

Diary of Louisiana Moore Ricker—1882

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Sunday, January 1, 1882. Quite cold, freezing the mud in the streets, but the absence of wind makes it seem less cold than yesterday. As Jas was out at the fire last night and came home with his clothes wet and stiff, he did not feel able to go to S.S. The children went alone and then he and I with the four older children went to church. Dr. Pratt gave us an historical sketch of the past 80 years of the church since he began his work here, 30 years this week he said. At Communion service the names of six or seven persons were read as having been rec'd by letter.

Monday, January 2, 1882. Cold and clear. Jennie started home but had to return as the train was late and she would miss connections. She and her children spent the afternoon and took tea with us. I've been mending all day and am tired. Pa gave Maggie a diary to begin on. Went to prayer meeting this AM.

Tuesday, January 3, 1882. Somewhat colder this morning. Ma, Jennie and I attended the 9 AM prayer meeting at All Saints' chapel after which Jennie finished her preparations for leaving and I came home to get the children and my knitting and then went to see her off. Went to prayer meeting in the evening with Maggie and Willie for company. Judge and Mrs. Towne left for Washington where the Judge has a secretary-ship with Hon. H. S. Neal.

Wednesday, January 4, 1882. Went to prayer meeting at the Baptist church this morning. Snow began to fall before daylight and it is quite cold. The snow fell steadily all day and when we went to ch in the evening it was several inches deep and still falling. Wrote to Mother Ricker and enclosed a letter from Mary to her also. The children have enjoyed the snow today, it was quite a treat to them.

Thursday, January 5, 1882. Colder and clearer. The meeting was held in Bigelow chapel this morning and I waded up through the snow, the walking was hard work but I enjoyed the meeting. Mrs. Dr. Jones' sister was buried from her house today but I did not go. Did not know the lady or hear of her illness until this morning. Dr. Kline vaccinated Mary again today, being the 3rd time in less than a year. The small pox is spreading all over the country.

Friday, January 6, 1882. Another change in the weather has melted the snow to slush and rain was the order of the day. Ma and I went to p. m. at 6th St. M. E. Ch, thence to see Lizzie and then I came home. Went to prayer meeting at our church in the evening, stepped into a water puddle and will probably have cold as a result.

Saturday, January 7, 1882. Weather wet, gloomy and cold. I got up with a stiff neck, back and shoulders of course had to stay in the house all day. The pain grew worse rather than better and the day proved to be rather a hard one for me. Mary was over quite early in the morning and it was all the call I had during the day.

Sunday, January 8, 1882. Was not able to go out anywhere today. The folks went to S. S. as usual, then to church, four of the children going. Lizzie told me upon her return that she did not bring me any of the sermon because she was too sleepy. Afternoon was spent in lessons, most of it that is to say. While we were resting Uncle Enos and Aunt Mary came in for a little while. Uncle Jimmie was here to tea.

Monday, January 9, 1882. Weather rather more pleasant. The sun shone out brightly all the afternoon. Mary and Ma each made me short calls today, I am still unable to go out and feel quite stiff and sore. I finished a crocheted mitten for Maggie and began the mate to it hoping that I'll not lose the finished one as I did the first one I made.

Tuesday, January 10, 1882. Rainy and gloomy. Am still quite lame. Jas and I were invited to attend a meeting of the Ports Reading club at Uncle Enos' this evening but of course I was not able to go. Jas went to a meeting of the G. A. R. and was gone until about 10 o'clock. I almost finished Maggie's other mitten, in the evening. Letter from Mother Ricker.

Wednesday, January 11, 1882. Weather mild for the season, damp and uncomfortable. Ma and Lizzie were here awhile, I am still very sore and unfit for anything. Wrote to Mother Ricker as usual this evening. Finished Maggie's mitten and she at last has a pair that she can wear.

Thursday, January 12, 1882. There is a great difference in the weather of today and one year ago today. Neither snow nor ice now. I am not much better yet of my lameness between my shoulders. Had a note from Lucy Rifenberick this evening saying Maggie Bell and Ida Cragg arrived this morning, and asking me to call and see them. Mrs. Robt Fulton and Mrs. Jos Fulton called this afternoon.

