supper. I guess my party days are over for awhile, I had'nt a dress which would fasten on me and wore my black silk with several hooks unfastened in the back and my white lace shawl arranged so as to conceal the defect. I felt better than I had expected I would. There were only about forty five invited only three married couples Ed & Mary Hope, Mr & Mrs Duke, Jimmie & I. Mollie Murray and Ella McFarland were the only girls of our old set, and three or four gentlemen. All the rest were of the younger set.

Friday, April 14, 1871-Six years ago today since Pa, Mary and I went to Cincinnati to the great Jubilee in honor of Lee's surrender and peace and Lincoln was assassinated. I was up to breakfast with the others this morning but during the forenoon I had to lie down again. I have not felt at all well all day. Aunt Maria came up on the boat this morning and was here a few minutes to see Pa. No one was in to see any of us and I was very glad of it because I did not look like receiving company and did not feel like dressing up. I was not well enough to go to church in the evening went directly to bed from supper. We are having lovely weather but rather cool and we have all the grates closed except the one in the sitting room. I wrote for Ma Ricker to come down tomorrow and Ma wrote to Mrs Kelly at Duquoin.

Saturday, April 15, 1871-This forenoon while I was giving Fannie her music lesson, Aunt Maria and Aunt Mary came with the baby. After they were gone Ma, Mary and I got to talking and decided to have a little company this evening for Miss Kate Johnson's benefit so Mary went to invite six or eight couples. After dinner I took my

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work and sat all the afternoon with Maggie & Mary Peebles, saw Maggie Jones a few minutes and then hurried home expecting to see Ma Ricker but she did not come. We were very sorry and when Lizzie came home from Mr Peebles a few minutes later with the news of Mr Robt Wood's death at Hanging Rock we regretted it more than ever. He died very suddenly. Mary invited eight couples but only five of them came. Mr Blaine came this morning very unexpectedly and he brought Emma Johnson, Mr Jennings, Miss Kate Johnson, Mr Cadot, Clara Waller, Mr Bonsall, Ella McFarland, and Will Pursell, Clara Morris. We enjoyed the evening very much it seemed like the little parties we used to have.

Sunday, April 16, 1871-Jimmie went up to see Mr Peebles before I started to Sabbath School but told me to take his book which I did. He did not come to Sabbath School and I went to the store when I found a note from him. Mr Peebles had thought it best for him to go up on the Fleetwood when he and Mrs P. went so he did. I went to church forenoon and evening. Mr Blaine was here to go to church with Mary.

Monday, April 17, 1871-I did my Monday morning work and then went up to see if the Peebles girls had gone. Sallie was there alone, the girls went on the Granite State. I came down to Uncle Enos' to see Aunt Maria and Uncle Sam and then came home. I am now waiting for the noon train to go and meet Ma Ricker who I think will certainly come this time. She did come but had not heard a word of Uncle Wood's death until we met her at the train. We immediately began preparations for going to the Rock. Ma, Ma Ricker, her brother, Jimmie and I went up on the Mountain Belle and did not reach the Rock until after dark. Jimmie was waiting there with the buggy to take me up to Ironton to stay at our Uncle Aleck's. I was so glad to see him. I felt so lonesome all day yesterday that it seemed as though I could scarcely wait until tonight. We had quite a nice little visit with the family before bedtime.

Tuesday, April 18, 1871-I was awake quite early this morning and up dressing when Helen came to call us. After breakfast Helen and I took quite a long walk before the buggy was ready for us to go down to the Rock. When we got there the family were all ready for the funeral and it was a sad meeting for us. The last time I met them all there we had such a happy time. We walked down to the church and heard a very good sermon from Mr Jameson, Mrssrs Young and Calhoun were also in the pulpit. I did not go to the graveyard. Waited at the house with Ma until Jimmie came back and then told them all goodbye and went back to Ironton to wait for the Fleetwood. Jimmie was sick all day and when we go on the boat and were left alone he had to go to bed. I sat by him bathing his head nearly all the time until we reached Portsmouth. At the Rock, Mr Peebles' and Mr Gaylord's families came on board to go

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down. Most of them took a nap but I sat up until 12 o'clock. It was just 1 o'clock when I got to bed. It was a long tiresome day for me.

Wednesday, April 19, 1871-Jimmie was too sick to get up this morning and I was too tired so I told them not to call us and I tried to sleep until school time but did not succeed very well. I then dressed but did not leave Jimmie only for a few minutes at a time. He has seemed quite sick all day but says he is better than he was yesterday. We had some bananas today which Uncle Enos sent to us and at dinner we had our first asparagus, cucumbers and tomatoes for this season. A party left for California this morning on the Bostona and among the number were Drs McDowell, Cotton and Mr Geo Johnson. It rained late in the afternoon and evening quite hard but the girls went to church anyway and Dr Pratt kept them so long talking about the Memorial Fund that I got really uneasy about them but when Jimmie started to see what had become of them he saw Will Bonsall bringing them home. I received a letter from my dear good Pa Ricker containing a check for \$100.00 this evening.

Thursday, April 20, 1871-Jimmie was much better this evening and went to the store. I went up to see Maggie and Mary and hear their opinion of the lectures being given in our church by Mrs Markham Wheeler. They pronounced them good and I decided to attend. I missed those given Tuesday and Wednesday. When I came home Kate Glover was here and soon after Maggie Jones came in by the time they were gone it was dinner time. In the afternoon I went to the lecture and was very much pleased with Mrs Wheeler's manner and what she had to say. She seems to understand her subject perfectly. She lectures on our bodies their construction and the uses and abuses of each member. Is a large fine looking woman and a very pleasant speaker. I answered Pa Ricker's letter after coming up stairs in the evening and went to bed very tired.

Friday, April 21, 1871-I did not go out this forenoon. The girls were all up to the High School examinations and I stayed at home to work on a little skirt. I am fond of doing it but my right eye troubles me some and I don't like to try it very long at a time. This afternoon at Mrs Wheeler's request we went at two o'clock and stayed through two lectures of 1 ½ hours each with a short intermission. Her daughter is sick in the northern part of the state and she is anxious to complete the course and go to her, the ladies unanimously agreed to her proposition to have two in one afternoon in order to accomplish her desire. I became very tired of sitting but not of listening. I did not go to prayer meeting in the evening. Pa Ricker was here a few minutes but had to go out to Uncle Drew's to stay all night.

Saturday, April 22, 1871-I commenced my day's work by writing to Ma and have since been writing in my book. I have a number of little things to attend to which will

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keep me busy all the forenoon if I remember them. Pa Ricker was here to dinner and as he was going away on the noon train he had to hurry off. Just after he left Ma and Ma Ricker came home so they had to run down to the train to see him. After dinner we all went to hear Mrs Wheeler deliver the last lecture of her course. I am sorry they are so nearly over. After the lecture we all came home and Aunt Jennie Ricker, Maggie and Sallie Peebles called. Ma, Ma Ricker and I went to the lecture given exclusively to married ladies. I am sorry they are all over.

Sunday, April 23, 1871-There was a heavy white frost this morning and it is quite cool. We all went to Sabbath school and remained to church. Mr Putnam is away and Dr Pratt preached a very long sermon. It was about one o'clock when we came home to dinner. Jimmie went to Mission and about 3 o'clock I went to take a nap. When I came down Uncle Enos was here but he did not stay very long. I was very tired and went to bed as soon as the folks went to church but I did not get to sleep until after Jimmie came home.

Monday, April 24, 1871-It is quite cool and frosty. I did up my Monday morning work and then sat down to write. My two mothers went out and did a little shopping. Ma Ricker got such a pretty brown bonnet. I am now going to write to Mrs Kelly and Mr & Mrs H.B. Plant Carrie Neely that was. After dinner I dressed and went up to see Ella Greene and from there to Mr Gaylord's to see Hattie Norton. As we were coming down street together she, Mattie and I, we met with Jimmie with Uncle Drew's buggy looking for me so I got in and we took a short ride. I then went to the bookstore and Maggie Jones before coming home to supper. Ma Ricker was up to Mr Tewksbury's to tea but about 8 o'clock they brought her home again. Jimmie gave me ten dollars yesterday morning.

Tuesday, April 25, 1871- Did not do much in the forenoon and after dinner I went out to see Sallie in her new home. She was lying down with a sick headache so I went over to Ella Overturf's to make my visit there first. After I had been there some time Sallie came over and I went home with her. She showed me all through her house. It is as nicely fixed and furnished as it can be. There are not many young couples who have the start in life that they have. On my way home I stopped to see Maggie Bell and found her sick in bed. I thought I would go down to the store and walk home with Jimmie but at 3rd street I changed my mind and came home. Pa, Ma and Ma Ricker were out to uncle Drew Ricker's to tea.

Wednesday, April 26, 1871-I felt so tired and sleepy that I did not get up until about 9 o'clock. It began to rain early in the morning and Ma Ricker did not come in from uncle Drew's as she had expected. I did not feel well at all until just before dinner

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time. The morning seemed very long to me. As it rained all day I did not go out at all, not even to church in the evening.

Thursday, April 27, 1871-Ma Ricker came in this morning. This is Pa Ricker's 58th birthday. I stayed at home in the forenoon and finished the flannel shirt I was embroidering. After dinner I went up to Mr Peebles'. Mary was out but Maggie was there and after making her a visit we went down to see Maggie Jones. Could not get in there and went up to Kate Moore's. She is gone to Chillicothe so we went on up to see Mollie Murray. Found her at home and after making quite a visit there. I went down to Rousheim's and Maggie made another attempt to see Maggie Jones. When I got home I found aunt Jennie Ricker here to tea. Uncle Drew came up with Jimmie and after tea Jimmie & I took a little ride in their buggy. Jennie and I spent some time playing duetts and then I wrote a letter to Pa Ricker.

Friday, April 28, 1871- We looked for Aunt Sallie Young this morning but she did not come. Ma Ricker had fully expected to go home this morning but we persuaded her to wait until tomorrow instead. I went to see uncle Enos this morning and after visiting there awhile, I walked down to the foundry with him, from there up to the store, played with the dog awhile and then came home. Em Spry was here and soon after she left cousin Duvall came. After dinner I went up to Mr Peebles' and after visiting awhile with Maggie we went to see Maggie Jones. Did not succeed in seeing anyone so we went up to Kate Moore's. She is gone to Chillicothe so we went on and were fortunate enough to find Mollie Murray at home. From there I came home.

Saturday, April 29, 1871-Fannie came for her music lesson as usual and I gave it to her. The rest of the forenoon I spent on my embroidery. Ma Ricker went home on the morning train. After dinner I went up to Mr Peebles'. No I am mistaken Hattie Norton and Mattie Gaylord came down and after they left Emma Voorheis came in.

Sunday, April 30, 1871-It rained hard all night and until nearly breakfast time this morning. We all went to Sabbath school and remained to church. I was very tired before we got home. Mr Putnam preached. Dr Pratt being away. I could scarcely wait until dinner was over I felt so tired. When it was I lay down & did not get up again. Jimmie went to Mission and afterwards took a walk so I was left alone nearly all the afternoon. He did not go to church in the evening.

Monday, May 1, 1871-This has been a lovely day for the beginning of May. The season of picnics has opened but I suppose I shall not attend anything of the kind this summer, as much as I enjoy them. Uncle Sam forgot or rather Aunt Mary forgot to tell him about my silk so that piece of work will have to be laid aside for awhile. After dinner she came around and soon after Therza and Emma Spry came with their work

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to spend the afternoon. While they were here Mary & Maggie Peebles & Mollie Murray called. Therza and Emma stayed to tea, Clara Waller was here a few minutes of both before and after tea.

Tuesday, May 2, 1871-It rained again last night and looked very cloudy and discouraging for picnic prospects today but in spite of the weather there was a gathering of that kind at Dugan's grove. It is Mr & Mrs Dugan's twenty fifth anniversary. Jimmie and I were invited but we did not go. I am hardly fit for such amusements and it was well for Jimmie that he did not go for he was quite sick for a little while in the evening. I spent the afternoon in search of a mouse which I heard in the room last night. After taking every thing out of the closet he was finally found and killed. The closet being much improved after the search and clearing out which was necessary anyway. Went up to see Maggie Jones but she had gone to the country with John and after visiting awhile with Mrs Jones I went to the store for Jimmie but he had come home already.

Wednesday, May 3, 1871-It is just six months today since our wedding. Aunt Sallie came this morning in the midst of a hard shower. We have been looking long and anxiously both for her and the rain. Our cistern has been dry and we lost all the water Saturday night so we were glad to see it rain again. Late in the afternoon I went to do some errands for Ma and while out stopped and visited awhile with Mrs Spry. Therza and Emma were not at home. I then went to the store and Jimmie came home with me. It rained very hard in the evening and none of our folks but Jimmie and the girls I played until Jennie came home and then we played awhile together.

Thursday, May 4, 1871-I stayed at home working on my embroidery all day. Ma, Auntie and I went together while Mary was off by herself in her room a precinct where no one dares to intrude. She is at present engaged in the manufacture of little zephyr sacks for which there is no immediate use but there may be here after. Aunt Mary and her baby were here this afternoon. After much deliberation and hesitation they have finally concluded to call him Arthur Bradford, a name suggested by Mary I believe.

Friday, May 5, 1871-Our girls are visiting this week trying to make the most of their vacations. Last night Lizzie stayed with Hattie Sterrett. Jennie is spending the day at Ella Stewart's. After dinner Lizzie went up to Mr Murray's and will not be back until tomorrow. This afternoon Ma and Aunt Sallie went up to see Mrs Stroube whom they found very sick. The folks went to church in the evening and I went to bed.

Saturday, May 6, 1871-After breakfast I gave Fannie her usual music lesson and then sat down to my embroidery. Grandma came to spend the day with us but Ma and Aunt Sallie were gone nearly all the forenoon. After dinner I gave Lizzie her music

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lesson and then worked on my embroidery until I had finished all the eyelets in the pattern. I have worked pretty faithfully on them all week. I want to get this piece done so that I can do something else. Sallie was here this afternoon and just after she left Mrs Tewksbury came in.

Sunday, May 7, 1871-The forenoon exercises of Sabbath school and church passed off much the same as usual except that Mr Bell was absent and a stranger made a lengthy address to the school on the Bible cause. The school has not been as disorderly before since I can remember. The funeral of Col. John Row was preached at Washington street church in the afternoon. Ma and Aunt Sallie went and Pa and the boys walked out to the cemetery. In the evening Mrssrs Blaine and Flemming called and the latter went to church with Mary. I did not see either of them. Uncle Sam and his family were here at the same time and as soon as the folks all left I went to bed.

Monday, May 8, 1871- My usual Monday morning work done, I sat down to my embroidery. During the forenoon Mrssrs Flemming and Blaine called and I went into the parlor a little while I did not feel like going out any where and so spent that afternoon as I did the forenoon. Mrs Murray called to see Auntie and Ma insisted upon her laying aside her bonnet and staying to tea. After tea I felt as though I ought to take a walk so Jennie and I started with Jimmie but as it began to sprinkle before we reached 2nd street we went directly up to Mr Jones and spent the evening with Maggie. When Jimmie got through at the office he came up also and we sat there until after 9 o'clock. Jimmie Jones walked home with Jennie it was raining quite hard when we came. John and Sallie have been married six months today.

Tuesday, May 9, 1871- Just six months today since we started on our bridal trip. It rained all night and is raining still. I stayed in the house and worked all day, wanted to go up to see Maggie and Mary Peebles but the rain never ceased until tea time then it cleared off beautifully and after tea Mary and I went up to Mr Peebles' and Jimmie came up from the store. The girls came up on the Ohio this morning and as they were coming up from the boat the express upset on the grade and of course they fell out and were hurt more seriously than they at first thought. Maggie fell on her head and has a cut on the top of it. Mary's face was bruised and they were badly jarred all over. They were expecting to go to Ironton tomorrow to a wedding, Miss Mollie Willard and Mr Henry Wilson but they will have to give that up. I am real sorry for them.

Wednesday, May 10, 1871-Aunt Sallie went up to Uncle Enos' to spend a few days and we were to be there to tea this evening. Ma was in bed all the forenoon but got up after dinner and went out to see about the pasture. I was out to see Sallie a little

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while. Worked all the afternoon and really finished the chemise yoke I was embroidering. I still have the sleeves to do. When I had finished Pa and Jimmie came and we all went up to Uncle Enos' to tea. I stayed a while after the others had all gone home and then I went to church.

Thursday, May 11, 1871-As soon as I was ready I took my sleeves and went out to spend the day with Sallie Peebles. She invited John and Ella Overturf also and Ella was there to dinner but John could not come until evening. Jimmie came out to dinner and then us girls were left alone for the afternoon. All three of the gentlemen were out to tea and we had just the nicest little tea party imaginable. John and Sallie at their own table John and Ella Overturf on one side and Jimmie and I on the other. Three as happy couples as are to be found anywhere. John and Sallie are living so nicely she had all her silver out and everything was just as nice as any old housekeeper could have it. We stayed until about 9 ½ o'clock and then came home. It is just one year today since Jim gave me my engagement ring.

Friday, May 12, 1871-I was home all the forenoon but after dinner I took my work and went up to sit with the girls. I went up to 5th street so no one would see me and as I was passing Dr Jones' Hattie Sterett called me in so I made a call on her and her grandmother. I then went on and found the girls feeling more miserable than they did Tuesday. They did not begin to feel their bruises until the next day and now they are scarcely able to move. I stayed with them until supper time and then I came home and began a letter to Pa & Ma Ricker, which I did not finish until after supper while the others were gone to church. I have been out every evening this week until this one.

Saturday, May 13, 1871-Aunt Sallie came home with the girls from church last night I gave the girls their music lessons as usual and tried to work a little but did not do much. Emma Spry was here awhile. After she left Aunt Mary came to spend the day. After dinner Pa was going to take them all out to the cemetery but the omnibus did not come until too late to go. Jimmie brought a buggy up and took Mary and me out riding. We rode between two and three hours and enjoyed it very much. We got back just in time for supper and when we were through with that Jimmie took Grandma & Raph home and then Ma and Aunt Sallie went riding. When they came back he took the boys a short ride before going to the stable. Maggie Jones came up after tea and stayed until 9 o'clock and then Mary, Jimmie and I walked home with her.

Sunday, May 14, 1871-I went to Sabbath School in the morning and stayed to church and then went again in the evening. We expected Aunt Sallie and cousin Duvall here to dinner but they went to Uncle Enos'.

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Monday, May 15, 1871-I was up soon after 5 o'clock this morning and kept up all day. First did up my usual Monday morning's work and then sat down to finish embroidering a second flannel skirt I had nearly half of it to do but by working steadily all day I succeeded in accomplishing my object. I have made or rather embroidered two new and still have one to do. In the after noon Pa took the folks to the cemetery but it was so stormy that they did not have a chance to see very much of it. The rain came up long after it was over. Mary and I went to see Maggie Bell and her mother Mrs Cragg.

Tuesday, May 16, 1871-Soon after breakfast I went out to take a walk. First called to see how Maggie and Mary were. Mary was down stairs feeling better but Maggie has not been so well since Sunday. Mr Willard was there and I did not stay long. Went down to the store and visited with Jimmie a few minutes and then went to see Therza and Emma Spry. Came home to cut out my linen dress but did not feel like it so I pressed and cut out the embroidery on two flannel skirts and prepared another for stamping. After dinner Ma and Aunt Sallie went out to make a few calls. Aunt Jennie Ricker and Mrs Spry were here calling. After supper Jimmie and I walked down to Mr Nichols store to get some stuffing for my pincushion but the store was closed and I came home. Florence Carson & Carrie Stearnes called.

Wednesday, May 17, 1871-Went again this morning after the hair and this time I was successful but when I went to Maggie Lloyd's for my skirt I did not get it. Came home thoroughly exhausted. I feel very weak and worthless today and not at all like commencing a dress but I have busied myself all day about little things. Ma pincushion is finished at last and it is even prettier than I expected. Besides finishing that I mended a pair of pants and then put in the rest of the time on my sleeves. Aunt Sallie went home this morning and we are alone again.

Thursday, May 18, 1871-Last summer Ma bought linen dresses for herself Mary and me and they have never been made up until now. Mary made hers and today mine was cut out and basted together so that when the machine is once in order it will not take long to finish it. I have been busy all day either at that or something else. After tea Emma Bell called but was only here a few minutes when Sadie came for her. Mrs Jones, Maggie and Emma came in and stayed until dark. Mary and I started to walk part of the way home with them and met Jimmie. We all stood awhile on the corner of 4th to watch the people going to the fireworks concert and then went into Knittel's and had some ice cream and strawberries. The first we have had this season.

Friday, May 19, 1871-The agent not having been here to fix the machine, we could do nothing more to my dress and I sat down to my embroidery. Saw Mrs Connolly passing and she stopped to say that she and Gussie had just got home this morning

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and we must go in and see the baby. Mary ran in immediately and as soon as Mrs C. had passed on Ma and I went for a few minutes. He is a nice large baby but not very pretty, they call him for his father Lunsford Pitt Haldeman. After dinner I lay down to sleep not feeling at all well and did not get up until Mrs Peebles and the girls called and then I dressed and went down. I did not feel very well for a while but I think the sleep really did me good and I felt better for it afterwards. Jimmie brought me a little basket of strawberries when he came home at night how much I did enjoy a few of them just before going to bed.

Saturday, May 20, 1871-It is not yet eight o'clock and I have been up some two hours. Had my breakfast wrote to Pa and Ma Ricker wrote up my book and am now ready to work on my embroidery until Fannie comes for her music lesson which I suppose will be soon. After Fannie's lesson I returned to my work and spent nearly all the rest of the day on it. In the evening after tea Jimmie and I walked up to Mr Tewksbury's. He had to go to the store and then he called for me afterwards. On our way home we stopped at Mr Knittel's and had some strawberries and ice cream.

Sunday, May 21, 1871-I did not go to Sabbath school or church this forenoon, as I did not care for my breakfast. I did not get up very early. Dressed about 9 o'clock and then read until church time or rather dinner time I should say. Slept again in the afternoon and went to church in the evening.

Monday, May 22, 1871-After doing my usual Monday work, darning, mending and so on I began work on my linen dress. Ma, Mary and I all worked on it. I was more persevering and industrious than I should have been as the result proved for in the evening I was nearly sick I was so tired. I went to see if Mrs Fisher could finish the dress for me but she could not. On my way home I stopped to see Mrs Collins and Miss Em a little while.

Tuesday, May 23, 1871-Profiting by my experience of yesterday and last night I began the day by taking a walk. Ma went up to Connolly's and then I secured Mrs Barrett's service on the linen dress. Spent the rest of the forenoon in ripping up and fixing over my hat or bonnet whichever it is. Aunt Mary was here with baby Arthur. After dinner Ma and I cut out the sack and ruffling for the dress and I took it to Mrs Barrett. Worked the buttonholes in Mary's linen dress and then sewed a little while on a little shirt. When Jimmie came home he brought three bananas which Ma, Mary and I ate. In the evening Gussie Haldeman came over to make a social call. Just before bed time Jimmie sent John down for some ice cream and we all had a treat of as much as we could eat.

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Wednesday, May 24, 1871-I was called downstairs this morning to see a Mrs Young and was quite surprised to find cousin Duvall's wife, she went back on the boat and was only here a short time. After dinner I put on my new linen dress intending to walk up to Mrs Chris Young's but before I was ready I began to feel so faint and dizzy that I knew I could not walk in the sun so I asked Mary to see Jimmie and have him send the bus for me. Mary was there about as soon as I was and at tea time Jimmie came up. Alice Young was there and we had a nice little tea party. It was the fulfillment of an engagement made some time last winter. I walked down with Jimmie and Mary when they came down but instead of going to church I came home very tired.

Thursday, May 25, 1871-The affair of today will be the party at Col Kinney's. I would like very much to go but I think I have made positively my last appearance at social parties for this summer. "Circumstances over which I have no control" render it necessary to retire from society for the present. "Nothing to wear" is no vain apology for me for though I have dresses enough there is yet not enough in any one of them to be equal to the emergency. In short, I can't get them on. I have felt badly all day and spent the greater part of the day in bed where Jimmie found me when he came home. He had intended going to the party but gave it up when he saw how I felt. He sent for some strawberries and ice cream for my supper and then sat down to read. The hacks and carriages started early to take persons out, our folks Pa & Ma went about 8 o'clock. The night is lovely and I should enjoy it so much if I was able to go

Friday, May 26, 1871-Jimmie left this morning just after breakfast for Ironton with Mrsrs Jordan, E.D. Ricker and Tewksbury. Ma, Mary and I have been sewing a little all day. It is so warm now during the day that we don't look for anyone to come in. Gussie Haldeman was in a few minutes this morning on an errand. In the afternoon late Mrs Hamilton called and when Ma came home she persuaded her to stay to tea. While we were at the table Lue Lloyd came in with a nice dish of cherries for me. Having heard me say last winter that I was fond of them she remembered me at the right time. Before she left Emma Spry came in and we went to take a little walk while the others were gone to church. I went home with her and she & her mother walked up to our gate with me stopping on the way to get some ice cream making the third treat of the kind I have had since dinner. Mary brought me some about 3 o'clock we had it for tea and again in the evening. Lizzie went to a picnic today.

Saturday, May 27, 1871-I started out soon after breakfast to take a morning walk but having no other of object in view it did not take me long to finish it. Gave Fannie her lesson soon after my return and then worked at various pieces of work during the day. After dinner I took a bath and put on a wrapper, did not dress until supper time. After supper Mary and I went up to see Maggie and Mary Peebles. While we were there a storm came up. We started home once and the wind was raising such clouds of dust

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when we came home and though the rain was about over the lightening flashed vividly. I came directly upstairs and after making my preparations for bed waited until after 10 o'clock before Jimmie came home from Ironton. Jennie was gone all day to a picnic.

Sunday, May 28, 1871-I went to Sabbath school and stayed to church this forenoon. Dr Pratt is away and Mr Putnam preached both morning and evening. After dinner I waited down stairs until cousin Duvall went away and then I came upstairs to undress and rest until supper time. Went to church in the evening.

Monday, May 29, 1871-Mr Jordan called to see us this morning before leaving on the cars for home. Jimmie Jones went with him as far as New York on his way to West Point. He has been preparing himself all winter having been appointed to the cadetship by Senator Wilson. After they were gone I went up to return Maggie & Mary Peebles' water proofs & umbrella and then went on to see Maggie who is feeling quite disconsolate at the loss of Jimmie. They all feel it very deeply as he does not expect to be home for two years if he succeeds in passing the examinations, which I have very little doubt will be the case. In the evening I intended going to Mrs Lloyd's but felt too tired so I took my bath and stayed at home.

Tuesday, May 30, 1871-Decoration day has come around again which with the young folks party at Col Kinney's are the events of today. Emma Spry was here this morning and just as she left Mrs Hamilton came then Emma's mother. During the rest of the forenoon we sewed without interruption. After dinner Jimmie said he would have a barouche to take us to the cemetery so I got ready to go and then sewed until the crowd began to assemble at the court house and then I went down stairs to see them. About time to start 4 o'clock P.M. a heavy storm threatened to end the programme at once, but after waiting about half an hour it seemed to pass over and the procession moved on. Pa was going in the barouche with us but he insisted on putting Mary, Jennie and Miss Switzer in, in his place and when about half way out the rain came down very hard. After supper, Pa, Mary, Jimmie and I took a drive down the river road and got home just in time to escape a hard storm. The girls went to the party in the midst of it all. Mary did not go.

Wednesday, May 31, 1871-I started in the cool of the morning and went the round of the dry goods stores in a rain search for pretty calico for bordering. While I was out I made two calls, one at Mr Peebles' and the other at Mr Ramsey's to see Venitia Ramsey and Emma Nichols and her baby. After I came home I sat down to sew and Ma went to see little Lucy and Emma Patterson who are very sick.

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Thursday, June 1, 1871-Summer has set in of a truth and the sun almost blazes. I worked very steadily all the forenoon and until nearly 3 o'clock in the afternoon sewing on little stips. About the middle of the afternoon I was taken quite sick and was real sick all the rest of the day, I suppose it was excessive heat and over work. We were invited to a party at Mrs Pond's this evening but I could not go, I have retired from sewing for the summer.

Friday, June 2, 1871-Emma Spry was here this morning to invite us down to tea this evening. Bright and early John and Ella Overturf and Lucy Rifemberick called in the omnibus for me to go to the fishing picnic. Through some misunderstanding they thought Jimmie and I were going but it was simply impossible for me and after much vain coaxing they were obliged to go without me. It was a small party and just the folks I should have enjoyed going with Mrssrs Rifemberick, Overturf, Peebles, Voorheis, Bell and Murray with their wives, Jimmie and I to complete the party but neither George & Maggie nor Jimmie & I could go. Maggie Peebles spent the afternoon with us and in the evening Pa, Ma, Mary, Jimmie & I went to Mr Spry's to tea. I did not go to prayer meeting.

Saturday, June 3, 1871-I did not get up until quite late this morning. Mary came in with little Arthur and I thought when other folks were out visiting it was time for me to be up. Fannie was here so I gave her a music lesson and that was about all I did in the forenoon. Had expected to go to preparatory lecture in the afternoon but was not well enough to venture out in the hot sun. While the others were gone I fluted the ruffles on my linen dress to be ready for church tomorrow afternoon. That with a little embroidery has been my day's work. After Jimmie came up from the store he, Jennie and I went to take a little walk and get some ice cream.

Sunday, June 4, 1871-I wanted very much to have gone to S.S. and church this forenoon but found I would not be able to do either as I wanted to attend the communion service in the afternoon. I was about ready for Sabbath school once and then had to take my things off and lie down again. Dressed and went to dinner and at 4 o'clock we went to church. There were quite a number received into the church, among others, Mrs Hibbs a former member of the Baptist church.

Monday, June 5, 1871-After attending to my usual Monday morning work I cut out the calico dress Ma gave me some weeks since and began to make it. She helped me fit the waist and with a little help from Mary I got along very nicely with it. It was very warm all day and in the evening I was tired and did not feel like going out. Jennie and I sat at the piano in the twilight and sang until about 9 o'clock. I then came up stairs to prepare for the night. I did want some ice cream but could not wait until Jimmie came home so I went to bed without it.

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Tuesday, June 6, 1871-After doing some mending I went to work at my dress again and sewed until nearly noon. Mrs Collins and Lutie came in and Mrs C. had her sewing with her. She is very sociable and has been in several times with her work or to spend an evening. I enjoy visits like hers very much. After dinner I insisted upon Jimmie taking a nap and after some perseverance and fanning I succeeded in getting him to sleep. After he was gone I took up my dress again and finished it in time to dress in it and write a letter to Ma Ricker before supper. We have had a delightful rain this afternoon and evening and everything seems quite refreshed. Our oleander began blooming today and there are four open flowers on Ma's cape jassamine while the birds give promise of many more during its season for blooming.

Wednesday, June 7, 1871-We are all busy and none of us went out. Aunt Mary and Artie were here a while this forenoon which was all the company we had until evening. Mrs Murray came in the afternoon and took Ma out riding. Just at tea time Maggie Bell came in for a few minutes and after the girls had gone to church Maggie Jones came in but did not have long to stay being on her way to church also. I am always tired in the evening and take my bath and retire as early as I can. After church Jimmie went to the saloon and got some ice cream for me. I enjoyed it very much as I always do.

Thursday, June 8, 1871-I have been engaged in shirt making on a small scale today. Have been busy with my needle all day since an early breakfast. I get up in the morning very reluctantly promising myself a nap some time during the day but the moments are so precious and I have so many things which I'd rather do than sleep that the days slip by and I seldom get the promised nap. It has not been so oppressively warm today as usual. After tea I re-arranged my hair, changed my dress, and when Jimmie came home from the store was ready to go walking with him. I had a piece of silk embroidery I wanted Kate Glover to do and we walked up there and spent an hour or more making her and her mother a call.

Friday, June 9, 1871-The day began as usual and went on in much the same way until about noon Jimmie had come home to dinner and Pa had gone to Cincinnati. I had just arisen after vainly attempting to sleep when the fire bells rang and the planing mill was discovered to be in flames and so far gone that there was no hope of saving it. We have long expected this fire and only hoped it would come on a calm day. We have lived in terror of it for years. There was great excitement all over the neighborhood and Dr McDowell came and took me away. He also cut down our pictures and took them with us to Mr Tracy's on 4th street. All things being favorable by the greatest exertion the fire was confined to the planing mill, two or three other dwelling houses on 5th and several stables on the alley. We did not even lose our old

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stable on the alley the old houses between it and the fire having been removed. In the evening Maggie Peebles and afterwards Ella Murray were here a little while.

Saturday, June 10, 1871-Pa being away and Jimmie and the boys being gone also makes it seem quite lonely. Jimmie and Johnny Jones went to Brush creek early this morning to spend the day fishing and they took our boys with them. The girls have been busy with their dresses and Ma has been working on Jennie's all day so Mary and I have been alone. In the evening after tea Mary went up to Mollie Murray's to call on Mrs Hattie Newman and Miss Loder and when Jimmie came home from fishing he took me out for a short drive. Maggie Jones was here a little while and then went to call on Gussie Haldeman.

Sunday, June 11, 1871-I was not out at all today. Ma has charge of my class and as I did not feel like getting up I slept until nearly church time. There was services in the afternoon for the baptism of children and none in the evening. Mary and Jimmie went to Mission in the afternoon.

Monday, June 12, 1871-I did up my work and then sewed until nearly dinner time. Kate Glover came in to show me a little of the skirt she had done. After dinner I sewed until Mrs Jno Elden came in to call and she stayed until nearly supper time. Before I got up stairs to dress Laura Loughry and her friend Miss Annie Rofs from Zanesville called on Mary and I made a very abrupt and to me embarrassing entrance into the room without knowing of their presence. After tea Jimmie came up early and we went down to Mr Tracy's and brought our pictures home. They have been there since the fire. Hattie Sterett was in to see me this evening.

Tuesday, June 13, 1871-Ma had made an engagement to go the farm sometime with Mrs Murray so today was that "sometime". Lizzie went with them, before leaving Ma came into my room and cut out several little night dresses and slips, more than we can make in several days. She left about 9 o'clock and Mary and I worked all day. I at the night dress and Mary on a zephyr jacket. Just before supper Mrs Sam & Mrs Jno Nichols came in to see me and bring me a little wrapper pattern. Kate Glover was also here a few minutes to see about her work and after tea Ella Overturf and Lucy Rifemberick called. I am very tired this evening and when I have written up my book for the past few days and taken my bath I shall be glad to go to bed. When about half undressed Sallie Peebles came in and had to come upstairs to see me. She stayed until time to go to teacher's meeting.

Wednesday, June 14, 1871-I sent a little order to Uncle Sam this morning for some silk thread and then went to work for the day. Aunt Mary was here a little while afterward. Ma sat up last night until 12 o'clock with Lucy and went again tonight after

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church. I was tired and made my preparations for bed while the others were gone to church. When Jimmie came home and found me undressed he went to the saloon and got me some ice cream.

Thursday, June 15, 1871-I stayed at home all day until evening. In the forenoon Mollie Murray and her friends Mrs Newman and Miss Loder called. I thought we would walk up to Mr Murray's after tea, Mary Jimmie and I would call for Maggie Jones but just before supper he came with a buggy and we took a short ride. Stopped to talk to John Peebles a few minutes. When we came home Maggie Bell was just leaving. After tea we started out again and took a nice ride. Came down 2nd street and stopped to talk to Mr EB Greene's folks. Mr & Mrs Tewksbury, and Em Johnson then drove up 4th to see Maggie Bell a little while, saw Will Pursell there. Little Lucy Patterson died this morning. I could not go to see her and felt very sorry about it. It's only two or three weeks since I met her on the street, and in laying my hand on her head I pulled a tangled curl. It was the last time I ever saw her and I shall always remember how she looked.

Friday, June 16, 1871-After breakfast I started out for a morning walk. Went to Uncle Sam's to get some silk and then went to Mrs Glover's to give the silk to Kate. Stopped at Connolley's to make some purchases and then came home by way of 4th street stopping a few minutes at Maggie Bell's gate and Uncle Enos'. Came home and sewed until noon. After 8 o'clock Ma went to Lucy Patterson's funeral but Mary and I sewed until about 5 o'clock. Maggie Peebles came from Mr Patterson's here. As soon as she left I dressed for the evening. After tea Emma Johnson came to take Mary riding and Nettie Row called to see me. After Nettie left I went up to see Maggie Peebles and Jimmie and Mary met me there. Mary Peebles went to Ashland today with Mollie Murray, Hath Newman, Miss Loder, Davy and Maggie Jones. We stayed there until about 9 o'clock and then started home stopped to talk to Emma Johnson, Clara Morris, Will Pursell and Will Bonsall.

Saturday, June 17, 1871-As Lizzie's birthday came on Sabbath this year she has given us the privilege of celebrating the event both today and Monday. We have availed ourselves of the opportunity to give her a few things which will be very useful as well as acceptable. I bought her a silver thimble several weeks ago and had it marked with her initials and the date. Ma and Mary gave her a work basket and scissors and needles and Jimmie gave her a gold pen. Miss Emma Bell was here from eleven o'clock until nearly two. After tea Miss Switzer came in, but as Jimmie and I had made our arrangements to go up to call on Mollie Murray and her friends we went and Lizzie went to see Addie. When we came home the lightning and dark clouds gave promise of a hard rain. It came in the night but did not continue long.

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Sunday, June 18, 1871-Our youngest sister is fifteen years old today, just the age I was when we came to Portsmouth to live. We came on the 6th of September and I was fifteen on the 8th, eight years ago nearly. I did not go to Sabbath School but the whim to put on my black grenadine dress and go to church seized me and I did it notwithstanding the fact that the belt of the dress waist did not come together by at least five inches in front and the skirt gaped in about the same proportion behind. Verily where there is a will there is generally a way. With a silk overskirt and lace wrap these little defects were completely hidden. I kept the dress on all day. We had no service in the evening or I might have gone.

Monday, June 19, 1871-Our usual Monday routine was gone through with today. After tea Mary went to call on Miss Donnelly who is visiting Emma Voorheis. I was just putting on my hat to go to see Lizzie Cochran and her little son when Maggie Jones came and sat until nearly dark. When she went home I went to see Lizzie and Jimmie called for me and from there we took a little walk stopping on our way home for some ice cream.