Friday, January 13, 1882. Rained all day steadily, am some better but cannot go out of course. Made two new unbleached waists for Maggie's red flannel skirts and one of the skirts I washed and put the new waist to it. Am busy all the time though it tires me greatly sometimes.

Saturday, January 14, 1882. Weather really pleasant, quite warm for the season but damp of course. Ma and I went this afternoon to call upon Maggie Bell and Ida Cragg, met Lizzie then also Maggie and Mary Peebles. We called at Mrs. Greene's also and by the time we got started homeward it was quite chilly. Went to the N. Y. Store to get some yarn for the children to knit. Willie knits nicely and likes to do it.

Sunday, January 15, 1882. Not cold but damp and as we were coming home from church, it began to rain. We had to almost run, not having our umbrellas with us. We spent the entire afternoon on our lessons, reading, singing, ect.

Monday, January 16, 1882. Wet, rainy and disagreeable. I was at home all forenoon but after dinner, wrapped myself in rain clothes and went to see Mr. Brodbeck about my bill, found 12.42 error in my fares which was made right, bought 42 cts worth and then went to sit awhile with Mary Murphy, then home a few minutes. Dr. Kline vaccinated Jas., Maggie, Willie, Carl, Mary, Emma Williams and me.

Tuesday, January 17, 1882. Cold, wet and disagreeable. Have been at home all day and had no company until tea time when Fannie came to ask the loan of a trunk for Mary who is going to Cinn to visit Puss Tracy tomorrow. Fannie stayed and took a bowl of bread and milk with us.

Wednesday, January 18, 1882. Weather gloomy and damp. Both Ma and Mary was here this morning on their way up to see Mary Moore and say goodbye. I was not out anywhere, wrote to Mother Ricker in the evening and went to bed very tired. Have made Lizzie a new white flannel skirt, trimmed with an edge Lizzie crocheted for her. Also did some work on a new lot of bibs.

Thursday, January 19, 1882. Disagreeable. Worked most of the day on the nine bibs which were all quilled and some of them, one or two, bound. It takes a great deal of time to cut and baste them though they look very plain and simple when done.

Friday, January 20, 1882. More bad, uncomfortable weather which I improved by staying at home and sewing on the bibs. I am also experimenting on a table, trying to ebonize it and hope to make a success of it if I ever get it done. There seems to be numberless little things to be done and the days though long enough to tire me, are too short for my work.

Saturday, January 21, 1882. Wet, sloppy and disagreeable, however I went out both forenoon and afternoon. Went to see Mrs. Prescott and Clara Pursell before dinner and after dinner I went down street to do some errands, called at Uncle Enos', Mrs. Prescott's again and lastly over home. After the children were in bed, Jimmie and I went up to sit awhile with Rich and Lizzie as she is not very well.

Sunday, January 22, 1882. It was a real treat to look out and see the mud frozen hard and the beginning of a bright clear day after so many dark ones. Carl was not well enough to go to S. S. so Lizzie went in his place and probably will not want to remain at home anymore. Those of us who were well enough attended church. Ma

and I went to 6th Street M. E. to hear Mrs. Matthews's report of her city missionary work.

Monday, January 23, 1882. Bright and frosty. Was busy all the forenoon with little nothings which take time and leave no evidence of work. Mary was over and asked me to go and see her little tete-a-tete set which she bought for herself. Pa was sick and after dinner I took some button holes to make and went over. Afterwards I went out to inquire about Clara Pursell and was told that she has a second daughter one who arrived Saturday evening. Maggie Bell and Lucy Rifenberick called this afternoon.

Tuesday, January 24, 1882. Weather quite pleasant but rather too cold for me. I went this afternoon to call at Mrs. Tewksbury's, Mrs. Peebles', Mrs. Lowell's (for Ma), Mollie Murray's, Lizzie's, and lastly to see Hattie Damarin who expects to return to Trenton next Monday.

Wednesday, January 25, 1882. Rained quite hard in the night, was icy in the forenoon and then thawed and rained again later in the day. Had letters from Jennie Ricker at Vassar and Mother Ricker. The children are all nearly sick with cold, all five of them cough hard. Amanda came to see me.