Tuesday, June 20, 1871-We sewed until nearly teatime then dressed. Mary and I went down to see Gussie Halderman and stayed there until Jimmie came for me to take a walk. We went up to Mr Peebles' to see the girls but Mary had just gone up stairs to bed. They had been putting up cherries all day and were very tired. We did not stay there very long and by the time we had had our ice cream it was late enough for me to go to bed. The days are long and warm and as I get up early I want to go to sleep early.

Wednesday, June 21, 1871-This the longest day of the year has not been too long for what I wanted to do. If my strength equaled my desire to work the days would have to be pretty long to satisfy me, and I should soon have all my work done. Jimmie had a note from John Peebles today saying they were expecting us out tomorrow morning. I did not feel like going to church and while the others were gone I stayed and took care of the house and waited for them.

Thursday, June 22, 1871-I made the button holes in Mary's dress before dressing to go this morning and then just as I was ready to start Jimmie drove up with Uncle Drew's buggy to take me out. Mary was going out in that neighborhood on an errand so he took us both. Sallie was waiting for me and I was soon established at my embroidery for the day. At dinner time they told us we were to stay all night they would take no excuse so I sent word to Ma and made up my mind to stay. Ella Overturf was over nearly all the forenoon and after dinner we undressed and took a nap. After tea John and Ella came over and spent the evening when they were gone, John had family worship and it seemed good to me to be there with them. I sincerely

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hope the intimacy began before our marriages may always be kept up. Lizzie came out in the evening to bring my linen wrapper to wear in the morning.

Friday, June 23, 1871-We were up and ready for breakfast this morning by the time it was ready for us. John is an early riser and he has his household stirring betimes. After breakfast we had worship again and the question of my going home was agitated and quickly settled. I really enjoyed my visit and did not want to come home so soon so it was decided that I should stay all day. Ma had sent me word the night before to stay as long as I felt like staying. Sallie & I spent nearly all the forenoon at Ella's where she slept on the lounge and we talked, Ella and I. After dinner we napped again and then went to Ella's to tea. After tea we spent a pleasant evening and I left there expecting to come home but John Peebles just led me in and seated me with the injunction to keep quiet and behave myself and it was nonsense to talk of going home. I enjoy visiting them but don't know but we should have stayed at Ella's if we had thought of staying away from home another night

Saturday, June 24, 1871-I came home this morning when Jimmie came down street because I dared not wait until it became any warmer. I swept and dusted my room and put every thing in order and then lay down on the bed to read. Jimmie sent me word that he had to go to Quincey down the river and would not be back to dinner. This afternoon a hard rain storm came up and I fear he wont get home before morning. I am so sorry he had to go. Our folks seemed as glad to see us as if we had been gone a long time. Last evening I was a little homesick and wanted to come home a minute to see the folks and then go back but they would'nt let me and Ma says if she had been able she would have gone out to see me she wanted to see me so badly. I don't see how we are ever to bear a separation.

Sunday, June 25, 1871-Went down to breakfast but not feeling well I came up stairs again and spent the forenoon on the bed. Jimmie went to Sabbath school but not to church. I read a sermon to him from Dr March's "Night Scenes of the Bible". After dinner I read another. I think they are beautiful and enjoy reading them very much. In the evening Jimmie went to church and I to bed.

Monday, June 26, 1871-I felt very little liking dressing for breakfast this morning but did so and when it was over I went to my room and instead of doing my work I threw myself on the bed. I finally slipped off all but my wrapper and covered up. I slept until noon and then dressed for dinner. In the after noon I succeeded in accomplishing my morning work and at tea time had to dress again. After tea Jimmie brought up a horse and nockaway and took Jennie and me riding. He wanted Ma to go but she had to go to Mr Gregory's with Pa. While we were out we met Ella Greene and Lillie Johnson who is here on a short visit. Stopped to talk a few minutes with Maggie

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Jones and came home having enjoyed the evening very much. Mrs Draper was here while I was out.

Tuesday, June 27, 1871-The monotony of my every day life is only broken by the occasional calls of my friends now as I seldom go out in daytime now unless to ride before dark. I rise early and go to work as soon as possible and then spend the days feeling all the while that it would be better if I did not confine myself so closely but it is what I want to do so I do it. After tea this evening Ella Greene called in the buggy to know if I did not want to take a ride. I went but we did not go very far until the threatening clouds and lightning warned us home again. While I was gone Jimmie came to take me walking but not finding me he went up to Mr Tewksbury's. Miss Emma Young who has been sick for some time, died this evening.

Wednesday, June 28, 1871-I today commenced making three night dresses for myself when they are done I shall have ten new and and [sic] one old of this description. Enough to last me some time as I do not wear them out very fast. Nannie Lampton and Ella McFarland were here calling this forenoon. Nannie has been visiting Ella for a few days past. In the afternoon Mrs Dennis and Mrs Enos Reed called. The family went to church in the evening and supposing that Jimmie had gone I undressed and sat down to read and rest. He surprised me by coming home to go walking with me and I dressed again and we started. We had not gone far when it began to rain or rather sprinkle and of course we had to come directly home.

Thursday, June 29, 1871-It has been quite cool today and very pleasant. I have been sewing all day as usual. In the afternoon Allie Buskirk came to invite Mary Jimmie and me to their house tomorrow evening. It unfortunately comes on the same evening as the meeting of the Alumni of our school at Mr J.G. Peebles. Just before supper Mrs Collins and Maggie Bell called. I hurriedly dressed and went down to see them and then after they left I concluded to go to the commencement exercises of the High School. The house was well filled at an early hour and the exercises, which consisted of orating & essays by the school, were very interesting. There were ten graduates. Mary Collins, Dollie Pursell, Ettie Pursell, Ella Watson, Flora Glidden, Jno Miller, Frank Lloyd, Ed Raine, J Crum Cole and Richard R. Peebles who carried off the honors. His oration on Individuality was excellent and the valedictory very fine.

Friday, June 30, 1871-We have been favored with another delightfully cool day. I was up early and when breakfast was over I washed the lower sashes of my windows on the inside which improved their appearance a little. During the forenoon Miss Donnelly and Emma Voorheis called. Mrs Tewksbury was here awhile and Mrs Ellison of Ironton was here to dinner. While at table word was brought Ma of the death of little Emma Patterson, Mrs P's only daughter and the baby. It was just two weeks

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yesterday since Lucy died & Emma died yesterday. They were away at his mother's in Mansfield. After dinner Miss Emma Bell came in to see us awhile and after she was gone Gussie Haldeman came in and made me quite a visit. The Alumni meets at Mr Peebles' this evening and there is also a party at Mr Buskirk's but I can not go either place. Mary and Jimmie did not get home until nearly 1 o'clock. Jimmie had a bouquet from Maggie Jones and a generous supply of cake from the Alumni which Mary Peebles sent me.

Saturday, July 1, 1871-Jimmie and Uncle Drew went up to Jackson to see the folks today. He brought some work from the store for me to do and it proved to be almost a day's work. It was arranging bills and copying amounts into a little hand book. I sat down to it as soon as breakfast was over and did not get through until about 3 o'clock. The train was late in the evening and I was just coming up to bed when I heard the whistle and sat on the front steps to wait for him. Mr & Mrs Patterson's baby and only girl, little Emma who was baptized this spring was buried this morning.

Sunday, July 2, 1871-For two days and nights past I have had such a severe backache that I thought it best to remain in bed and try to rest it once more. I did not get up until about 5 o'clock in the evening Jimmie was not ready in time for Sabbath school so he stayed at home and I read another sermon to him. He went to church and then took a nap after dinner. The family were all gone in the evening and I was left alone to take care of the house.

Monday, July 3, 1871-Eight months today since we were married. It scarcely seems possible, time flies so rapidly. Our girls went to the city today to find the 4th. It is so very warm that I think it the part of wisdom to stay at home and keep quiet if not cool. Ma wrote this morning for Ma Ricker to come down and go the Rock with her. We looked for her on the evening train but were disappointed. Alice Bonsall and Mr Wm Higgins were married this morning at 10½ o'clock in our church. Mary and the girls were at the wedding but I was not of course.

Included here is a small announcement from the newspaper stating: HIGGINS-BONSALL-July 3, 1871, at Portsmouth, Ohio, by the Rev. E.P. Pratt, Wm Higgins and Alice Bonsall, both of Portsmouth. No cards.

Tuesday, July 4, 1871-The 4th has been a long, dull day but brimful of independence as it should be. I have no complaints to enter against it except that part of the celebrations which took place between midnight and daylight. Such untimely performances are wholly uncalled for in my opinion. Guns, drums, fifes and fire crackers with lusty hurrahs rendered sleep out of the question. About 5 o'clock in the morning the firemen had a grand parade preparatory to starting to their picnic.

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Before the boat left the rain was falling heavily and threatened to continue throughout the day. Nevertheless there were enough to fill the boat who didn't care if it did rain. The Odd fellows spent the day in their hall and there they danced from breakfast time until long after we had gone to sleep. In the evening John and Sallie came down and stayed an hour or two. We all walked down to front street to see the fire works from the colored folks moonlight excursion but after waiting until after 9 o'clock we got discouraged and came home.

Wednesday, July 5, 1871-I have vainly tried all day to get over the effects of the 4th enough to do something but have not accomplished much. In the forenoon I took all the things out of the top drawers of bureau and wash stand with a view to a different disposal of the contents in order to make room for the new wardrobe almost completed. Ma Ricker came on the noon train and Jimmie was there to meet her and bring her up home. I spent that time from then until noon turning the hems on the girls' handkerchiefs and after dinner I hemmed nine on the machine. Had worked them before dinner and Mary hemmed three of them making the dozen. I did want to finish a nightdress but failed and had to put it away still minus button-holes and buttons. Ma Ricker was up to Mr Tewksbury's to tea but came home after church. Jimmie took her and Mary to the saloon and brought me some cream in a glass.

Thursday, July 6, 1871-Ma was not well enough to go to the Rock this morning and Ma Ricker had to go alone. It was quite a disappointment to both of them. Ma Ricker went on the 8 o'clock boat and after she left I sat down to sew and finished off two or three pieces of work which I wanted done. After dinner Jimmie took a little nap and after he was gone I took a longer one and am now ready for supper but suppose it will be at least two hours before supper time. It has been very warm today but we have a pleasant little breeze to enjoy. The pleasant little above mentioned became strong enough by tea time to take the roofs off two or three houses, the catholic school house, jail and Gen. Pres. church suffering serious damage, trees, chimneys and shutters were laid low and the rain came down in sheets accompanied by some hail. Though our houses escaped damage by the wind, we thought it in danger of being soaked through by the rain. It did not last long however and was quite pleasant after it was over.

Friday, July 7, 1871-My first business this morning was to write to our Pa Ricker then I proceeded to other work. I am trying to finish off a night dress which remained in an unfinished state when my sewing was done last fall. It was left minus buttons and button holes with the seams of the skirt only basted. After dinner Maggie Jones came just as I was dressing after a short nap. She became possessed with the queer notion to bake gingersnaps this afternoon when it is almost hot enough to bake them without a fire. When they were done she thought of me and how I have often

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"happened in" there just as she had finished her baking and knowing that I would not be likely to do so this time she brought some to me. Those with some of uncle Drew's June apples made a nice lunch and we were enjoying them when Clay Newman came in to make a call, she came upstairs and stayed quite a while. Maggie stayed to tea and went home when Jimmie went to the store.

Saturday, July 8, 1871-This morning I wrote to Ma Ricker at the Rock. Pa Moore went up the river to be gone all day and Ma went down street I worked the button holes in that night dress and would have finished it but did not have the buttons. Ma came home from her walk feeling real badly and kept growing worse rather than better until noon three times between that time and 9 o'clock. By repeated doses of chloroform, chloral, brandy, and such remedies she was relieved a little and took a nap and by bed time was comparatively easy. I put in what little time I did anything, on my embroidery. I think with some little patience and perseverance I will get that done in the course of time. After dark Jimmie and I took a little walk.

Sunday, July 9, 1871-I was down to breakfast this morning but did not stay dressed long after. Jimmie did not go to Sabbath school but did to church. I spent the greater part of the day on the bed and did not rest much then. The heat and flies being a serious drawback to comfort in any form or degree. Late in the afternoon Uncle Enos come to see us and I dressed and went down.

Monday, July 10, 1871-Although Ma was feeling so weak from her illness on Saturday she had the courage to dress and leave on the Chesapeake for the Rock this morning. I did not do anything until after she left and then I straightened things around before sitting down to sew. I was interrupted quite a long time by a call from Mrs Little and did not get my mending done until noon. Mary was working on coats for the boys and after dinner I helped her. Jimmie came home before supper time quite sick. I bathed and rubbed him and did all I could and then went to bed myself. The new boat "Andes" which is to take the Bostona's place came up yesterday and has been creating quite an excitement among the men and boys. She is said to be very fine and fast but it will all be hearsay to me for I suppose I shall not see her until the new is all off.

Tuesday, July 11, 1871-Mary and I worked on the little coats today and I finished them off with buttons and button holes after dinner. The boys went to the cemetery this afternoon to weed out the lot but soon after they got there a hard rain storm came up and then they had to go to Uncle Drew's and wait until evening before getting home. The weather is very, very warm and we are having an unusual number of thunder and rain storms, high winds and such things.

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Wednesday, July 12, 1871-Mary and I were working on little shirts today but the machine became unmanageable and she had to go after the agent. He finally spent the whole day here and then took our machine to send to Cincinnati and gave us one to use in its place for the present. We were very much astonished by the sudden appearance of our two mothers in our midst today noon. We did not expect them before Saturday but were glad to see them any time. Ma Moore is not at all well and Ma Ricker had a very severe headache all day. I did not do much after they came and Mary could do nothing on account of the machine. In the evening Mary, Jimmie and I went and got some ice cream.

Thursday, July 13, 1871-Eight years today since the union army came to our little city, an event which made a very material change in our life since then. It seems like a very long time when we think how many changes have taken place in our family since. It has been very warm today but I have worked steadily more steadily than I should have done I well know but time hangs heavily on my hands when they are not busy. Our Sabbath School picnic was held at King's grove today and Mary was the only representative from our family. Rather an unusual occurrence. It has usually been just the reverse. We would all go and she would stay at home alone.

Friday, July 14, 1871-We were all busy until dinner time then I devoted my time and attention to resting but between the heat and flies I did not accomplish much in that line. Mary run the machine steadily all day, although we tried to persuade her not to do so. She was tired enough from her work at the picnic yesterday to have been justifiable in doing nothing for a day or two. Maggie Peebles was here a little while this morning on her round of visiting the sick.

Saturday, July 15, 1871-This is my husband's first birthday since our marriage. Thirty years of his life have passed away. We have tried to make it as pleasant as we could for him. I bought him a pair of sleeve buttons two or three weeks ago and had them under his pillow but he steadfastly refused to look when I told him I had dreamed there was something there for him and I had to get them out myself. His mother got a large old fashioned rocking chair for him such as he used to have at home. Mary Jordan sent him a picture and me a scrapbag which came just in time for a birthday present. We have all been very busy today, made a linen coat for each of the boys before dinner and then took a sudden notion to make up Ma's brown linen suit after 2 o'clock P.M. Enos Spry spent the day here and with Ma Ricker made five hands at work. Ma and Mary sewed after night and finished it about midnight. We had our mosquito bar put up this afternoon a new one from Mr Nichols' Pa Ricker came down on the evening train. Late in the evening we took Em home, got some ice cream, and Mary's summer hat & then came home ourselves.

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Sunday, July 16, 1871-It has been more pleasant today than for several days past. The others all went to Sabbath school and church while I stayed at home and read. I slept in the afternoon and after Jimmie had taken a nap he went with Pa Ricker and the boys out to Uncle Drew's where they stayed to tea. I sat up and waited until Pa Ricker and Mary came home from church in the evening and went to bed tired as usual.

Monday, July 17, 1871-Our house has one of the characteristics of a hotel this summer, people are coming and going all the time. This morning Pa, Pa Ricker and Ma Ricker went away on the train and we looked for the girls on the Mountain Belle but they did not come. After dinner Ma sent for a carriage and went to see Grandma and brought Lizzie Smith home with her. We took the carriage when she came back and I made a short call at Maggie Jones' then we went to Uncle Drew's and got a large basket of apples. We were again disappointed about the girls when the Granite State came down in the afternoon and gave them up for today. About 10 ½ o'clock I was awakened by the door bell and upon looking out the window saw quite a number of persons in the yard. Ma opened the door and found our two girls, Maggie and Mary Hempstead and Maggie Crossley with (Ceril) Enochs and a colored man carrying satchels. She and Mary disposed of the girls and I went back to bed.

Tuesday, July 18, 1871-This morning the house seemed quite lively, five girls were quite an addition to our household. Mary Moore and Lizzie Smith made seven and at table we were twelve all told. After breakfast the Hempstead girls had to go up to Mr Gaylord's before leaving on the train for Chillicothe. They will spend this week with a friend near there and then come back here. After they were gone Ma went and bought an organdie dress for each of the four girls Jennie, Lizzie, Maggie Crossley and Lizzie Smith and set them all to work. About noon the alarm of fire was given and it proved to be Mr Bell's stable which was burned down but the horses and carriages were saved. Uncle Drew was the only man near I think when it was first discovered. After tea I went over to Mrs Jno Elden's to see her and Mary Murphy with their babies. Coming home I met Mrs Dennis and had a talk.

Wednesday, July 19, 1871-Four people left our hotel today. Ma was getting ready to go to Cincinnati with the boys and a dispatch came for Maggie Crossley saying she was needed at home immediately as her mother was very sick. Poor girl I felt so sorry for her. When she was visiting here in the spring at Mr Peebles they telegraphed her to come home to her Grandfather's funeral and I am afraid it will prove what Ma and Ma Ricker said of her when they came home from there. Ma and the boys went on the Andes and Mary and I went to see the boat with them. Maggie was down there soon after 9 o'clock and had to wait until nearly 2 o'clock for the Telegraph. She came back and had her dinner. I took a good nap and then dressed and went out to see

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Carrie Swim but she had gone down home for the first time since she was sick. At our gate I met Lillie Kinney on her way to see Mrs E.B. Lodwick and baby so I went too. They are at Mrs Dollie Nichols'. Our gas played a practical joke on us tonight and not a burner could we light. Em Drouilliard stayed all night with Jennie.

Thursday, July 20, 1871-Again the house seems quite deserted. Ma and the boys, and Maggie gone and Pa did not come on the evening train as we expected. Maggie Bell and her cousin Mrs Fannin Smyzer called here this forenoon. The latter is an older sister of Hannah Lithgow Kennedy and is very pretty. I did not go anywhere today. I wasted yesterday afternoon and forenoon too. I may say as far as my sleeves were concerned and must make up for lost time or they will not be done.

Friday, July 21, 1871-Jimmie had to send Maggie Crossley's trunk home this morning which finally finished her visit her for which we are very sorry. Pa came home on the noon train when no one was looking for him. The cool foggy mornings have commenced and extra sacks, wraps and cold feet are a natural consequence. I have put in a faithful day's work on my embroidery and hope to finish it tomorrow. I have scarcely left my room today. In the evening Ida Cragg came to see me and bring two of Mrs Smyzer's children for me to see, Sallie and Jimmie, the older one. Harry did not come. No one else has been in today.