Thursday, January 26, 1882. Weather very disagreeable. Pa is still quite sick and I try to spend as much time there as possible. Maggie coughs hard and is not well so she remained at home today. Wrote to Mother Ricker, was too tired last night. Therza Spry was here this afternoon and we had a nice visit and a talk of old times and friends.

Friday, January 27, 1882. Rainy and disagreeable. Maggie is not very well and stayed at home from school again today, her vaccinations not taking properly but seems to make her sick. It did not rain after dinner so I went out to see how Clara and her little daughter were and found them doing well. Our cow is sick and we had to get milk from Ma to supply Mrs. Kehoe.

Saturday, January 28, 1882. Weather partly bright, partly cloudy. Maggie was invited to spend today with Isabel Murray, it being her 10th birthday but not being well enough to go so far, she went over home to visit. Pa does not seem very much better and I feel quite anxious to see him improve. Earl Pursell came down to spend the day with Willie.

Sunday, January 29, 1882. Bright and pleasant looking most of the day. Willie was the only member of the family who went to S. S. or church. Jas couldn't leave the cow and I couldn't leave the children. Pa is still sick with erysipelas so Ma couldn't leave him. I went over to see him once or twice but found so much other company that I didn't stay long.

Monday, January 30, 1882. Clear and cold. Pa is much better today but my little folks are all half sick, the nurse girl included. The worst case though is poor Rose the cow who seems as though she must die. Jas and some men have been working with her several days and she seems to grow worse all the time. I was up half the night with the children. Maggie is out of school.

Tuesday, January 31, 1882. A deep snow covered the ground this morning, it looks bright and cheery without but we know what always follows a snow in this latitude. Poor Rose lingered until noon and died. We were glad her sufferings were ended but will miss her sadly as we were all much attached to the gentle, pretty and useful creature. Was over to see Mary Murphy this morning.

Wednesday, February 1, 1882. This morning the snow is crisp and very slippery, I only went as far as Pa's to sit awhile with him. My morning call was not long but after dinner I went again to read from Tupper's Proverbial Philosophy Subjection and Gifts being his selections. Wrote to Mother R. in the evening. Made a new red flannel skirt for Lizzie.

Thursday, February 2, 1882. There has been sufficient sunshine to melt some of the snow and make very bad walking today. Altered 3 prs pillow covers this AM and made a short call over home. Pa was sitting up. After dinner I went again and read the battle of Waterloo¹ in the 15 Decisive Battles of the World². After that Willie and I walked up to Lizzie's, saw Maggie Peebles there who said Mrs. Hamilton had a pkg for the children which he went and got. It twas her usual Christmas remembrance and may be the last as she is quite feeble. Wrote to Bartie Greene.

Friday, February 3, 1882. Bright overhead, muddy beneath. Pa is improving slowly. Read from Sketchbook to him. Crocheted on hood for Lizzie between times. John Peebles spent the day here. Bartie Greene is 4 years old. Miss Fanny Switzer called. Was up to see Grandma and down street this morning. Carl is not well, Maggie not much better.

¹ The Battle of Waterloo was fought on Sunday, 18 June 1815, near Waterloo in present-day Belgium, then part of the United Kingdom of the Netherlands. A French army under the command of Napoleon Bonaparte was defeated by two of the armies of the Seventh Coalition: a British-led Allied army under the command of the Duke of Wellington, and a Prussian army under the command of Gebhard Leberecht von Blücher, Prince of Wahlstatt. The battle marked the end of the 20 year Napoleonic Wars.

² *The Fifteen Decisive Battles of the World: from Marathon to Waterloo* is a book written by Sir Edward Shepherd Creasy and published in 1851. This book tells the story of the fifteen military engagements, which, according to the author, had a significant impact on world history. The selection reflects the worldview of a 19th-century European with a classical education: fourteen of the battles took place in the arc of historically interconnected military theatres which stretched from Persia through the Mediterranean Basin to Europe, and one was fought by European powers and former colonies in North America.

Saturday, February 4, 1882. Snow again this morning. It fell softly and continuously most of the day but will probably not last long, as the air is very mild. Did not go over home until after dinner and then read from the Old English Reader and Introduction to Pa who seems to enjoy it very much. While at home I did little but mend, and prepare for Sabbath.