Saturday, July 22, 1871-The fog is so heavy this morning that even at this late hour, 7 ½ o'clock we can not see a square off. My feet are cold and will be until next 4th of July I suppose. I worked busily at my embroidery all the forenoon and until about 3 o'clock when I had the satisfaction of putting it away finished, actually finished after having it so long. It was a year only a day or two since, that I bought it in Cin. but I have not done any of the work until this spring and summer. I put it away and went to bed to have a quiet celebration in honor of the occasion. Mrs Geo Johnson and Emma made us quite a long call just after I was up and dressed.

Sunday, July 23, 1871-Our folks did not get home until late this morning. It was time for Sabbath school when they were coming by the church but Enos came back to stay with me for company. After dinner Jennie and Jimmie went to Mission. I was up all the day and went to bed early.

Monday, July 24, 1871-I busied myself today in getting my room in order to see company and for the party tomorrow evening. Ma has been working at a little bishop lawn dress. When the train came in this evening Maggie and Mary Hempstead came back to finish their visit. After tea Rich Peebles and Jim Boal called, after getting the girls together and into the parlor I came upstairs. Mrs Ramsey died this afternoon and Mary went there to sit up, together with Maggie & Rich Peebles, Frank Cunningham

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and Jim Boal. I was sorry she had to go tonight on account of the party which we intend having tomorrow evening.

Tuesday, July 25, 1871-I spent the forenoon in dressing my bed and putting the finishing touches to my room and then after dinner Mary and I lay down on her bed to rest. Neither of us could sleep but we tried to rest. We never had company under such difficulty. When night came Ma was not able to sit up scarcely from a return of the neuralgic pain in her stomach. Pa was sick with a cold, Lizzie Smith was just recovering from a chill, I was of no account anyway and Jennie & Lizzie were completely tired out. The gas refused to burn as it should and we had to send for Mr Spry to come fix it. Emma Spry was sick in bed but came nevertheless and Mary Hempstead had the nose bleed twice during the evening. There were nearly one hundred and fifty invited I suppose but of course many of them could not come. They were of all sized and ages but the younger set predominated. There were only three married ladies here besides myself. Hattie Norton, Anna Hempstead and Emma Voorheis Gussie & Mr Haldeman were asked but could not come. I think they all enjoyed the evening knowing nothing of our many trials and troubles.

Wednesday, July 26, 1871-The party is over and the thought brings a feeling of relief to us, Maggie and Mary Hempstead left this morning before I was up and I did not see them until after church in the evening. They went to Mr Gaylord's to spend the day with their mother and other friends. Lizzie Smith was sick enough to need a doctor this morning and I was so tired that I did not get up until quite late. The rest of the family feel better than yesterday.

Tonight when we wanted the gas lighted we found that it would not burn at all and candles were in requisition as on last Wednesday evening. It was fortunate it did not occur last night instead of tonight. It rained very hard this afternoon but stopped in time for Mary to go up to Mr Gaylord's a few minutes before church time. After church the girls came back.

Thursday, July 27, 1871-Ma sent invitations for all of the Gaylords and Hempsteads to come down to tea this evening. Preparations for that have been going on all day. Mary is as busy as if we had no help in the kitchen at all. I don't know what folks do who have no Mary for she is indispensable in all cases with us. Whether the work to be done is up or down stairs, sewing or cooking. Maggie and Mary Hempstead were at Mr Peebles' to dinner but came down in time to go to the foundry with Jennie and Lizzie. Jimmie had made arrangements with the 'bus driver to be here by 5 ½ o'clock to take a party out to Col Kinney's. He was here on time but not one of the guests so instead of a 5 o'clock tea it was 6 ½ o'clock. When seated at the table there were Capt S.B. Hempstead and wife, Maggie, Mary, Rosie, Hattie and Rob Hamilton, Hattie & Bennie Norton, Sallie Gaylord and our own family. Mr & Mrs Gaylord could not

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come and Mattie is not at home. Jimmie took nine of the young folk out to Col Kinney's and they had a nice time there. Gussie Haldeman called in the evening.

Friday, July 28, 1871-We went "en masse" to see the Hempstead family off on the morning train for rest and reflection. I am so glad the company has all been here, have enjoyed themselves and are gone and I have behaved so nicely through it all. I have done nothing to be sure but I am doing well, to simply do nothing just now. We still have a sick guest in the house but she is not very sick and causes no alarm. Mary Peebles was here this afternoon and made quite a nice little visit. She has not been here much lately having several sick persons to visit. It seems quite lonely since the girls left.

Saturday, July 29, 1871-This is Jennie's birthday. She is eighteen years old. We gave her the same thing that we gave Lizzie except Jimmie's present which was a breastpin instead of a gold pen. She had a pen already. I was at home all day as usual. Spent my time and strength on two pincushions, one for Ma and the other for the girls. When I finished I was very tired and took a good long nap. Just as I was beginning to dress Mrs Draper and Ella Wright called. Mrs D. came upstairs. When she left I finished dressing and just then Jimmie came with a horse and buggy. After tea we went out riding and were gone until nearly 9 o'clock. It is almost full moon and just as pleasant as it can be. I enjoyed the evening very much but was too tired to sleep after coming home.

Sunday, July 30, 1871-I made my appearance at the breakfast table only because I was determined to do so and not because I felt in the least like doing anything of the kind. The rest went to Sabbath school and I went back to bed where I stayed until nearly supper time. Charlie Greene was here from dinner time until after tea. Jimmie and Jennie went to Mission and Mary entertained Charlie. I went down after Jimmie came home. Mrs Whoolery's funeral was preached at our church this afternoon.

Monday, July 31, 1871-I have been trying almost vainly to get something accomplished today. No one about the house seems quite well and very little energy is shown by anybody. I wrote to Pa Ricker, altered a dress, gathered up the washing, put the room in order, wrote up my book and napped between times until the present moment and am now just about fit to nap again rather than do anything else. A storm seems to be brewing somewhere in the neighborhood but I fear there are no rain drops coming to us this time. This is the last of July and we have had two full moons in this month which is an unusual occurrence. Pa, Ma, Mary, Lizzie and Jimmie went to Dr Jones' to roll ten pins this evening and it was late when they came home.

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Tuesday, August 1, 1871-After doing my morning work and before commencing anything else, Misses Emma Bell and Clara Newton with the children Lucy Collins and Marshall Newton came to make a call. Before they left, Maggie Peebles came in and made a nice ling visit. After dinner our folks and a delegation of Collins', Newton's, Jones' and others went to the foundry to see them make a large casting. It was very late when they came home to supper. I washed and ironed and cut out the piece of embroidery I've had on hands so long and then gave it to Mary. This afternoon I began making some toilette mats which I want for work at odd times and then they will be ready should I ever have a house.

Wednesday, August 2, 1871-I have not attempted to work at anything but my crocheting today. The day has been exceedingly warm and I began taking cold yesterday and it seems I'm not through with it yet. Have felt, rather badly all day but when evening came I was sick. Pa was late again at the foundry and Jimmie came and went away again without his supper. I waited as long as I could and then went to bed feeling very badly. Ma did not go to church. She stayed with me and lined a box which she go for me today.

Thursday, August 3, 1871-It will be nine months this evening since I was married and as I sit here by the window writing this morning a wedding procession passes. It is the second one I have seen within three weeks. It looks very strange to see a bride and groom all dressed in their bridal dress walking at the head of a procession to and from the church early in the morning. I have been sewing all day. Had a night dress cut out some time since which had never been touched since I took it out today made it all but the sleeves and fastenings. It has been exceedingly warm and visitors are few and far between in such weather. I was unusually tired and was feeling badly from my cold so I retired early. When Jimmie came home he brought a little tin bucket of ice cream which was a treat to me.

Friday, August 4, 1871-I made my sleeves this morning before Sin was ready to sweep my room and when that was done I finished it up nicely and then sat down and sewed the sleeves in. After dinner Mary went down to Emma Spry's with some sewing. I put the buttons and holes on my night dress and laid it away completed. Mattie Gaylord was here in the afternoon. The widow Peebles was buried this afternoon and was the first person for whom the new house was used. It came up on the Andes which did not get here until nearly noon and as the funeral had been appointed for an early hour it hurried them very much to get it together and then it was behind time. It is a very handsome vehicle of the kind. In the evening Maggie and Mary Peebles were here awhile. Mr Patterson came in to bring Lucy's portrait which he has just received from the hands of the artist. His wife is away from home and he's preparing a pleasant surprise for her, the house is all in confusion now and

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having a fit place to keep it he wants us to do it which we are very. It is beautiful and as like her as it could possibly be.

Saturday, August 5, 1871-This morning when Jimmie went down street I asked him to bring me a tea tray and before noon he sent it and also a beautiful little tete`a tete set, china with a gilt band. Maggie Bell came in soon after and stayed until dinner time looking at my little clothes and talking. After dinner I finished off a little ruffled pillow slip and put it on the pillow. Fluted the ruffles on my linen suit and pillow slip and then dressed myself. Just before tea Emma Bell and Clara Newton came in and I stayed with them while the family went to tea. When they left I had my supper and while waiting down stairs for Jimmie to come home Mrs Cunningham and Frank came in and stayed until 9 o'clock. Ma had gone to bed, Mary was out and I was the last one downstairs. I shut up the house and came to my room. When Jimmie came home he brought a large bowl of ice cream and I took a saucer of it to each of the girls ate two saucers full myself, read or rather looked over the last number of "Every Saturday and about 10 o'clock retired in as good order as any one possibly could.

Sunday, August 6, 1871-Last night we all retired as usual with no thoughts of an awakening before morning but after sleeping soundly until about 2 o'clock I awoke and not feeling just right, I went to tell Ma about it. She made me go back to bed and sent Jimmie for Dr McDowell, Mrs Capt Jas Lodwick and Mrs Peebles, Mary had to go and make a fire to heat water and with all their hurrying they were not ready any too soon for me. At 4 ½ o'clock A.M. a darling little daughter was given to us. As soon as it could be dressed it was laid in my arms, a precious, perfect gift from Heaven. As my prayer always has been, it still continues to be that we may train it up to be a useful, christian worker in this world and may our Heavenly Father grant her a happy life here and hereafter. I feel that my cup of blessing is running over. I was mercifully spared so much of the suffering that so many mothers undergo and am surrounded by near and dear friends who spare no trouble to make me comfortable and happy. This evening cousin Duvall came up to see how we all were and as I was feeling so well they brought him upstairs to see me and the baby.

Monday, August 7, 1871-Mrs Lodwick was here this morning to dress the baby and assist Ma in making me comfortable for the day. It was quiet through the day but we had several visitors in the evening. Jimmie wrote this morning to tell his father and mother the news and this evening Mother Ricker came down. Uncle Drew and Aunt Jennie Ricker, Mrs Draper, Mrs Connolley were here. They did not all expect to see me but I wanted them to come up and they came.

Tuesday, August 8, 1871-After we were all settled for the day Mrs Collins came in and made quite a visit. I have been very well all the time and the darling little baby is

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well and comfortable and does not cry at all. It was very quiet all day but late in the evening I was not quite so well on account of a rush of milk and about dark I became quite feverish and excited. Hattie Sterrett came to see me and brought me a nice paper of grapes. She held the baby while the rest were gone to tea and seemed to enjoy her privilege very much. Mrs Sam Nichols was over a little while. Ma was sick again with her neuralgia pains and I was left at bedtime with very little prospect of sleep, not feeling well myself and being worried about her. Mary Peebles and Jennie were going to visit the district this evening and when Mary came for Jennie she came upstairs to see the baby. Carrie Swinn was here this evening, I felt so sorry for her, she lost her baby only three or four weeks ago.

Wednesday, August 9, 1871-The doctor was in a few minutes this morning but after a few questions he said he would go and see somebody that was sick. Mary Hope was here the first half of forenoon and Maggie Peebles the latter half. Maggie brought a ring for the baby but it was too large and she took it to be exchanged. After dinner Uncle Enos came to see us. The Andes was very late getting in and he had not long to stay. Maggie Jones was here in the afternoon, she called to inquire without expecting to see me but I was feeling so well that Ma brought her right upstairs. She had never seen so young a baby before.

Thursday, August 10, 1871-*Nothing written*

Friday, August 11, 1871-Today is Pa and Ma's twenty fourth anniversary. It just wanted six days of being twenty four years from the day of their marriage until they became grandparents.

Saturday, August 12, 1871-Mrs Mary Draper went to market this morning bought a pumpkin and from it baked a pie herself and brought it to me. I appreciated her thoughtfulness very much indeed and doubtless will enjoy the pie which looks delicious. If I had my choice of all times in the year for a good time to lie in bed and be comfortably sick, I could not choose a better. Fruit is abundant and I am allowed to enjoy it and several times I have been reminded by the receipt of some fine specimens that I was not forgotten by my friends. Mrs Tewksbury was here this afternoon, also Mrs Dugan. Mrs Loellner sent baby a little ring this evening.

Sunday, August 13, 1871-Baby and I have been surrounded by grandpa's, grandma's, uncles and aunties of all sizes and degrees today. No one but relatives have been here but they make quite a company of themselves. Neither Ma nor Mother Ricker went to church this forenoon but Ma went to the childrens' meeting in the afternoon and church in the evening. Uncle Sam, Aunt Mary and Artie were here

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in the evening quite a while. Uncle Enos stayed with me while the family were gone to tea and I treated him to a piece of my pumpkin pie.

Monday, August 14, 1871-Everything is going on as well as we could wish. The baby and I are both as well as we can be. The weather is too warm for work of any kind which is not absolutely necessary so I lie in bed surrounded by every comfort and receive visitors. The family spend all their spare moments with me and I have nothing left to wish for. Mrs Dr Jones, Miss Anna and Mrs Williamson were here this evening. Maggie Bell and Lucy Rifenberrick with little Rob made a call this forenoon. Grandpa Ricker went home this morning after seeing baby dressed for the first time. She is so little we keep her in little night dresses for the present.

Tuesday, August 15, 1871-I felt very well this morning and concluded I might sit up a little while. Had just got my things on and was comfortably fixed in a large armchair when Mrs Lodwick came in and ordered me back to bed in a hurry. She said I might get up after today but this being the ninth day I was in no wise to put my foot on the floor so back I went. The bed felt good to me after the fatigue of dressing slow and careful as the process had been. Mrs Peebles was here this afternoon and Ma and Mary went part of the way home with her.

Wednesday, August 16, 1871-After every body else had breakfasted and got settled for the day I got up and put on a white wrapper and spent the day half up and half down. None of the family went to church this evening. They were all ready to go and it began to rain none of them were prepared for such an emergency and so they all stayed at home. Mollie McConnell was here a few minutes just to take a look at baby.

Thursday, August 17, 1871-Mrs Lodwick came hurrying in this morning to attend to the baby without waiting to attend to her own room or even her hair. She has been very kind to us and I shall not forget her for it. I was up awhile today in fact nearly all day. Had on a dress for the first time. no one came in during the forenoon and I had begun to think I was forgotten by my friends but was mistaken. During the afternoon Mrs Patterson and her friend Miss Connell came to return Mary's call and were brought up to my room. Soon after Mrs Jno Elden and her little girl, Mrs Dr Colters and little Katie, Grandma Bell and Mrs Hutchins called. After tea Mrs Gilbert and Miss Phoebe Gould came in and sat awhile and later Mrssrs Cadot and Bonsall with Em Johnson and Ella McFarland called. The girls came up to see me and the baby. Mrs Jones and Maggie were here and made us a nice little visit.

Friday, August 18, 1871-The changes in the weather makes it seem quite autumn like. The sun is bright but it is too cool to have more than one window open. Ma

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dressed the baby for the first time this morning. Mrs Lodwick has insisted upon doing it until now. Our two girls left this morning for their visit home and we are left without anyone having the promise of one girl Monday but their promises do not amount to much. I'm very sorry it happened so when I am a hindrance instead of a help to the family but must be thankful it did not occur before I was sick which would have made matters much worse. Carrie Stearnes was here this morning before I had my breakfast. I was up until about the middle of the afternoon when I became very tired and went back to bed. Sallie Murray and her little boy came in and sat about an hour. After tea Mrs Hoornes and Emma were here awhile.

Saturday, August 19, 1871- It is a little more pleasant this morning but not very warm yet. Lizzie is sick which is a loss of one very efficient helper just now when she is very much needed. Everything goes on very smoothly but it keeps the grandmothers and aunties very busy. I'm sorry to be obliged to sit here idle while all the others have so much to do. I have been up all the forenoon moving around as much as I dare trying to gain strength.

Soon after dinner Maggie Peebles came down with her work and sat until tea time. Mrs Tewksbury, Mrs Collins & Lucy, Mrs Purcell, Mrs Helphenstein, Mrs McCall & Anna McGinty, Mrs Albert McFarland were here calling.

Sunday, August 20, 1871-It is quite warm again today and we feel it more because the past two or three days have been so very cool. Ma was sent for to go down to see Grandma last evening and she had to stay all night. Lizzie is not well enough to do anything and the whole burden of the work falls on Mary. She did not go to S.S. or church this morning but managed to get off in the evening. Uncle Enos and cousin Duvall were here late in the evening and cousin Duvall stayed awhile after the others went to church.

Enos our youngest brother is eleven years old today. I have been up and dressed all day and if I have nothing to set me back I hope I will keep up.

Monday, August 21, 1871-Ma was away again last night, home just long enough to get a nap yesterday and then had to go back. The girl who promised to come this morning fulfilled her promise to our great surprise. None of us entertained a very strong hope of ever seeing her and were very agreeably surprised when she came. Alice Young and a friend called here this morning, Alice came up stairs. Soon after Therza and Emma Spry and Grace Helphenstein came to see us.

Therza has just returned from a three months visit to Annie O. Reigenier at Davenport. After dinner Mrs Glover came in and made quite a visit. Ella Varner Brown's baby died and was buried today. She was one of the five girls who were married within a month last fall. Her sister Anna, Neal Lloyd, Sallie Tewksbury and I

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making the five. Her baby was born on the 4th of July and was such a delicate little thing that they feared they would not raise it.

Tuesday, August 22, 1871-Ma went to Grandma's this morning and took Jennie and the boys with her. Jimmie got Uncle Drew's buggy and went after her in the afternoon, she brought little Lettie home with her and the boys came in a skiff. Hattie Sterett and Maggie Williamson were here to see baby and Hattie brought me some grapes. Mrs Lodwick was in a few minutes this afternoon to see how the baby and I were getting on.

It is so excessively hot and dusty that we scarcely expect any one to come in during the day.

Wednesday, August 23, 1871-Jennie Tewksbury came down to see the baby this morning. She has been out of town two weeks. Mrs Lodwick's little baby died this morning about 3 o'clock.

It has been very hot and dusty and few persons are out. Belle Whitney was here in the afternoon. Jennie and Maggie Stewart called just before dinner. Ma put the baby in the wash bowl this morning and gave her a bath all over. She looked frightened but did not cry. In the evening while she was being dressed for bed Aunt Jennie Ricker and the boys came in and when she was about ready, Mrs Geo Johnson and Mrs A McFarland called for a few minutes before church. Lizzie Smith came home with Jennie this afternoon and she stayed with me while the others all went to church. I wrote to Pa Ricker today.

Thursday, August 24, 1871-It has been very warm today but cloudy and our hopes of rain were very much encouraged but were doomed to eventual disappointment. Mr & Mrs E.B. Lodwick's baby was buried this morning. Ma was over to the funeral at Mr S.P. Nickells' and when she came home Mrs Gregory came with her. Maggie and Mary Peebles was here about an hour. Just about noon uncle Drew came for Ma Ricker and took her out there to stay a few days. In the afternoon Clara Waller came in there carriage for Mary to go out to spend the afternoon and evening with Maggie Stewart. Mary did not come home until after 12 o'clock at night.

Jennie Tewksbury and Nellie Tice were here this morning to invite the girls up to their house or rather Mr Tewksbury's tomorrow evening. We were favored with a few drops of rain this evening but not enough to do any good.

Friday, August 25, 1871-The promise of rain still holds out but as yet we have had nothing but the promise. No one was in this morning but Mrs Spry and Therza. They had been to the funeral of Lucy Cannon's baby and were passing here when Ma saw them and called to them. In the afternoon I prepared myself for a little work, paring peaches for tea and had but just fairly commenced when Mrs Gaylord and Nellie

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came to see us. Every one who has been here has asked about the baby's name and each one had a favorite name to suggest. The subject has become almost tiresome and we have about decided to call her Margaret Tracy for Maggie Peebles and Mr Henry Tracy. Both are particular friends and they stood together as attendants at our wedding. Baby and I went to bed early but Jimmie took the girls to Jennie Tewksbury's party and went after them which kept him out until nearly 12 o'clock.

Saturday, August 26, 1871-When I awoke this morning Jimmie was gone to the store and I found a letter from Pa Ricker lying on my breast. It was a good long letter containing much good advice and many assurances of his love for baby and me. I got up and had my breakfast, washed and dressed baby, gave my room a thorough cleaning and was just ready to dress myself when Ella Overturf and Sallie Peeble's called. It is the first time Sallie has been near. Ella was down at the gate and inquired about me one day but for some unaccountable reason Sallie has been so indifferent that she would'nt even ask about how I was when she met any of the family. Since dinner the long promised rain has begun to fall, slowly but I hope it will continue for some time. The Andes did not get here until 11 o'clock today. Ma Ricker came home this evening and began immediately to scold in her pleasant way because I was downstairs by the open window when it seemed so damp.

Sunday, August 27, 1871-Ma was not well enough to go to Sabbath School and Jimmie was not ready in time. He stayed and saw me give baby her bath and then held her while I straightened up things a little. Ma Ricker came in forbade me doing anything but I could not sit still as she told me to do. There was no service at our church and it rained quite hard about church time so none of our family went any place. Jimmie read two sermons from "Night Scenes" before dinner and after dinner he and Jennie went to Mission. In the afternoon Uncle Enos came afterwards Cousin Duvall, Miss Anna Jones Mr Word and Uncle Sam.

Monday, August 28, 1871-It rained last night and a while this forenoon and there is some prospect of a little rise. Maggie Peebles came in this morning and brought baby Maggie, as I suppose it will be, a silver spoon, a present for her first birthday, she exchanged the ring for the spoon which a very fine one. This afternoon the folks Ma R. Ma Moore and Mary are gone out to make a few calls. They called on Mrs Gaylord, Mrs Putnam, Mrs Tewksbury. It rained hard after dinner and looked as though it would last some time but cleared off very nicely in time for them to go.

Tuesday, August 29, 1871-Ma and Ma Ricker did a little shopping while they were out yesterday and among other things brought some flannel that I wanted for skirts for baby and this afternoon I cut off the two skirts and sewed one up ready to scollop. I did not want to wait to have it stamped so I took a spool and made a pattern on a

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card for myself. Emma Jones came down to see baby, and stayed until nearly supper time. I got the skirt all ready and a few scollops worked before tea time.

Wednesday, August 30, 1871-The weather has been bright and pleasant but decidedly cool. After the usual morning work was done, I dressed myself just as I used to dress! It has been a long time since I could do so. I put on a green lawn which I don't think I have worn for a year before. Ma Ricker went down street about eleven o'clock and did not come home until nearly tea time. After dinner I walked up to Mrs Jno Nichols. It is the first time I have out-side of the gate in daylight for months. In the afternoon Mrs Hall and Mrs Hearne sisters-in-law of Mrs Sallie Fuller called to see us and Ma persuaded them to stay to tea. I have often heard of them but had only met Mrs Hearne once or twice before and was not acquainted with them until now. Ma is almost lame with rheumatism in one of her knees. She is very unfortunate it seems there is always something troubling her.

Thursday, August 31, 1871-It has been quite cool today. I have worn a merino wrapper and have not felt too warm in it. Although Ma was scarcely able to walk around the house and could not sleep last night, this morning she went up to Connolley's and afterwards came home and helped Mary dress to go to the gallery and have a picture taken. She went there with her and they did not get home until after dinner. At 2 o'clock Gen'l Noyes, candidate for governor spoke in the courtyard which drew a crowd which I watched coming and going. In the evening Judge Ambler spoke, Miss Switzer came to see if Mary would not go over with her but Mary was too tired and Lizzie volunteered to go instead. I was very tired and went to bed early. Mary Batzer the girl Mrs Baker sent to us came this evening and Ma and I have made an arrangement by which she is to do what work I have to do and I am to pay her.

Friday, September 1, 1871-Ma had the grate put in and a fire made in my room this morning and it only the first of September but it is too cool for the baby and me in the mornings and evenings. I slept nearly all the forenoon, just dressed in time for dinner. Mrs Cunningham and Frank came before I was up. After dinner I moved around the room and put things in order for afternoon calls. Emma Voorheis was the first who came in and afterwards Carrie Swinn and Emma Nichols called with Em's baby whom they call Bertie. Miss Switzer came in after tea.

Saturday, September 2, 1871-Ma Ricker went home this morning she could not be persuaded to stay any longer having been here nearly four weeks. Lizzie went this forenoon and had a picture taken. Mr Stillman wanted her for a subject but she would not sit until her promised to give her a picture. It is a large tin type and is an excellent picture only the expression is not very natural. In the afternoon Mrs Pond and Mrs

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Gunn called. Several girls were here to see Jennie and Lizzie and Ida Vincent and Effie Gilbert were upstairs to see the baby.

Sunday, September 3, 1871-Mr Putnam left yesterday morning and as Dr Pratt does not return until the last of the month we did not expect to have any service until then but Mr Calhoun of Ironton came down and preached today. After Sabbath school Jennie Tewksbury came home with Lizzie and Mrs Hull and Mrs Hearne came with Ma to see baby once more before leaving. They go home tomorrow. Jimmie went to S.S. but not church in the morning. Before evening service Uncle Enos made us a little visit and when the bells rang everybody but Jennie went to church. Jennie was not well and went to bed, baby fretted and I could not go to bed until Jimmie came home with some medicine for her.

Monday, September 4, 1871-Our new girl did up the house work before beginning her washing this morning. She seems to understand her business better than any one we have had. I don't find as much time for work as I used to. Baby's wants are few and simple but she requires frequent attention. About 4 ½ o'clock I walked up to see Mrs Peebles and the girls, it is the first time I have been so far away from home and the second time I have been out at all. I enjoyed the walk very much but was quite tired by bedtime. Had a letter from Ma Ricker and she says she don't believe she can wait until the first of October to see baby again.

Tuesday, September 5, 1871-After eating my breakfast I waited some time for baby to waken so I could dress her but she slept so long I finally dressed and went down to Mrs McConnell's on an errand. Found Ma dressing baby on my return and after nursing her I started off on a longer walk. Went up to Maggie Bell's and then to Miss Lloyd's millinery store and Connolley's and home again. Every one I met who knows me asks about the baby. I saw Belle Donham Ankeny and Clara Morris in the store. At noon Jimmie gave me \$25.00 and I must now begin to fix up my wardrobe and make myself presentable for the street. Mattie Gaylord was here this forenoon. Alice Riggs was here this afternoon while I was teaching baby

Wednesday, September 6, 1871-It is eight years today since we moved to Portsmouth, and this is also Clara's birthday. I suppose I shall always remember that, coming so near my own. I was out twice yesterday but stayed at home all day today. Emma Voorheis was here to invite Mary and us to a little party at their house tomorrow evening. I spent the whole afternoon writing a letter to Ma Ricker. I was giving baby a little lesson in being good and lying awake on the bed and it was about as hard for me as her. Emma Spry was here to dinner and then she and Mary went down street together and Mary did not come back until supper time. I was mistaken in one statement it was yesterday I wrote the letter and today it was sent.

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Thursday, September 7, 1871-When my morning work was done, I dressed to go down street with Ma. It is the first time I have been on 2nd street. We went first to call on Mrs Rumsey who just came home from New York last evening. We then went to see what Anderson had in the way of bargains as he is selling off. On our way home we called to see Dr Cottons' wonderful boy and his mother. He is a fine large baby but I'd rather have my little girl. Mrs Draper was not at home when we called there. After dinner I tried to take a sleep but baby wouldn't let me, so I did part of my dressing for the party. After tea Clara Waller and Miss Dempsey, Emma Drouilliard, Mrs Ware and Lake Lewis were here. When they were gone I dressed myself and went to a little party at Mr Miller's given to Miss Mollie Donnelly. It is the first party I have attended for some time except the one we had at home.

Friday, September 8, 1871-My twenty third birthday finds me both a wife and a mother, two great changes which came to me since my last birthday and I am as happy in my new relatives as it is possible for wife and mother to be. As we were out last evening Jimmie told me not to get up to breakfast and I did not. I was dressed and had my breakfast by 8 ½ o'clock however and took baby up to dress her, before I had commenced her toilette Mrs Kennedy Thompson came in and made quite a visit. Mary is very busy this morning getting ready to go to Marietta. Mary gave me a large picture of herself handsomely framed and I have the promise of one from Ma, Jennie and Lizzie. After dinner Jimmie sent me a beautiful writing desk. I began a letter to Pa Ricker this forenoon but did not get it finished until just before I went to bed. Mary Peebles and Mamie Crossley were here while I was getting baby ready for bed.

Saturday, September 9, 1871-Maggie Bell came in this morning just after I had finished washing baby. She wanted to see how one of my dresses was made. As soon as she was gone I put away baby's things and was just ready to help with Mary's wrapper when Maggie Peebles came. She made quite a little visit and when she had gone it was so near noon that I thought I'd take a nap. I had a real good sleep by dinner time and felt better all the afternoon for it. After dinner we all worked busily helping Mary. Baby was so good I only had to lay down my work once during the afternoon for her. No one came in and we got on nicely with our work.

Sunday, September 10, 1871-I dressed and went to Sabbath school this morning and Ma stayed and dressed baby. Jimmie was not well and he stayed at home too. When I came back he was taking care of her. Before church time Maggie Reilly and Addie Stewart, and Emma and Addie Murray came to see her. We had no service at our church and I did not go any where. I could not leave all the forenoon anyway. After tea Mr Voorheis came to call on baby who looked very sweet in her long dress,

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the first time she has ever worn it. After I had brought her up to bed, Cousin Duvall came but we did not see him.

Monday, September 11, 1871-Mary left this morning for Marietta to visit Mattie Kendall two or three weeks. The new wrapper was almost completed and she had on a new fall hat which was very becoming. It is quite cool in the morning now and by noon it is very warm. The dust is about as deep as ever and everything looks parched. The water works pipes are all underground at last in our neighborhood and we are almost suffering for their completion. After dinner Ma and I concluded to go and call on Mrs Ross and Alice but we had to wait for the girls to come home to take care of baby. Mrs Ross was not at home but we saw Mrs Johnson and Em and Alice saw her and Maggie and then went to Reilly's where we found Pa. I went to the store for Jimmie but he had come home.

Tuesday, September 12, 1871-After dressing baby, Ma thought I had better dress myself and go out for a little walk. It was almost eleven o'clock before I succeeded in getting ready. Ma went down and got a new turban hat which she insisted upon giving me. I went to Mrs Trotter's to return one and then went to Mr Peebles' and stayed until time to come home. Maggie and Mary are going to the city tomorrow. I was very tired when dinner time came and did not do anything all afternoon though I made an effort to get to work. Mrs Nichols and Mollie Murray made a long call and just as they left, Mame Gibbs came in to see baby. They have moved the houses off the S.E. corner of Court and Sixth today.

Wednesday, September 13, 1871-I've been at home all day, Jimmie left before I was up this morning to go to Jackson on a special train which goes to take people along the road to the County conventions of Sunday Schools. Pa and I were the only persons at the breakfast table at the beginning of the meal. I did not accomplish much in the forenoon but sewed a good deal in the afternoon. Baby is more wakeful and needs more care in the forenoon. After dinner Pa and Ma went out to the fair and I sewed all the time they were gone. This is the inauguration day of the Scioto county fair. It has been seventeen years I believe since they have had one before. I can just remember being there at that time. Uncle Drew and Aunt Jennie were up to Jackson and Aunt Jennie came in a few minutes. The sky is very dark and threatens rain which I hope will come.

Thursday, September 14, 1871-Before school time the rain began to fall and up to the present time, noon, it has continued I had expected to go out to the Fair this afternoon but I suppose it will be too damp. Mr and Mrs Damarin came this evening to get baby's flannel skirt which Kate Glover worked, to take out to the Fair. Ma wrote to Mary and I added a few lines before sealing it up. It was damp and rainy all day

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and none of us went to the Fair. In the afternoon Mrs Trotter and Mrs W.P. Martin called. At noon Jimmie got a letter from Mary and I began again and wrote her quite a letter.

Friday, September 15, 1871-Today is Ma's and Mary's birthday. I believe it is the first one of Mary's birthdays that she ever spent away from home. The fair was held again today on account of the rain yesterday. Jimmie went out in the afternoon and I stayed at home and fixed my grenadine dress. Ma and Jimmie expected to go but the omnibus failed to call for them. There was a party at Mr Hutchins this evening but we thought it was too damp for me to go. I wrote to Pa and Ma Ricker today.

Saturday, September 16, 1871-Uncle Sam has been married eight years. This morning after I had eaten my breakfast and was ready to dress baby she was still sleeping so soundly I thought I had better do one or two errands down street so I went up to Connolley's and then to Mr Tewksbury's. The family was at prayers but Margaret saw me from the window and whispered to her Mother so they came out and asked me in the parlor. I made a short call and then went to see Maggie Jones a few minutes on business for Mary. Went next to Mr Yoakleys's and got two pieces of music for Jennie. After dinner I finished fixing my dress under difficulties. Addie Stewart, Belle Whitney, Clara Waller and Kate Crichton were here meanwhile.

Sunday, September 17, 1871-I went to Sabbath School this morning and then came home to nurse baby before going to church Ma took care of her while I went this forenoon and then she went in the evening. Dr Pratt is home again and preached this morning the first time for many weeks.

Monday, September 18, 1871-Pa took a notion to go to the city today to attend the exposition and Ma, with a little assistance from me got ready and went with him. I went up to Mrs Collins to ascertain the addresses of Mrs Newton and Mrs Withenbury and then to Connolley's to do an errand. Came home and went to my sewing which I afterwards laid down to manufacture a bow for Ma. I did not accomplish much sewing. After dinner I still made an attempt to carry on what I had begun but without much success. Mrs Peebles called to see me and made quite a long call. She is quite anxious about Sallie and wanted to see about some medicine I have. In the evening Rhoda R. Nichols was in to see baby.

Tuesday, September 19, 1871-I have been alone all day at noon I sent a note to Maggie and Mary Peebles asking them to come down and spend the afternoon but they could not come, and no one else came so baby and I were alone. Jennie and Lizzie are trying to make their black luster dresses but it is very slow work. They being in school and no one to help them. I do all I can but it is very little, I've so many little

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things which must be done and baby requires a good deal of attention. I'm not as free to dispose of my time as I used to be. My will is good enough but, I have many calls now which I never had before. The possession of my darling however more than makes up for the privations I undergo. One year ago today was the time set for our visit to Ill. Mary and I were to have started on the 19th but when that day came I was busy on my wedding outfit. Mr and Mrs Rumsey were here this evening and Mrs R. told me that Mrs Miller, P. Han Rumsey of old, had a son born last Tuesday or Wednesday.

Wednesday, September 20, 1871-We were expecting Pa and Ma home this morning but were not much surprised when they failed to appear. The attractions in the city being great at this time. The President will be there or was there last night, which will add interest to the already interesting exposition. After dinner when baby had gone to sleep, I began to cut out an overskirt for one of the girls but did not do very much on account of company coming in. First Aunt Mollie, who has not been here for at least a year, came and after that Kate Glover to see me about baby's sack. Before she left Kate Glidden came to see baby. She and I were great friends in days gone by but since she went to the asylum I have seen very little of her. In the evening the girls and boys went to church and I was upstairs alone with baby until they returned.

Thursday, September 21, 1871-Just as I finished dressing baby this morning Kate Glover came to see about the pattern of baby's sack and when the little lady had gone to sleep, she and I cut it out and I made it on the machine already to embroider. She is very kind to do the errands for me for I can't do them myself and the girls hav'nt time. At noon I had a letter from Mrs Singleton and one from Ma Ricker, Jimmie had one from Pa R. and we had one from Mary. After dinner Mrs Bolten and Mrs Reilly called. In the course of the conversation I said that Kate Glidden had been here. They seemed amazed and told me that she has had a crazy spell for the past two weeks and her mother wants them to take her into the asylum again. Mollie Murray and Mary Peebles were here this afternoon. I wanted them to stay to tea but they would not.

Friday, September 22, 1871-Pa and Ma got home again about 10 o'clock this morning and had much to tell about the exposition. I had thought a little about going down but she advises me not to risk baby's welfare in a trip on the boat. Sue came back this morning having had her visit and returned according to promise. Libby did not come as she is sick. We have to keep the girls we now have and Ma went with Sue to Mrs Martha Robinson's where the girls will both live now. Kate Glover promised me Wednesday that she would spend today with me and so she did. She is

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working a little blue merino sack for baby. this afternoon Em Johnson and Alice Ross were here.

Saturday, September 23, 1871-This morning when it was too late we remembered that we had intended writing for Mary to come home today. Pa and Ma want her to go to the exposition with the girls. I have been helping them as much as I could with my other duties to be done. I cut out and made a little blue and white hood for baby from a pattern which I got of Maggie Bell. This evening or rather afternoon Ma was down street and heard that Mr Slocum was expected this evening so we thought Mary would come with him. Jimmie sat up until after 11 o'clock to wait for her and we were not disappointed in our expectations. Laura Loughry was here this afternoon.

Sunday, September 24, 1871-I managed by much help and hurry to get to Sabbath School in good time this morning and then after coming home to nurse baby I went back to church. It seems quite natural to be back to the two services in the forenoon. I only do half the day's work I used to do though as I had two classes and went to church twice Ma went in the evening.

Monday, September 25, 1871-Knowing that we would have visitors this morning I made all possible haste to get baby and then myself dressed and the room in order before they came. I had written a letter to Anna Young and was just closing it when they came. It was Mr and Mrs John Gunn and Miss Florence Bailly of Olney and Miss Caroline Gunn and Uncle Sam. When they left Ma and I went to Uncle Enos' and then to the boat. The boat was literally crowded. John and Enos went down it is their first trip without some member of the family but they are under Uncle Sam's care. After dinner I dressed baby, borrowed Mrs Eldens's carriage and went up to Maggie Bell's. Stopped for Grandma to see baby. Called at Mr Tewksbury's but only saw Jennie. At Mrs Al McFarland's we saw her, Ella, Jennie and Mrs Dan McFarland. They were very enthusiastic in their praise of her. I stopped at Maggie Peebles gate and visited there awhile. No one was at home but her. Mrs Dr Hempstead was passing in the buggy and wanted to hold her awhile so I gave her to her. Mrs Jones' was the last call we made. Mrs J. was out but Maggie was there, and her father. She walked out home with me and then I took her to see Mrs Jno Elden.