Sunday, February 5, 1882. Bright and soft like a spring day. Maggie ventured out to S. S. and church again today with her father and Willie. The rest of us remained at home. For some reason my strength gave out before my work was done this morning and I was obliged to stop awhile before I could finish. Did not go over home as Pa always has plenty of company on Sunday and I have a great deal to do at home.

Monday, February 6, 1882. So mild that the snow has all disappeared except in the shady spots and the streets are in miserable condition. Did some shopping for Emma and called to see Pa in the forenoon. After dinner Mary and I took little Mary to have her picture taken. Rec'd cards to a Reception at Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Rifenberick's for tomorrow in honor of Mrs. G. H. Bell and Ida Cragg. Jas bought a cow. Read to Pa.

Tuesday, February 7, 1882. Showery all day with hard rain late in the day. We heard that Mr. Spry was dead and after I had called to see Pa, Ma, Mary and I started down to see Mrs. Spry. Met Lizzie and she went also. We found him better and the family quite encouraged. I did some errands, bought some note paper and sent regrets to the Reception. It is just 7 months today since Sallie Peebles died. Read to Pa again.

Wednesday, February 8, 1882. Weather mild, and damp. Have been trying to fix over my wrapper³, had to wash it over again today and then washed some old pantaloons to make over for Willie. After dinner I went over to read again for Pa and at night I wrote to Mother Ricker. I was very tired when my day's work was done. Ella Bonsall and Alice Higgins were here today, we are invited to take tea at Ella's Friday.

Thursday, February 9, 1882. Mild but very damp, it looked really tempting in the afternoon but I did not go farther than over home to read to Pa. He is better but dares not read owing to his eyes. I am trying to sew a little but find little time for it after the morning work is done. I am thankful to record that the Dr's treatment

³ *Wrapper*: a loose robe or gown, a sort of Victorian version of a housedress.

during the year just closed has been a success and I am better in every way than for years past.

Friday, February 10, 1882. Bright, warm and lovely. I had intended sewing but the sun coaxed me out to try Mary's photo again. Read a little to Pa while she was napping then took her to Fuller and Hathaway's. After dinner went to read to Pa and he had gone to take a walk but soon came back and I read the Battle of Saratoga⁴ then came home and dressed for the tea party at Ella Bonsall's. Mrs. Jones and Emma Williams called during my absence.

Saturday, February 11, 1882. Pleasant. Was too busy to leave home at all today, Pa went to the shop after dinner anyway. Maggie and Willie went to see Mattie Peebles and when they came home brought word that little Robbie Peebles died today noon of diphtheria. As Hattie has a babe only two weeks old it will go hard with her. I feel very sorry for her. Mrs. Theo Johnson called today. Mr. Zoellner brought our clock home again and Emma Williams went home on a visit. Finished off Lizzie's hood.

Sunday, February 12, 1882. Showery again all day. The children did not rest well last night and of course I did not so I was quite worn out and unable to go to church today. Mary's vaccination is taking very thoroughly this time. Mr. Richard Spry died this morning. I did not go over home and none of the family came to see us but I guess they are all well.

Monday, February 13, 1882. Rainy again until late in the afternoon when the sun came out beautifully. Jimmie and Maggie went to Mr. Peebles' to attend little Robbie's funeral but they had such a short service that it was all over when our folks reached the house. I was not away from home at all as the children are not very well and Lottie was washing and could not see after them.

Tuesday, February 14, 1882. Rather pleasant but the pavements are cold and damp, consequently not safe to stand upon and while I was attending Mr. Spry's funeral this afternoon I took a little cold and had a headache during the evening. Went over home to see Pa before dinner but could not stay very long. I went to Fuller and

⁴ The Battles of Saratoga (September 19 and October 7, 1777) marked the climax of the Saratoga campaign, giving a decisive victory to the Americans over the British in the American Revolutionary War. British General John Burgoyne led a large invasion army southward from Canada in the Champlain Valley, hoping to meet a similar British force marching northward from New York City and another British force marching eastward from Lake Ontario; the southern and western forces never arrived, and Burgoyne was surrounded by American forces in upstate New York. He fought two small battles to break out which took place 18 days apart on the same ground, 9 miles (14 km) south of Saratoga, New York. They both failed.