Tuesday, September 26, 1871-A most delightful surprise was in store for us this morning when we left the table and went about our duties. I was just going to dress baby and myself to go up and spend the day with Maggie and Mary Peebles when Jennie came running in to say that Rev Mr Bierce and Rev Mr Caton were down stairs. They were on their way to Ironton to attend presbytery and as they wanted to see baby and the rest of us, they stopped off the boat here and waited for the next one that came along. We were so glad to see them and had such a nice visit from them.

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They had breakfast alone and dinner with all of us. I had intended going up to Mrs Gaylord's in the afternoon but it was too cool and damp after the rain last night. I wrote a long letter to Ma Ricker. When Jimmie came home at night he brought a present for baby from Mr Tracy, a beautiful little gold neck chain with a little gold lady's boot on it.

Wednesday, September 27, 1871-It has been rather too cool for comfort all day. The Andes was very late today, we were looking for the boys and Helen Ricker. After the folks had gone to church in the evening Helen came on the Granite State and a few minutes later the boys came on the Andes.

Thursday, September 28, 1871-Helen expects to make the principal part of her visit out at Uncle Drew's but was here all day. After dinner I dressed and went to see if I could get up a party to go over on the hills this afternoon but concluded it was too windy and cool so gave up trying and made a call or two. Stopped at Mrs Collins' to see Miss Ella Brown but did not get in at Mr Peebles I found Sallie spending the day with the girls and from there I went to see Katie and J Em Johnson and Alice Ross. Came home and sewed as much as I could before supper time. Jimmie took Helen up to Mr Tewksbury's after tea and she stayed there all night.

Friday, September 29, 1871-Ma has begun in earnest now to work on the girls luster dresses and there will not be much time to spare. Mary is out getting in the bills for the month and the girls are in school. I don't have very much time on account of baby though she is very good. I was over to see Mrs Connelly this morning and made quite a little visit. Helen was here when I came back but she did not stay as she was expecting to spend the afternoon with Sallie at Mrs T's.

Saturday, September 30, 1871-I was nearly all the forenoon getting myself, baby and room in order to receive our Pa and Ma Ricer. We looked for them about 11 o'clock on the train but it was nearly 1 o'clock before they arrived, we got quite anxious about them fearing an accident had occurred. Just as we had concluded to have dinner they came and we had a very happy meeting. Pa has not been down since baby was a week old. After dinner all of us but Ma went to preparatory lecture. Aunt Jennie and Helen were here a little while after church. I came home and went to sewing and sewed on the dresses until they were about finished for the night. Lizzie's overskirt is still to be made before she can go to the city.

Sunday, October 1, 1871-This is communion Sabbath the service having been different from Sept 1st until now on account of Dr Pratt's absence. I went to Sabbath School and church in the forenoon and church in the afternoon. It's the first time I

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ever left baby without Ma or the girls but, Mary took very good care of her. In the afternoon after church Jimmie and his father went out to John Peebles' after Helen and brought her here but she did not stay. She had to go to Mr Tewksbury's.

Monday, October 2, 1871-I've been in such a whirl of excitement all day until now and am left so lonely now that I feel the reaction very sensibly and am thoroughly tired. Ella McFarland and Will Bonsall were married this morning and are now gone on their bridal trip to Philadelphia. I dressed for breakfast and then washed and dressed baby. After that I got Jimmie's clothes together for his trip and then dressed to go to the church. The wedding was at 9 o'clock Emma Johnson & Mr Blaine, Katie Johnson & Mr Cadot, Jennie McFarland and Mr Hutsinkiller being the attendants. Ella wore Salmon colored silk, very delicate shade, with veil and overdress, orange flowers, the others wore white and looked very pretty. I came home and dressed again in full dress for the reception which was to be from 9 ½ to 11 o'clock. Helen and Mary, Jimmie and I went up, offered our congratulations and had refreshments and came home. Jimmie, Jennie and Lizzie went to the city. After dinner Helen went home and those who were left went down street so I am alone. Mrs Chas Tracy and Clara Morris called before dinner, Mrs Martha Robinson after dinner and Dr Pratt while we were at tea. After we had gone to bed, Mary & I, Mr & Mrs Collins called.

Tuesday, October 3, 1871-Eleven months ago today we were in the midst of all the excitement attendant upon a wedding. I love to go back and live it over in memory. I thoroughly enjoy anything of the kind and that particular occasion more than any other of my life. I almost envy Will and Ella their happiness on this trip. I suppose each one of us must be satisfied with one turn and I've had mine and enjoyed it well too. Today I've missed my darling very much, all the more while thinking of Ella but we can't always go together. After breakfast Mary went down to see Emma Spry and found her in bed with a fever. Poor Em, I don't think there is much hope of her recovery. I felt sad at the wedding yesterday, thinking it very probable that the next time I went to that church it would be to her funeral. Pa and Ma Ricer left on the morning train. When he came up from the store he brought a not from Maggie Hempstead containing a beautiful little gold pin for baby with the word "Baby" enameled on it in black and "Maggie 1871" on the underside. Laura Loughry was here after dinner and when she had gone Emma & Katie Johnson and Alice Ross came in and made a visit.

Wednesday, October 4, 1871-I sewed all the forenoon on Ma's dress and in the afternoon was intending to take baby and go up to Mr Peebles' if I could get Aunt Mary's little carriage. I dressed myself and had sent to ask for the carriage before dressing baby and while John was gone, Maggie Peebles with little Mame Crossley came. Aunt Mary was not at home so it was all for the best any way. Maggie stayed

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quite a while and then asked me to go and take a little walk for our health. We called at Mrs Pond's to see her and her daughters Mrs Shumacher, Mrs Cutler and Mrs Baird. We went to Connolley's and then I walked down to Mr Peebles' but did not go in. When I came home I found Mrs D.N. Murray and Addie here and Mrs Johnson & Mrs Ross had been here and gone. I was tired and prepared for bed soon after supper but did not get baby to sleep until after the folks returned from church.

Thursday, October 5, 1871-The Andes came this morning about school time, more than twenty-four hours behind time. Miss Switzer returned but Jimmie and the girls did not come. We sent to see if Uncle Sam knew anything of their plans and when we might expect them, but he did not know. After dinner Miss Switzer came in to say we might look for them on the train this evening. We were sewing all day so I did not go out at all. In the afternoon Miss Emma Bell came to see baby and the rest of us. She has been gone a little more than eight weeks and just came home on the Andes.

Friday, October 6, 1871-Baby is two months old today and is beginning to notice things, today I hung the toy parrot made of bright zephyr, where she could see it and she lay on the bed nearly all the afternoon watching it. Ma has been making a yoke and long sleeves for her puffed dress and I have been sewing for Ma. After dinner Pa and Ma went down to the farm and I finished off Ma's dress and dressed myself and baby for evening. Mr and Mrs Geo Johnson, Emma, Mrs Ross and Alice, Miss Katie Johnson and her brother Davy and Mr Sherman Johnson were here to spend the evening and we had a very pleasant evening. Mrs Col Henry Jones was here this morning with her little girl Edith.

Saturday, October 7, 1871-I began taking cold yesterday and have been feeling badly in consequence all day. Have not tried to do anything I was on the bed all the forenoon with baby. After dinner I dressed and went out thinking I might be benefitted. Found Maggie Peebles and her mother at home also Maggie Jones and her mother. I next went to the store after Jimmie, found him in Purcell and Ewing's with Mary Damarin and Miss Switzer. We went and got some cuffs for him and a tub for baby and then came home. Carrie Swinn and Emma Bell were here while I was gone. I was feeling badly in the evening so I took a foot bath and was just ready to go to bed when Mr Henry Tracy called. Ma dressed baby in a hurry and I dressed myself and we went down to see him. This is the first evening he has been out since last winter and we felt quite complimented that his first call should be here.

Sunday, October 8, 1871-I did not go to Sabbath School or church this forenoon but spent most of my time on the bed. Jimmie did not go to church but took care of baby while I read from the little book called Dying Testimony, by Mrs Griswold, being letters and extracts written by her during her sickness to friends. The preface and

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funeral sermon were by Dr Pratt. After dinner I went to the children's meeting and saw four babies baptized. One mother had twins, two little boys Joseph Ely and Benjamin Charles Graham. They are such dear little boys. My cold was worse rather than better in the evening and I went to bed early. Pa is fifty seven years old today.

Monday, October 9, 1871-I am still good for nothing. Wasted the forenoon and about the middle of the afternoon began a piece of work which might have been finished had I begun earlier. This evening we have despatches announcing a terrible fire in Chicago nearly half the city burned and still burning while they have sent to St Louis and Cincinnati for men and engines to come to their help. I am now going to take a pill and cup of boneset tea and go to bed hoping for a change for the better in the morning.

Tuesday, October 10, 1871-Every telegram from Chicago seems to bear more terrible news than we had heard at first. Millions of dollars worth of property is being destroyed and thousands of families are homeless. The sympathies of families are aroused for the suffering city and help is being sent. It all came from a boy's taking a kerosene lamp into a stable, to milk after dark. I feel better today but am far from well yet. Mary went to the train this morning to see Em Johnson off for Columbus. She is to be one of Miss Jessie Blaine's attendants Thursday evening. Ma and I went to Uncle Enos' a little while this morning and when Ma came home Grandma came with her to spend the day. In the afternoon the long desired rain came but it did not last long enough to do the river much good. Miss Emma Bell and Mess Ella Brown called this evening after tea. I wrote a letter to Ma Ricker.

Wednesday, October 11, 1871-Clara Morris and Alice Ross came in the morning and it soon after began to rain and they had to stay quite a long while. It was nearly noon when they left. After dinner Ma and I concluded it was a good day to move as we would not be likely to have any interruptions, so we began. The move was from the front room to the one at the head of the front stairs which on some account will be more convenient this winter. Shortly after we began, Uncle Enos came. He managed to reach the fireplace in spite of the trunks and drawers and I gave him a rocking chair, bag of chestnuts and basket of apples, also a box of Albert biscuits with which he entertained himself until Ma said our new home was ready and then we all came to it to finish our visit. The folks went to church and left baby and me at home.

Thursday, October 12, 1871-Alice Ross came to spend the day with Mary and Miss Em Bell came to make a similar visit with Ma. We had asked Clara Morris with Alice but she did not come, neither did Miss Brown who was invited with Em. We had a very pleasant day with fancy work and baby. We went over to the grocery and were weighed, I weighed 116 ½ alone and 130 ½ with her in my arms. In the evening Pa

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gathered up a company and went to hear the Berger Family but I stayed home. Mrsrs Franklin and Kinney called to see Pa but as he was not in I entertained them awhile in the library

Friday, October 13, 1871-This has been a lovely day throughout. The various little "nothings" which occupy my time are hard to remember but still they must be done. This afternoon Ma had a buggy brought up and she took baby and me down to see Grandma Smith. Baby has now seen her two great-grandmothers and she looked at her very wisely too. We were tired and went to bed as soon as supper was over. I believe it is three years tonight since I was brides maid for Libbie Lloyd Field. She is now living in Switzerland and I married and living at home still.

Saturday, October 14, 1871-This morning I got ready as soon as I could to go out to Uncle Drew's to spend the day. When I was all ready I went over to see Mrs Elden who is sick. She has a little daughter nearly a week old. When I came home Jimmie was waiting here with the buggy and took Jennie, baby and me out to the country. During the afternoon John and Sallie called and I went over to Mr Bell's but no one was at home but Mary. We stayed at Uncle's until after tea and then came home.

Sunday, October 15, 1871-The long desired rain began to fall last night and it kept me at home today. Jimmie went to Sabbath School but not to church. We had no service in the evening. Baby and I had an unhappy time all the afternoon. I thought she was a little spoiled by her visit yesterday and insisted upon her lying on the bed very much against her will. I don't think she was very comfortable though or she would not have cried so.

Monday, October 16, 1871-The rain is over this morning and it is cooler and I am afraid we have not had enough to do much good. Mrs Johnson called this morning to ask us to meet some other ladies at her house this afternoon to sew for the Chicago sufferers. Ma and Mary went but I stayed with baby. After I had finished the piece of work I was doing, I took her over to Mrs Elden's a little while. Maggie Jones was here awhile and I went down street when she went home. I wanted to take a little walk and when we met Jimmie on the corner he turned and went with us.

Tuesday, October 17, 1871-We are having lovely weather now. I should like to be our nearly all the time, but have so many things to do at home that I cannot go. I spent the forenoon washing some of baby's dresses and sacques and after dinner I ironed one of her finest dresses. It took me some time and when I was through I was as tired and nervous I did'nt know what to do. Mary took baby down to the Sewing Society when she went and as soon as I was ready I went up to Aunt Mary's and borrowed Arthur's carriage to go after her. The ladies all made great demonstrations

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over baby and after a little visit I took her to see Em Spry. Afterwards I started down after Jimmie but did not find him. Mary and I took a little walk and then came by Aunt Mary's and left the carriage.

Wednesday, October 18, 1871-Ma and I went up to the store and got the material for a cloak for baby. I went to Mrs Cotton's and got her pattern and then I came home to cut it out. At noon I was taking it down to have a braiding pattern stamped on it and I met Jimmie coming home. He told me that John and Sallie had a daughter born this morning at 8 o'clock. After dinner I worked at the lining of baby's cloak while Ma and Mary were down at the Relief society. Wrote to Ma Ricker this evening.

Thursday, October 19, 1871-I don't remember what happened today I know it was dry and dusty as it has been for a long time. I was busy quilting baby's cloak lining and that is all I remember.

Friday, October 20, 1871-Today noon Grandpa Ricker came walking in very unexpectedly to me. We were very pleasantly surprised and this was followed by another after dinner or about dinner time. Grandpa had bought a beautiful little carriage for baby and after dinner I dressed her up and took her out to ride in it. We went first to the Y.M.C.A. Rooms to take two of baby's little calico slips to be sent to some poor little baby who had none. From there we went to call on Mrs Ella McFarland Bonsall and found her at Mrs Johnson's with Em and Alice Ross. Stopped at the gate to let Mrs Jones see her and then went to the store to bring Papa and Grandpa home to tea.

Grandpa Ricker gave Maggie her carriage.

Saturday, October 21, 1871-Pa Ricker left us this morning and returned to Jackson to spend the Sabbath with Ma Ricker. After he had gone I dressed baby and myself and went up to Mr Peebles' to spend the day. Baby was very good all day, we did not come home until about 8 o'clock in the evening. Mrs Hamilton and little Hattie Crossley came down with Mr and Mrs Peebles last evening. After tea Miss Emma Bell and Miss Brown called there and when we came home they came as far as their home with us.

Sunday, October 22, 1871-It was a pleasant morning and I went to Sabbath School while Ma stayed with baby and gave her a bath. We had no service in our church so Jimmie, Mary, Jennie and I went to hear Mr Dr Wolfe at the Baptist church. In the evening Jennie, Lizzie, Jimmie and I went to hear Mr Franklin at the upper Episcopal church I have not been to evening service before for several months.

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Monday, October 23, 1871-This has been a delightful day but every thing is as dry as powder and rain would be hailed with delight. It sprinkled a little this morning and we had quite a shower and a good deal of lightening after supper time. I did some mending and finishing and fixing today and after dinner. I took baby in her carriage up street to get her cloak which I hope to begin braiding tomorrow. I was down to see Laura Loughry a few minutes and found her sick in bed. Ma propped baby up between pillows this morning and gave her "Polly Parrot" to play with. She could not hold it of course but managed to get her hand on it several times. Baby's friend, Mr Tracy left for the East this morning. I went to Dr Gibbs' this forenoon and had two fillings put in my front teeth and will have that to rejoice over for some time.

Tuesday, October 24, 1871-I commenced braiding Maggie's cloak this fore noon but did not get along very rapidly with it. After dinner Jimmie brought a buggy and took me out riding. It was a lovely afternoon and we had a delightful drive, were gone about two hours. I have not been out with him before since the 29th of July. When I came home I dressed for the concert given for the benefit of the sufferers by the late fires in Chicago and Wisconsin. The performers were all of this place and several were pupils of Mr Gittings who has a large music class. Mrs Schumacher sang three pieces but the main feature of her part of the performance was an elegant pink silk dress I think it was the most elegant dress I ever saw. It was made very long and plain, only a little trimming on the waist and sleeves. No trimming could have improved the skirt which was elegant in its simplicity.

Wednesday, October 25, 1871-The weather still continues beautiful today has been quite warm. The trees are nearly stripped of their leaves and their almost bare branches look very like winter. Ma and I exchanged work today and I have been working on a pair of pants while she braided for me. Auntie Hamilton came in this morning and stayed a few minutes and then went out to make a call or two before coming here to spend the day. Late in the afternoon I took baby and went down street to do some errands when I came home I found Jennie very much disappointed that she had been deprived the pleasure of taking baby out so I let her go again and I came in. The little darling had a very hard cry after I went to tea but when I came up and undressed her for bed she went to sleep and is now sleeping very sweetly.

Thursday, October 26, 1871-In point of weather this has been a queer day. The appearance of the sky indicated rain or snow. It rained a little and the sun shone a while. Ma went down to spend the day with Laura Loughry and took baby's cloak to braid on. I cut out and made a night shirt. Baby was very good and I got it all finished even to making the name on it and it is now put away and off my mind. Addie Dunlap was here to dinner she came home with Mary from the sewing society. I have not

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been out anywhere today, not even over to see how our sick neighbor, Mrs Elden, is. I wrote to Pa Ricker tonight.

Friday, October 27, 1871-Ma is going to braid baby's cloak and I am going to rebosom the boys' shirt's for her. I fixed one today and could have done more but the ripping is the worst part of the work. I can fix one almost as soon as I can rip it. I believe no one was in.

Saturday, October 28, 1871-I put a new bosom and collar in one shirt and made a flannel night skirt for Maggie. Ma and I had intended going out to make a few calls this afternoon but when Jimmie came home at noon he told me that Aunt Ad Ricker was out at Uncle Drew's and he had promised to take me out there if they did not come in so I had to stay at home. Mrs Peebles sent to ask Ma to go with her to make some calls so about 2 o'clock she and Maggie came around in the carriage for Ma. During the afternoon Aunt Ad and Aunt Jennie called. Therza Spry was here awhile and late in the evening Aunt Mary Moore was here. After Ma came home she and I went to call on Mrs Gibbs, Mrs Graham and Mrs Dr Jones.

Sunday, October 29, 1871-I went to Sabbath School and church this forenoon. Dr Pratt preached to quite a large congregation. The school seemed fuller than usual too, my own class was unusually large, Florance Vincent having returned and a stranger being there who has been in my class for two Sabbaths past. I spoke to Mr Bell about having a bible class formed and at the close of school he announced that there would be such a class and invited all who would to join it. This evening Mrs Tewksbury and John Peebles came here after baby. Sallie is having trouble with her breasts and they thought that perhaps the baby would draw them for her. She did begin and then they took her away and put the other baby at it, after which Maggie would not take hold again.