Hathaway's to order Mary's Photos. Ma came to stay with the children while I visited Pa.

Wednesday, February 15, 1882. A lovely bright, mild day. Was over home a few minutes on my way out to look for a washer woman to help Lottie. Ma went with me and we called to see Aunt Mary Sam. After dinner I saw Pa going to the shop so I stayed at home and worked. Mrs. Pond, Mrs. Merrill, and Mrs. Chas Nichols called. I wanted very much to go to church but was too tired and did not get through with the children in time.

Thursday, February 16, 1882. Rain began falling during the night and continued until long after bed time this evening. I went this morning to see another washerwoman. From there I went to see Gussie Haldeman and then stopped and read the Battle of Blenheim⁵ from the 15 Decisive Battles, to Pa who when I was ready to leave handed me a certificate of stock in the P. F. M. Wks. giving me fifty shares, he also gave the same to the others.

Friday, February 17, 1882. Mild and bright most of the day but towards evening it began to grow cold. Lottie and I spent the forenoon sweeping and dusting and after dinner I went over home and read the Battle of Metaurus and some poetical selections to Pa. Lizzie is not very well, she is the fourth one of the children who has had an eruption similar to chicken-pox.

Saturday, February 18, 1882. Cloudy in the forenoon but bright and pleasant in the afternoon. I went over and read to Pa before dinner as there is so much to be done in the afternoon that I can't be well spared from home. Mattie Peebles and Isabel Murray came to play with the children. I almost finished my wrapper upon which I have been working for almost two weeks. Read from Hugh Miller's Old Red Sandstone⁶.

Sunday, February 19, 1882. Very much like an April day, warm, showery and sunny by turns. Went to church in a shower and came home in one harder still. The

⁵ The Battle of Blenheim (German:Zweite Schlacht bei Höchstädt; French Bataille de Höchstädt), fought on 13 August 1704, was a major battle of the War of the Spanish Succession. The overwhelming Allied victory ensured the safety of Vienna from the Franco-Bavarian army, thus preventing the collapse of Grand Alliance. The Grand Alliance was a European coalition, consisting (at various times) of Austria, Bavaria, Brandenburg, the Dutch Republic, England, Ireland, the Palatinate of the Rhine, Portugal, Savoy, Saxony, Scotland, Spain and Sweden. It was originally formed in an attempt to halt Louis XIV of France's expansionist policies.

⁶ Hugh Miller was a Scottish self-taught geologist and writer whose geological work *The Old Red Sandstone* was published in 1841. The Old Red Sandstone is still a term used to collectively describe sedimentary rocks deposited as a result of the Caledonian orogeny in the late Silurian, Devonian and earliest part of the Carboniferous period. Miller committed suicide by shooting himself in the chest and died on 24 December 1856 at the age of 54.

children are all improving, Mary's arm is doing nicely and Lizzie feels better. Went to see Pa a few minutes, Mr. M. B. Gilbert was there as he has been every Sabbath afternoon since Pa has been confined to the house.

Monday, February 20, 1882. Very rainy most of the day, a gleam of sunshine broke through the clouds late in the day. Read the *Battle Chalons*⁷, where Attila King of the Huns was defeated by the German allies. Have accomplished very little in the way of sewing but am very tired tonight. Jas had to go to the Court House this evening on a case for the P. F. and M. Wks.

Tuesday, February 21, 1882. Quite cold and very windy. The river is very high and rising, it has not been so high for years. Cut out pants for Willie but did not sew any on them. Have at last finished off my wrapper and am wearing it again. After tea Jimmie and I went over to see Pa.

Wednesday, February 22, 1882. Quite cold and somewhat windy though the sun came out quite bright. Was over home as usual to see Pa and read to him. There was no celebration of the day aside from the firing of cannon a few times. Wrote to Mother Ricker in the evening.

Thursday, February 23, 1882. Rather cloudy and chilly. Worked on Willie's pants the little time I could get from housework and then went over to read awhile to Pa. After leaving there I went to look for a birthday card for Jennie Ricker but did not find it. Came home and had a call from Mrs. Warner. Wrote to Jennie Ricker in the evening.

Friday, February 24, 1882. A pleasant day which I have employed busily trying to finish a pair of pants for Willie but did not quite succeed. This is Jennie Ricker's birthday and also Mrs. Tewksbury's who is 51 as Jas says, she being ten years older than he. Maggie Bell made me a nice long call this afternoon, Mrs. Graham was here also. I afterwards went over and read a chapter of history to Pa, Thos Cromwell being the subject.

Saturday, February 25, 1882. Beautiful bright and warm. As Lottie was intending to leave for home at noon, I had to keep about the dinner and after she left, do all that

⁷ The Battle of Châlons took place on June 20, 451 AD, between a coalition led by the Roman general Flavius Aetius and the Visigothic king Theodoric I against the Huns and their vassals commanded by their king Attila. It was one of the last major military operations of the Western Roman Empire, although Germanic foederati composed the majority of the coalition army. Whether the battle was strategically conclusive is disputed: The Romans possibly stopped the Huns' attempt to establish vassals in Roman Gaul. However, the Huns successfully looted and pillaged much of Gaul and crippled the military capacity of the Romans and Visigoths. The Hunnic Empire was later dismantled by a coalition of their Germanic vassals at the Battle of Nedao in 454.

was to be done. I did not get to make the usual visit over home to see Pa. Mrs. Tewksbury and Mrs. Prescott called to see me.

Sunday, February 26, 1882. A beautiful day, so mild that it seems like rain. Lottie hurried through with her work and went home yesterday afternoon so I have had all the work to do today consequently could not go to church and did not go over home even as it took all my time to teach the children their lessons.

Monday, February 27, 1882. A lovely, spring-like day. Have been busy all day at home. Lottie's substitute, Amelia Wolfe came about 8:30 AM but as she was strange and had some washing to do, I was busy all day helping. Pa went to the office again today to attend to business after an absence of just five weeks. Ma was here a few minutes. But I had no other callers. Began sending milk to Mrs. Murphy.

Tuesday, February 28, 1882. Cloudy all day with four or five showers, some rather hard ones. I went over home in the rain just before supper to see how Pa was and take them a little cottage cheese. Began fixing up my black cashmere dress.

Wednesday, March 1, 1882. Weather pleasant again. Have been busy at home all day. Ma was here quite a long time this afternoon. Rich and Lizzie expect to go to Chillicothe tomorrow to attend Miss Jennie Waddel's wedding. He was here a few minutes this evening. Clara Pursell and her little boy were here in the afternoon. Jimmie left on the Fleetwood for Cin tonight. Wrote to Jennie.

Thursday, March 2, 1882. Lovely day, just like spring. Have been at home all day and had Ma, Mary and little William for company part of the time. Did not quite finish my dress. Wrote to Mother Ricker in the evening. Just now our craze is for Dakota, Jimmie is trying to raise money to go there in a few weeks and I do hope he will succeed. We want a change of some kind and that seems now to be the promised land.

Friday, March 3, 1882. Weather just lovely, couldn't be finer. Have been at home all day and finished off the dress at last. Ma and Mary were here. Mary is learning to decorate china today. Have not felt very well. Jimmie came home this forenoon. Sent Maggie Bell a note asking her to spend tomorrow with me.

Saturday, March 4, 1882. Beautiful, bright sunny day. Was busy all morning preparing for Maggie Bell who came about 10:30 and we spent a very pleasant day together. Ma and Mary were here in the afternoon. Maggie's home is now in N.

York City and she says her brother has gone to Leadville Col to go into business so they will be widely separated.

Sunday, March 5, 1882. Rained today. Maggie was not well yesterday and today has been in bed all day so I stayed at home except a few minutes in the afternoon when I went over home. We had our lessons and spent the day about as usual. Uncle Jimmie was here to tea.

Monday, March 6, 1882. Sunny and pleasant again. Maggie is not well enough to go to school, spent most of the day in bed. Mrs. Frank Carson came in quite early to get some milk. Later in the day Ma and Mary were here and in the afternoon Mrs. Draper and Ella were here. Today I washed Maggie's school dress and intend fixing it up again to be ready when she wants it for school again.