Monday, October 30, 1871-It has seemed quite warm today as though it might rain before long. I have been very busy with the shirts today and succeeded in getting two done. No one came in until late and then Aunts Jennie and Ad Ricker came and stayed to tea. Mrs Buskirk and Allie called. Uncle Drew could not come to tea but came back after the folks about 8 o'clock. Just as they were leaving Mr Sherman Johnson came in to play chess with Pa.

Tuesday, October 31, 1871-It has looked cloudy and very much like rain this morning but towards noon it cleared off quite bright. I was fixing a shirt and hurried to get it done that I might go out this afternoon. I dressed myself. Just as I was ready Mary came back and it began to sprinkle when of course, the walk had to be given up

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I was intending to go out to see Sallie Peebles and her baby. I undressed baby and sat down and made her a little flannel shirt. In the evening Messrs Damarin and Jennings called but I did not see them.

Wednesday, November 1, 1871-This morning I got through with my work and then dressed and went up to Mr Peebles'. Maggie said she would go with me to see Sallie so we went out there and made quite a visit. After dinner I made another little flannel shirt for baby. I don't want to begin anything that will take much time to finish on account of having company this week.

Thursday, November 2, 1871-I did not do much work today, before baby was up I went down to the store to tell Jimmie of some things I wanted. It seemed difficult to get started at anything. When I came home Ma had dressed Maggie so I gave her some breakfast and then went down stairs. I rolled crackers for the oysters until my hands were sore. Before dinner I dressed baby in some of her nice clothes and after dinner I dressed myself and started out to deliver my invitations for tomorrow evening. We went past Uncle Enos' and had to stop a few minutes. Then to ask Maggie and George Bell, from there out to Jno Overturf's and then to see Sallie Peebles a little while. Just as I was leaving there Ella Overturf came by on her way down street so I had company as far as 2nd street. I stopped to see Mollie Murray who was not at home, and then went to Mrs Greene's. Came down to invite Will & Ella Bonsall, Maggie and Mary Peebles, Mr & Mrs Duke, Mr & Mrs Rifemberick, Maggie Jones and then went to the store. Jimmie and I then went to Mr Zoellner's to let him see baby with her ring on and then came home. I counted up to see how far I had walked and it was thirty five squares.

Friday, November 3, 1871-The first anniversary of our wedding day has been a beautiful and bright one and we enjoyed the celebration of it very much indeed. I was busy all day in the kitchen fixing oysters, beating cake and whatever else I could do. After dinner I got out all my silver and Mary and I set the table. We had tea a little after 8 o'clock and had the pleasure of sitting down with the following named friends. Mr & Mrs Geo Bell, Mr & Mrs Jno Overturf, Mr & Mrs Duke, Mr & Mrs W.(m) H. Bonsall, married a month yesterday, Mrs Emma Voorheis, Mr V. went East yesterday. Mr & Mrs Rifemberick could not be here. Of the eight attendants Maggie Peebles, Maggie Jones, Mary Moore, Will Pursell & Mr Jennings were present. Messrs Tracy & Jones are out of town and Helen Ricker could not come. Mary Peebles and Mollie Murray represented the old Haman Club. John Peebles did not like to leave Sallie so they were not here. I enjoyed the evening very much and the others seemed to also. Our baby looked very sweet and pretty and behaved like a lady. We received a telegram from Mr Caton who remembered the day and sent us his congratulations and best wishes for the future.

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Saturday, November 4, 1871-Last night by eleven o'clock everything was washed and put away and perfect order restored through the untiring kindness of my dear mother. This morning I awoke with a pleasant sense of relief at the thought and got ready for breakfast feeling unusually well. When breakfast was over Mary brought the water to bathe baby and I was just ready to put her into the water when the house was shaken as though by an earth quake and looking out I saw a cloud of smoke and scraps in the direction of the depot. It was the Locomotive that they were going to use this morning, an old one, which exploded and killed two men and hurt several others. Of course there was a great rush to the depot. One man had his head blown off and another was blown down into the Scioto bottoms.

Sunday, November 5, 1871-I went to Sabbath school and church in the forenoon as usual. After dinner tried to take a nap but did not sleep very long. I dressed and went down stairs just in time to see the funeral procession of Mr Shilling one of the men killed by the explosion yesterday. There were about fifty vehicles in the procession.

Monday, November 6, 1871-Baby is three months old today and just as good and sweet as she can be. So far she has never given us any trouble to speak of. She has been nothing but a pleasure notwithstanding all the prophecies of colic and spoiling by her aunties. I went up to the store this forenoon and got some canton flannel to make bags for my silver and had it all out, cutting the pieces when Lou Miller came to ask me if I would like to go with Emma Voorheis to call on Murt Salsbury's wife. I was very glad of the opportunity and got ready as soon as I could after dinner. We made that call and found her a very pleasant lady then went to call on Jennie and Maggie Stewart. It was late when we got home and just as I came in the side door, Mrs Damarin, Lou Pack, Mrs Iams and Mrs Gharky came in the front door. They did not stay long but it seemed long to baby who was very hungry. I cut out and made two or three bags after supper and then wrote a long letter to Pa Ricker.

Tuesday, November 7, 1871-I want to be ready to go to Ironton next week and have a great many things to do before I go. I had to spend this forenoon ironing baby's clothes because Mary is sick. Grandma and Aunt Maria were here to spend the day. In the forenoon Dr McDowell came and vaccinated baby. It did not hurt her but she was so angry at being held still that she fairly screamed. After dinner I hemmed seven canton flannel diapers for baby. Lucy Collins came down to see her and brought a tiny pair of green silk gloves which she had worn herself but they are still good and are very cunning little things. Lucy thinks a great deal of baby and has brought her two presents.

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Wednesday, November 8, 1871-Our oldest brother is thirteen years old today. This is also John and Sallie's first anniversary they will not be able to celebrate much it is so rainy and cool that I doubt very much whether she can leave her room. The baby is three weeks old today.

Thursday, November 9, 1871-Today I have been trying to sew a little. My work doesn't amount to much these days for good as baby is she needs a good deal of attention. Mary was down at the Y.M.C.A. Rooms all day and Ma was braiding on baby's cloak. She and Mary are trying to make some night dresses but when Mary is away Ma would rather braid than sew by herself.

Friday, November 10, 1871-This has been a gloomy rainy day. I was engaged in ripping up my satin jacket and trying to finish baby's skirt. In the afternoon Maggie Jones came in with her work and spent the afternoon. We were very glad of her company. We wanted her to stay to tea but she could not.

Saturday, November 11, 1871-When baby awoke this morning I dressed her and started up to see Maggie Bell before she leaves. Lucy Collins had come down to bring baby a pair of tiny white mittens and nothing would go but I must go to their house first. I went and stayed a few minutes during which time Lucy ransacked the place to find things to give baby. Maggie and Geo were in the midst of packing up and we did not go in. They came to the gate to see Maggie and I just ran in to look at the house once more as I don't expect to be there again soon. After leaving there I went to see Mrs Rumsey and when on my way home espied Jimmie on the corner of 4th looking up and down and all around for his baby. Spent the afternoon working and ironing some of baby's clothes. Ma spent the afternoon at the cemetery with the boys. Mrs Greene, Mrs Churchill and Maggie Peebles were here.

Sunday, November 12, 1871-We have put the time in very faithfully attending the services at the church. Sunday School and church in the morning Union Prayer meeting in the afternoon and Mass meeting in the evening. The services were held under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. In the morning Mr Byers, Mr Parkes from Boston and Mr Smith from Lynn Mass. spoke to the school. The services in the evening were led by Rev A.G. Byers and lasted two & a half hours. There were addresses by Mr Dr Wolf the Baptist minister also a few remarks by Mr Lowell regarding the work done and to be done by the Association. Reading by Rev Franklin prayer by Rev Stanley of Sixth street. The house was crowded. Baby has been at home with Mary the house girl all day. Mary is very careful and fond of her or I should not dare to leave her so much

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Monday, November 13, 1871-We were up early and decided to go in spite of the unfavorable state of the weather. It is cloudy but not raining, it is too cool for that. We hurried so fast as we could, expecting to go on the Chesapeake at 8 o'clock but Jimmie sent me word I need'nt hurry as the boat had not come down yet. I got all ready and my room straightened up. Noon came we had our dinner but still no boat. Alice Ross was in a few minutes this forenoon. Here I've made a mistake this was all intended for Wednesday the 15th.

This has been a lovely day and I have been busy getting ready to go to Ironton Wednesday. Jimmie sent word to Uncle Aleck that we would go if nothing happened. I cut and made a silk waist out of my sailor jacket. It was the first one I ever basted up and fitted all by myself. I got it nearly done by bedtime. Geo and Maggie Bell went away today. They expect to make Louisville their home. We will miss them very much.

Tuesday, November 14, 1871-This has been a dark, rainy day but I have been very busy. In the forenoon I went to the store to get the trimming for her cloak. When I came back I sewed on the cloak until dinner time. When the noon train came in it brought Ma Ricker who is going with us. After dinner I ironed until supper was ready and after supper I finished off several pieces of work. Made a night skirt for baby put the cord on her cape, buttons on my dress and bows on my slippers.

Wednesday, November 15, 1871-We were ready early in the morning to start but found that the Chesapeake had not come down yet so we held ourselves in readiness all day for any boat that should come along. After dinner Mary and I went up to Uncle Enos' to see cousin Julia Young and the children. The baby is such a cunning little thing, it has long dark hair and Mary said looks as though it might be five or six months years old. It has turned very cold and is not very favorable for taking a young baby traveling for the first time. We did not get started until four o'clock. There were several persons on board whom we knew and the trip was not so unpleasant after all. We did not reach Ironton until ten o'clock and had to leave our baggage on the wharf boat. We found Aunt Ad and Helen up but all the rest of the family had gone to bed. We did not get settled until about 11 o'clock.

Thursday, November 16, 1871-We met the family at breakfast this morning and received a hearty welcome from them all. After breakfast our trunk was brought up and I dressed baby. Mrs Ellison was in to see us and Helen went up and invited Mrs Meredith and Mrs Ferguson down to tea. They came late in the afternoon and took tea with us. Meeting Maggie Meredith was an unexpected pleasure as we did not know she was here. The family which we are visiting consists of Uncle Alex, Aunt Ad, Helen, Ned, Addie and Alex. jr. They are very pleasant and I think I shall like them all very much indeed. After tea Uncle Alex, Helen, Jimmie and I went to Dr Wilson's to a

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Mite Society and I enjoyed it very much considering the slight acquaintance I have among the people.

Friday, November 17, 1871-Baby slept until after breakfast this morning and by the time I had her dressed it was quite late. We always have a little washing to do for her lady-ship. We were invited up to cousin Libbie Ferguson's to tea and after dinner we began to get ready for it. Just before I got down stairs Mrs Addie Scott called and just after she left Mrs Dr Wilson called. When they were all gone we gathered up our things and went to cousin Libbie's. She had invited Uncle Alex & Aunt Ad, Mr & Mrs Ellison, Maggie Peebles and Mr & Mrs H.S. Neal. Mrs N. was sick and could not come but the others were all there and we spent a very pleasant evening. Saw Mattie Wood for a few minutes but she did not stay.

Saturday, November 18, 1871-Ma Ricker, Jimmie, baby and I were invited to spend the day at Mr Ellison's and Uncle Alex, Aunt Ad & Helen were invited to tea and spend the evening. I was all the forenoon getting ready, dressed baby twice and myself three times and finally got off. I have commenced a little crocheted shirt and took it with me to work on. Mrs Mather and her daughter and Mrs Bothwell called on us in the afternoon at Mrs Ellison's. Mr & Mrs Geo Scott were there to tea and just as we got through Mr Franklin came. He had come up to preach for Mr Keefer who had gone or was going to Portsmouth. Every place we go we have pleasant times.

Sunday, November 19, 1871-It was raining very hard when we got up this morning. I thought at first I would not go to church but afterward concluded to go. We heard Mr Calhoun preach a sermon on progress for a text which I happen to have forgotten. After dinner Helen asked me if I wanted to go to the Episcopal church with the Ellisons and I went and heard Mr Franklin. Did not go out in the evening.

Monday, November 20, 1871-Mrs Bothwell came to see us this morning and ask us there to tea, Ma, Jimmie, Helen and me. It was very unpleasant all day but after dinner I dressed to go and then Helen Ma Ricker and I went to return a few calls. We called on Mrs Mathers, Mrs Dr Wilson, Mrs Scott and Mrs Neal. Mr & Mrs Young called on us. We did not get around to Mr Bothwell's until quite late. Just before supper I was quite surprised to see Jimmie come walking in. He had told us good bye and gone to the river to go home but as the boat had not come he came out to tea. Oh, such a supper as was set before us. So many good things that we could not taste them all. Awhile after supper Jimmie said good by again and left.

Tuesday, November 21, 1871-We had invitations for this evening to a party at Mr Henry Neal's. It was very gloomy all day and I missed Jimmie very much. When we had eaten our dinner, Ma Ricker went up to Mrs Ferguson's and soon after cousin

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Sadie Crossley came in for a few minutes and after she was gone Helen and I went over to sit awhile with Mrs Ellison. Came back and dressed for the party. I was very sorry to have to go without Jimmie. It was a beautiful moonlight night and promptly at 7 ½ o'clock Helen and I were standing on the door step at Mr Neal's. I met several very pleasant persons and some whom I did not like as well. There were several young, married couples and a few unmarried ladies and gentlemen.

Wednesday, November 22, 1871-I was very busy all the forenoon getting ready to go to the Rock. I dressed baby and then myself, did a little washing packed my trunk and then Helen and I went to call on Mrs Young and Mrs Neal. It was snowing and very disagreeable. We saw Maggie Peebles who said she would be down on Saturday. After leaving there I went to do an errand and then got back and was ready promptly at 11 o'clock to leave. Uncle Alex had engaged a man with a very comfortable closed hack to take us down and we rather enjoyed our ride down. We found Aunt Wood and Mattie quite well and glad to see us. Maggie Meredith was there with her little Mattie. She loves baby dearly and keeps us in constant fear that she will hurt her though she does not mean to do so.

Thursday, November 23, 1871-We all went down to spend the day at cousin Sadie Crossley's. Her baby is four months old and is not nearly so large as mine. After dinner we, Maggie Meredith and I walked down to Capt Hempstead's to see the folks there. While there we heard the Fleetwood coming and so we started out and waited on the bank for Jimmie. I saw him before the boat landed and he was soon at my side. We walked back to Sadie's and after an early supper we went back to Aunt Wood's. Jimmie had been gone three days and nights and I was most glad to have him with me once more.

Friday, November 24, 1871-This has been a rainy gloomy day. It has been so a good deal of the time since we have been away from home but our pleasure was not wholly dependent upon the weather. We were at home all day. Jimmie took Maggie Meredith up to Ironton this afternoon. Mrs Clack was in to see us after dinner and soon after she left Mrs Hempstead and Aunt Hamilton called. Mrs Hempstead invited all down to spend the day tomorrow. Aunt Wood brought a large clothes basket down stairs and put a pillow in it for a bed. It is a very nice arrangement. We can carry her from one room to another without taking her out of it. I think she will have to have one when we go home.

Saturday, November 25, 1871-We were a long time getting ready to go to Mrs Hempstead's this morning. Jimmie had to go to Ironton after Maggie Peebles and he did not get back until nearly noon. We finally got ready and started. Aunt Wood, Maggie Peebles, Ma Ricker, Jimmie, baby and I went, cousin Sadie was there to

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dinner and a little while after but could not stay to tea. Just after tea it began to rain very hard and Mar Hempstead had Dan get the carriage to take us home. She is just as kind as she can be and we enjoyed our visit very much.

Sunday, November 26, 1871-Another rainy Sunday. Mattie went to S.S. and then came back and went to church with us. We were quite surprised this morning to find Rob Peebles had come late last evening. We had gone to sleep and knew nothing of the late arrival. We heard a very good sermon from Mr Young of Ironton. He gave out an appointment to preach at Pine Grove Furnace and after dinner Maggie and Rob concluded to take Aunt Hamilton's carriage and go. They had not been gone more than an hour until they came walking back, having left the horse and carriage about two miles up the road in rather a dilapidated condition. Jimmie went back with Rob and towards night they came back with the horse and carriage. Mattie has a class Sabbath afternoon and when she was ready for the singing I played for her. In the evening she went to church and got caught in the rain.

Monday, November 27, 1871-Our visit is out and today we prepared to start for home. Jimmie went to Ironton to take Mr Crossley and Rob and I went to work to pack and dress. It was noon before I was ready. Just as Aunt Wood told us dinner was ready we heard a boat whistle and supposing it was the Telegraph we made haste to say our good-byes and left. We were very sorry to do so but had to. Mrs Alice Williams and Mrs Adams called on us in the forenoon and we had to leave Mrs Adams there as she had decided to remain to dinner with us. Mrs Hempstead and the Dr came up to the store where we were waiting, to see us off and the boat came soon after and we started home. Mrs Martin of Ironton was the only person on board whom we knew. We did not get home until after dark and as there was a misunderstanding about the supper it was very late before we got any. I was glad to be at home in my own room once more. The folks were all delighted to see baby once more.

Tuesday, November 28, 1871-I began clearing up things in our trunk and drawers this morning but as Ma needed my assistance in making some things for grandma, I dropped my work and helped her all the forenoon. After dinner I put my trunk and drawers in order once more and then fixed myself up for supper. Hattie Sterett was in a little while. Ma Ricker was up to Mr Tewksbury's to dinner and just before supper Ma went down to Grandma's where she has to stay all night. This evening I have written for the past ten or twelve days and it has been quite a task and I am quite tired.

Wednesday, November 29, 1871-Grandma Smith died last night (Nov 28th) about midnight. She has lived a long life and been sick a great deal of the time and her release has been a happy one. Ma said she died very happy and easy. The funeral

was this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Ma sent word to me not to come down because it was so cold but the three girls and Pa went. It was very cold. **{Written in large script at lower portion of this page.}**

Margaret Russell Smith

died Nov 29th 1871

Aged 79 years 4 months 14 days

Born July 15, 1792

at Stout's Run, 3 miles from Rome Adams Co

Died at Alexandria Scioto Co. O.

Thursday, November 30, 1871-This is the regular annual Thanksgiving day. We all went to church in the forenoon and after church Pa and Ma Ricker went out to Uncle Drew's. We were all at home and spent our Thanksgiving in a very quiet way. After dinner Jimmie and I went to call on Julia Young.

Fannie, Mary, Raph and little Lu Young were here and they and Lizzie had a grand time which was finished up by Lizzie's going home with the children to stay all night. In the evening Pa, Mary, Jennie, Jimmie and I went to Mr Thornton's concert.

Friday, December 1, 1871-I have been at work on baby's shirt all my spare moment today. She is getting to be quite a large baby now and is growing in knowledge and attractiveness as she grows in size. We all are very much devoted to her and try not to spoil her and so far we have been very successful. Mrs Dr Norton and Mrs Droulliard called.

Saturday, December 2, 1871-It has been very bright and pleasant though not very warm today, we can't expect warm weather in December. This time last year it was delightful. Pa and Ma Ricker have been visiting at Uncle Drew's and Mr Tewksbury's and just came back today in time for dinner. We had preparatory lecture this afternoon to which we all went and when I came home Mrs Jno Nichols was standing on our door step. Soon after Mrs Ed Bolles, Mrs Eggleston Lodwick and Mrs Jas Nichols called. Ma, Mary, Pa & Ma Ricker went out to see Sallie and her baby but she was over to Ella's so they went there. I have been fixing over my white hat today. This morning I covered a shirt board which Jimmie brought me last night. Grandpa Ricker

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bought a large clothes basket and sent it up for baby to stay in this winter. I can keep her warmer in it than in the bed.