Tuesday, March 7, 1882. Lovely day, so pleasant that Carl and Lizzie play out most of the time. Maggie is some better but not well enough to go to school. Clara Pursell was here this afternoon. I finished Maggie's school dress and then ripped the trimming of her light blue one, washed it and put it on again. Ned Ricker is in town but I did not see him.

Wednesday, March 8, 1882. Beautiful day. Went down street early to do some errands, called at Uncle Enos' and Mrs. Spry's then came home and finished Maggie's new dress by making new sleeves. Mrs. Carson was here again after milk. Jimmie had a letter from Mr. Wild of Cin who wants him to meet him in Cin next Monday and go with him to Dakota.

Thursday, March 9, 1882. Was raining when we got up and it continued all the forenoon steadily. Amanda Colegrove stayed here last night and went out home this afternoon. It cleared up at noon. Early this morning I went down street to get muslin for nightshirts which I cut out and began on but did not accomplish much. Went over home to see Pa but he had gone to the shop. Wrote to Mother Ricker.

Friday, March 10, 1882. Damp and cold. Have been taking cold all day and aggravated it by going over home twice to see Pa. He is not well enough to go out such weather. I told him of Jimmie's plan about going West. He seems to favor it. I sewed on the shirts when I could but did not quite finish them. It makes me almost sick to think of Jimmie going away.

Saturday, March 11, 1882. Rather more pleasant today and Pa was down to the shop. Jimmie told him of his expectations and has made all his arrangements to leave on Monday. I am sick with cold, with hives and indigestion and blues at the

prospect of being separated from my husband for an indefinite length of time. Sallie Stevenson wife of Pilot Jas Stevenson was brought home dead from the S. B. Sidney disaster, she was scalded to death, several others died.

Sunday, March 12, 1882. Weather more clear and also more cold. I was unable to go to church today, suffered very much with hives all night and instead of going out, went to bed. In the afternoon and evening all the family folks came in to say good bye to Jimmie as he leaves before day tomorrow. We went over to see Pa after tea.

Monday, March 13, 1882. Weather cold and raw, very disagreeable. We did not rest much last night, I was suffering very much from indigestion and Jimmie had headache, then we felt badly in view of his going away and only had a short nap when the watchman came to call him to get ready for the 4:30 train. We arose and he had a cup of coffee before leaving. I had thought some of going part of the way with him and stopping to see Jennie, to break the force of the parting but was unable to go. I trust he will have a safe and prosperous journey and we will all soon be together again. Ma and Mary spent most of the day with me and Miss Emma Bell came to stay all night. Every body is very kind. The Doctor came and prescribed for me.

Tuesday, March 14, 1882. Bright and lovely only rather cold. Miss Emma left early owing to her school duties and I hurried to do up my work then spent the day trimming paper and darning, principally the latter. Had a card from Jimmie at Cinti and wrote him a letter to tell him that I am much better, the medicine has done me good, letter from Mother R. The folks were here several times today.

Wednesday, March 15, 1882. Bright, warm and lovely all day but towards night the wind rose. Have been at home all day busy with underclothes. Am better in every way except my cold. Miss Emma Bell is staying all night with us. Wrote to Mother Ricker. The doctor was in to see how I was.

Thursday, March 16, 1882. Weather a little cloudy. Am busy every moment of the day but still I miss Jimmie very much. Miss Emma was here last night but left early this morning. Aunt Mary Ellen was here this afternoon.

Friday, March 17, 1882. Very pleasant. Spent the day on aprons for Lizzie. Mary and I went down street together to do some errands. Paid Mr. Hancock and bought some yarn and gingham. Had a letter from Jimmie tonight written at St. Paul Min. Talked of going up to Mrs. Johnson's with Ma but concluded not to leave the children, Ma came after her calls to tell me the news she heard as Mrs. Greene and Mrs. Johnson have been to Jennie's.