I gave Mary \$5.00

Sunday, December 3, 1871-It is one year today since we reached home from our trip to New Orleans, and is much colder and more unpleasant than it was at that time. We went to Sabbath School and church in the forenoon. Communion in the afternoon and I went to prayer meeting in the evening. Jimmie went to the Y.M.P.M. with his father. It is turning much colder.

Monday, December 4, 1871-It has turned cold very rapidly the thermometer fell several degrees between 9 and 10 o'clock this morning, one degree every ten minutes and at seven or eight this evening it was only 11 (degrees) above zero. Pa and Ma Ricker went home this morning on the train. We heard at noon today of the death of three persons whom we knew, Harry Gregory died yesterday evening also old Mrs Davey who has been sick a long time. A dispatch was received by Mr Peebles announcing the death of Mrs Mattie Derby in Omaha. She was a sister of Maggie Coles who will feel her loss very much. Dr McDowell came and vaccinated baby again today and then went out to vaccinate Sallie Peebles' baby. Barbara went to her brother's to be gone a week.

Tuesday, December 5, 1871-It has grown so bitter cold that it is little use to try to do anything but keep warm, and we have serious fears that the supply of coal will fail us as it is very short and the river is very low and ice beginning to make it's appearance. I did not go out of the house today and I believe no one was here. I tried to make over an old silk but between the cold and the baby I did not get much done. Since I think of it I believe Aunt Mary and cousin Julia Young were here a little while. This morning Ma went to Harry Gregory's funeral and after dinner she went to Mrs Darcy's funeral.

Wednesday, December 6, 1871- I commenced giving Fanny music lessons again today. She has not taken any for more than four months. I went to prayer meeting in the evening with the girls, I have not been to a Wednesday night lecture before for a long time. Jimmie was there to come home with us. Baby is four months old today and has just discovered that she can sit up in her basket and prefers that to lying on her back. Jimmie had letters tonight from both Pa and Ma Ricker. It is not quite so cold today as yesterday.

Thursday, December 7, 1871- The weather has moderated since yesterday and the ladies seem to be taking advantage of the change. This forenoon Ma and I took baby

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down to try and get a picture of her but Mr Grooms was out when we went there and she became tired and impatient before he was ready so I fear it will all be to do over again. After dinner it was so pleasant that I felt that I ought to go out and make some calls but home was pleasant and the desire to stay here with baby was stronger than any wish to go out so I stayed. Mrs Peter Kinney, Mrs B.P. Hoomes, Lake Lewis, Kate Newman, bride, and Ella Bonsall were here. In the evening Jimmie, Jennie, Enos and I went to the Tableaus & concert given by the Ladies Missionary society of our church. Lizzie went with Tom Overturf.

Friday, December 8, 1871- It is still cold and bright. I tried to get ready to go to get ready to go to the gallery with baby again this morning but failed to do so. Ma went and had some pictures of herself taken. Aunt Maria came up to Uncle Enos' yesterday and had some pictures of herself taken. Aunt Maria came up to Uncle Enos' yesterday and was here a few minutes this morning. After dinner Ma and I went with baby and got a negative with both of us on it, mine was not good and when it was rubbed out it left a tolerably good one of her. When we left there Ma went up to Mrs Johnson's and I took baby up to Mrs Jones, we made quite a visit there and when it became nearly supper time I went to the store after Jimmie. Just after I left Maggie's she came running after me to say that her mother had just taken a pan of hot rolls from the oven and had a plate full ready for me to bring home. They were very nice, Mrs J. is one of the kindest most motherly ladies whom I know and often has some thing of the kind for me when I go there. M, Mary, John & Jimmie went to the tableaus this evening and Pa Ricker came home with them. It was quite a surprise to us. We did not know he was in town. Jimmie bought a lamp for us today and we are going to stop using gas.

Saturday, December 9, 1871- Pa Ricker went home this morning and as soon as I could get ready I was off to the gallery again. This makes the third day I have put in at it but I shall not regret the loss of time if I succeed in getting a good picture. The novelty has worn off with her and there was only one instant when it would have been possible to get the picture and I believe we succeeded that time in getting a very good one of both of us. From then I took baby up to see Maggie Peebles and she wanted us to stay to dinner, so I went and told Jimmie and then home to tell the folks not to wait for us and went back. Mr Southerd and Laura Loughry were here this morning and after dinner Ma and I went out and returned about a dozen calls. At Mrs Miller's we met Mrs Gaylord and Mrs Daniel who had just left our house. After that we called on Mrs Bolles, Mrs Tracy & Clara Morris, Mrs C.D. Elden, Mrs Iams & Mrs Gharky, Mrs Dennis, Mrs Rifenberick, Mrs Reed, Mrs Richeson, Mrs Pursell, & Julia, Mrs McCall, Mrs Cunningham, Frank and Mrs Keppler.

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Sunday, December 10, 1871- It is growing colder again today. We went to Sabbath school and church in the forenoon and children's meeting in the afternoon. Mr & Mrs Rumsey had their youngest boy baptized and call him Blackfield. Uncle Sam was here a little while this afternoon. Baby's vaccination is taking this time and begins to look quite sore. She had just discovered today that she has feet and can play with them she is learning something every day now.

Monday, December 11, 1871-I did not go out calling this afternoon as I had planned to do because it was too windy and unpleasant. I had made my arrangements for that and did not feel like doing anything else so the day was about lost.

Tuesday, December 12, 1871-This forenoon I did my usual work and dressed to go out in the afternoon. After dinner Mary and I went and made a few calls. Went to Alice Young's, to Mrs Stearnes, Mrs Waller's, Mrs Dunlap's, Mrs Robinson's, Mrs Buskirk's, Mrs D.S. Johnson's, Mrs T.G. Lloyd's and to Em Johnson's to call on her friend Miss Ella Sharp who had not arrived. In the evening we went to a Teacher's meeting held at Mr J.B. Nichols' and had as good a time as at any other kind of a party. The teachers were requested to bring their wives and husbands and he gave us a real party supper to which we did ample justice. I went this morning and got baby's pictures, fifteen for which I paid \$4.00. I have some from four different negatives.

Wednesday, December 13, 1871-I believe I have been at home all day not doing much of anything, my doings now days are scarcely worth recording only I don't want to abandon my journals entirely. I had intended devoting this week to calling but the weather is not very favorable and I suppose the effort of yesterday will be the last as well as first. I also had intended going to church but a cold interfered.

Thursday, December 14, 1871-It was so bright and frosty this morning that I thought I would take a walk so I went down to the store, Reilly's, to see Em Spry and then home again. After dinner Ma went down and brought Em up to stay a few days with us. Just as they came in I was starting out again and went to see Lizzie Cochran but did not succeed in getting in. Went in to see Julia Young a little while and then to Mrs Bolles to get some ivy to try and grow in my room. In the evening Jimmie and I went to Em Voorheis' to the organization of a Young married folks club for improvement and entertainment this winter. Mr Johnson was here playing chess with Pa, Jennie and Lizzie were having a candy pulling and I left Therza and Grace visiting Emma when I went away.

Friday, December 15, 1871-As soon as I had dressed and put baby to sleep I went up to see Uncle Sam but the boat had not come up yet so I came home. After dinner

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I went again. I went down to the store to see Jimmie and we went to Reilly's together to see what was to be seen. Ma and Emma went out to the green house and got some plants and then Em went home to stay until tomorrow. In the evening Dr McDowell came and vaccinated all of us children and Jimmie, Pa and Ma would not have it tried on them.

Saturday, December 16, 1871-I have been at home all day. Emma came back about dinner time and Therza with her but she did not stay. I have wasted this day vainly endeavoring to put together the tidy which I have been engaged in making. After it was all ready to put together I discovered where my mistake was in making the pieces. Fanny did not come to take her lesson today, neither did she Wednesday.

Sunday, December 17, 1871-We were very late getting ready this morning but succeeded in reaching Sabbath School in time. The teachers and scholars are getting up a testimonial for Mr Bell. I gave a dollar and my girls gave 1.75 towards it. He has served long and faithfully and I think deserves something of the kind. I went to church in the forenoon but not in the evening. It has been cloudy all day and in the afternoon it began to sprinkle a little. We are very much in need of a good long rain and I hope we will have it before it changes again.

Monday, December 18, 1871-It has been growing colder instead of raining though it is still cloudy. The river is about as nearly dry as it gets to be. The Bostona is laid up again, the Andes gone to New Orleans and the Shamrock which was chartered, obliged to give up trying to run. I commenced working on my linen pillow covers this afternoon, there is a great deal of work on them and I don't know when I shall finish them but intend to make it my principal business if I can until they are finished. I also have a set of toilette mats on hand and when it is too dark to embroider I can crochet.

Tuesday, December 19, 1871-It has turned a great deal colder today. Our club met at John Peebles' this evening and when Jimmie and I started out there was an inch or two of snow on the ground and still falling. Several members were absent but we had a good deal of amusement anyway. The programme for the evening was carried out and consisted of the reading of a burlesque set of bylaws, two, three minute speeches by Messrs Voorheis and Overturf, a charade of the delegation from the Cooper House and one by Messrs Peebles, Overturf, Bannon, Voorheis and their wives and Mrs Mary Glidden. When we came home it was fearfully cold and not snowing.

Wednesday, December 20, 1871-The weather is snapping cold, the thermometer is sinking to the bottom. None of our folks went to church tonight it was so bitter cold

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and the church is never warm. Mary has been devoting herself to fruit cake again this week. Emma is not improving very much. I fear she is very weak but does not seem to realize her condition at all. Some one or more members of the family are here every day to see her and seem very glad to have her here. They seem to feel that she can have better care than she would at home. Ma does everything she can and they have great confidence in her abilities.

Today at 2 ½ o'clock in Galesburg Ill. Alice D. Chandler was married to Mr C.G. Chandler of Chicago.

Thursday, December 21, 1871-It is very cold today the river is closed and people have been crossing on the ice all day. It is dry and clear and pleasant for cold weather. After dinner Mary and I went out and called on Miss Sharp at Mr Johnson's and Miss Iams at Mr James' also at Aunt Mary's, Mrs Draper and several of the stores. We met Jimmie on the street and he went with us to get some unbias for the girls. In the evening Mr Pursell & family, Mr Helphenstein & family, Therza Spry, Uncle Sam, Aunt Mary & the children, Cousins Duvall and Lu came in to spend the evening and we had a pantomime show for Emma's entertainment, more particularly for her but the others all enjoyed it very much too.

Friday, December 22, 1871-We have not been making any preparations for Christmas this year but as the time draws near Mary and I concluded we must make an effort to do something for the children. We took Jimmie and Ma into the ring and silently but surely the plans are being perfected. A casual remark of Jimmie's suggested the idea of a tree for Maggie on which will be hung such things as we may have ready for each of us have some little thing notwithstanding our carelessness in the matter of providing before hand. Jimmie brought his book up this evening and I tried to help him on his accounts but only succeeded in making out three. He brought up a little tree after supper and I put it in the front parlor thinking it safe from discovery there as we want it to be a complete surprise to all but our selves. Jimmie gave me \$15.00 and I gave \$5.00 to Mary B_

Saturday, December 23, 1871-This afternoon I made an attempt to pop some corn for the bags but did not succeed very well. After supper I went to work again and kept at it until I had enough for the desired purpose. After the children had all gone to bed we collected what things we had for the tree in my room and marked them and put them in the bureau drawer all ready to put on the tree when the time came.

Sunday, December 24, 1871-Sabbath school passed off as usual this morning but Rev Mr Kelsey preached instead of Dr Pratt who has gone to Jackson to preach. I did not go out in the afternoon or evening.

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Monday, December 25, 1871-Last night just at 12 o'clock I wakened and called Jimmie who got up and we then took the little tree and drawerful of things down to the back parlor and after planting the tree in the stand of the piano stool we hung what we could on it and put the rest of the things on the table. After all our talk about not having anything, everybody was supplied. I got a picture of Ma and one of Pa, a towel rack, a pair of pillow slips and a book. I had pictures of baby for each one for a surprise. Pa gave Jimmie a high silk hat and he has finally consented to wear it, Pa & Ma have wanted him to ever since he has been here. After dinner we went down to Mr Helphenstein's and found several things on their tree, among them a dress for Maggie from Emma Spry. I am afraid Em will never see her near it. In the evening we went to the S.S. celebration which was quite a success. Mr Bell received a handsome testimonial from the teachers and one from the scholars. Silver water service and silver fruit & flower stand.

Tuesday, December 26, 1871-The best half of our Christmas came today in a letter from Pa Ricker which should have come in last night's mail. He sent \$100.00, \$25.00 for me, \$25.00 for baby and \$50.00 to be divided among the rest of the family as we thought best. Jimmie and I went to Mr Zoellner's and bought Pa a pair of sleeve buttons for 12.00, Mary a handkerchief holder for 10.00, Jennie the earrings to match her pin, for 5.00, Lizzie a plain gold ring for 5.00, and a 5.00 bill for each of the boys and the 8.00 that was left we gave Ma. I enjoyed getting those things more than I did my share of the money. Mary had company this evening but was disappointed in nearly half her guests, there were about thirteen absentees. About half of those present were strangers visiting here. Miss Sharp with Em Johnson, Miss Iams and her brother, Miss Darlington, Miss Ross with Mattie Gaylord & Will Brayton. There are a good many strangers in the city now.

Wednesday, December 27, 1871-This forenoon it was quite pleasant, not very cold but we don't know what a few hours may bring. I thought it would be a good time to go up to cousin Duvall's to tea as it was quite pleasant and he is at home so at noon I sent word that I would go as soon after dinner as I could. By the time Lizzie and I were ready to start it had begun to turn cold and I never knew it to change so rapidly. Soon after we got there we heard the Shamrock coming and cousin Duvall had to leave before we had supper after all. He had his and hurried off, was just going out the door when Jimmie came in.

Thursday, December 28, 1871-It turned fearfully cold last night and today the river is full of ice again. We have had several just such changes in fact we have had no other kind of weather this winter. This afternoon Pa, Ma and Mary went around to Uncle Sam's to call on the folks from Olney. Mr & Mrs White, Addie Gunn that was,

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Lora Gunn, Miss Florence Bailly and Miss Carrie Spring. About 3 ½ o'clock Aunt Mary, Lora, Miss Spring and Miss Bailly called here on their way to the foundry and I went with them. When we came as far as Court street on our way home I left them and went to the store for Jimmie.

Friday, December 29, 1871-There has been another change and everything is covered with a sheet of ice and the rain falling slowly. We all stayed in the house as much as possible today but when evening came, Mary, Jennie, the boys and I went to church. It is the first time I have been to a Friday night meeting for several months. We all had to walk in the street and then were in some danger of falling. Mary and I were over to see Gussie Haldeman a few minutes this evening. She came last night on the train.

Saturday, December 30, 1871-We have had some callers this morning notwithstanding the soft state of the weather and streets. Mr Chandler and Debbie called in the forenoon and just after they left Mattie Gaylord and Miss Ross called. In the afternoon Laura Loughry and afterwards, the two Misses Switzer were here. We did not feel half satisfied with our visit from Debbie this morning and they came down and spent the evening with us.
I gave Mary \$5.00.

Sunday, December 31, 1871-The last day of this year has come and the last page of my book will soon be filled, there has been much pleasure and little sorrow in the year that has passed my only regret is for neglected opportunities and unimproved advantages. I trust I am not wholly ungrateful for all my blessings and will try to do better in the coming year. I was at S.S. and church in the forenoon. It rained very hard in the afternoon and evening. None of us were out in the evening on account of the rain.

In the back of the book on the 'Memoranda' pages are a list of expenses.

Expenses

March 5 th	S.S. & Ch.	.55
" 12 th	"	.05
" 13 th	Zephyrs ct	3.80
	washing	1.00
		.05
" 25 th	To Mr Putnam	10.00

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"	31 st Stamps	.75
	Buttons	.30
	Music	.40
"	11 th Rouphein	5.97
	Corset	3.00
"	31 st Washing	1.00
April 2 nd		.05
"	3 rd Dress	10.19
"	6 th Buttons (25)	
	Oranges (60)	.85
"	Washing	1.00
	Candy	.10
9 th		.05
10 th	Hat	5.55
14 th	Washing	1.00
17 th	Silk floss	.75
Fare on "Belle"		1.25
20 th	Lectures	1.50
22 nd	O'Hara Lecture	.50
	Washing	.75
24 th	Dry goods	12.00
	Writing Paper	.45
	Washing	.75
	Vegetables	<u>1.05</u>
		<u>63.91</u>
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May 4 th	Washing	.75
8 th	Memorial Fund	5.00
13 th	Necktie	1.26

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	17th	Stamping	.60
18th		Washing 2 Wks	1.50
23rd		Flannel linens & thread	2.05
24th		Floss & buttons	.37
25th		Washing	.75
"		Dry goods by Ma	2.00
31st		Trimmings	.92
June 5th		Knittel	(1.60)
		M. Lloyd	(.60)
		Washing	(.75)= 2.95
10th		Washing	.75
17th		"	.75
29th		" (2 weeks)	1.50
30th		Anderson's bill	1.90
"		Connolley's "	21.00
July 6th		Washing	.75
8th		Medicine	3.80
10th		Buttons	.37
15th		Washing	.75
22nd		Sleeve buttons	.37
28th		Brunner	1.68
"		Silk of Aunt Mary	5.00
31st		Washing (2seeks)	1.50
July 28th		Connolley	3.29
Aug 4th		Washing	.75
5th		Stamps	.15
Sept 4th		Washing	<u>.75</u>
			<u>78.83</u>

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Sept 5th	Watermelon	.25	
	Kate Glover for skirt	5.00	
15th	Linen Diapers	2.00	
16th	Connolley	8.90	
	Yoakly	1.10	
Oct	Baby's sack	1.85	
	Toll on bridge	.20	
	Stamping	.65	
	Gloves	2.00	
	Star Braid	1.65	
	Wash for Silver	.50	
Nov 21st	Paper weight	1.25	
22nd	Lidy cotton	.25	
Dec 2nd	Mary B	5.00	
22nd	Mary B	5.00	
30th	Mary B	<u>5.00</u> = 15.00	
		38.60	total from page 3
		78.83	total from page 2
		63.91	total from page 1
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		<u>5.97</u>	>
		244.26	
		9.00	

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Nov 3 1870	from Uncle Enos	\$100.00
Nov 8th	from Pa Ricker	50.00
27th	from J.W. Ricker	50.00
Dec 5th	J.W. Ricker	20.00
Dec 31st	" "	20.00
March 3rd		5.00
27th		20.00
April 13th		24.00
April 19th	from Pa Ricker	100.00
22nd	J.W. Ricker	10.00
May 5th		15.00
20th		2.00
June 17th		12.90
26th		.10
28th		20.00
July 20th		.25
Sept 4th		2.00
5th		25.00
Nov 4th		2.00
Nov 10th		15.00
Nov 30th		3.50
Dec 8th		12.00
22nd		<u>15.00</u>

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