Saturday, March 18, 1882. Quite mild and pleasant most of the day. Lottie came back today but did not do much as Amelia had the Saturday work nearly all done before Lottie was ready to begin. Maggie wrote to her Papa today, we send either a letter or card every day. I was mending most of the time, had to lay aside the aprons.

Sunday, March 19, 1882. Very changeable, and April like. Some showers and some sunshine. I went to church with the children and afterwards went over home to dinner with the folks. We afterwards had our lessons and spent the day as usual only missed Jimmie very much. Uncle Jimmie came to see how we were. Had a letter from Jennie.

Monday, March 20, 1882. Rained very hard last night and most of the day. Have been busy with blue aprons for Lizzie and finished four all but the button holes and buttons. Had a letter from Jimmie written at Fargo Dakota Ter. Miss Emma Bell came after supper to stay all night with us. Amelia Wolf left after dinner. I paid her \$4.00.

Tuesday, March 21, 1882. Windy, clear and turning quite cold. Miss Emma left early. Was busy in the forenoon, washed Carl's blue suit and got ready to attend Willie's school examination after dinner. When I came home Mary Murphy came to make a call. It is quite cold tonight. Have felt more lonely than usual. No word from Jimmie today.

Wednesday, March 22, 1882. Cold and growing colder, the snow was blinding at times and the wind very high. Carl, Ma and I went to Maggie's examination in Miss Switzer's room. The exercises were gone through very nicely. After dinner Ma and I went down to the hotel on a business trip and when I came home I sewed awhile, no I intended doing so but Mary cried the whole time I was gone and kept it up until I was alarmed and sent for the Dr. who gave her medicine. Geo and Maggie Bell called. Wrote to Jimmie.

Thursday, March 23, 1882. Mary is better today but pale as she was evidently sick yesterday. Weather a little milder. I was glad of a chance to stay at home and sew today. Late in the afternoon it was very pleasant and I went to the drug store and also Mr. Green's to get some brown flour. Was over home a little while, Lizzie was there also. Wrote to Jimmie again.

Friday, March 24, 1882. Weather lovely again. I was busy all the forenoon about work which is so trifling that I can't even remember what it was but after dinner I took Mary and some button holes and went over home. I wanted to see Mr. Grice

about some papers and he was to call there. Ma wrote to Jimmie today and I wrote a letter to send in hers. Miss Emma Bell came to stay all night with us.

Saturday, March 25, 1882. Very warm and pleasant. I have been busy all day mending, an occupation which takes up most of my time. Lucy Rifenerick came to get some cream and Mrs. Eberhardt called to inquire about the Compound Oxygen treatment which our folks have been using. After the children were asleep I wrote a long letter to Jimmie but did not finish it.

Sunday, March 26, 1882. Very warm and bright. Three of the children went to Sabbath school, Willie has been placed in Dwight Greene's class and is much pleased. Lizzie went with us to church, which made five of us at that service but Maggie was the only representative in the evening.

Monday, March 27, 1882. Rained hard last night and this afternoon but the forenoon was lovely. I sewed busily all day on blue aprons for Mary, almost made three. Had three letters and a card from Jimmie today. He has been out in the kind of snow storm that is known as a Blizzard, not in the snow really but was at Jamestown and could not get away for 4 days owing to it.

Tuesday, March 28, 1882. Rained hard last night but is bright and pleasant though cooler this morning. Finished off Mary's new blue aprons. Had a card from Jimmie and letter from his mother. Miss Emma was here to tea but did not stay all night she has a severe cold. We are all very well and getting along nicely though we miss Jimmie very much.

Wednesday, March 29, 1882. Very pleasant but a little cool. Sewed on aprons for Mary and mended all day. Miss Emma came after tea to stay all night with us. Had a long letter from Jas which I answered, he thinks his prospect quite encouraging. Wrote to Mother Ricker after tea. Amanda came to see me about going up to Jennie's.

Thursday, March 30, 1882. Very pleasant and bright. Was at home all day sewing on some skirts for Mary. Three of hers needed new ruffles at the bottom. When Miss Emma had gone home and her school hour arrived, Maggie and Lizzie went around to visit her Kindergarten school. Caroline Boman was here to get a pattern and Mrs. Austin Miller came to inquire if she could rent our house, having heard that we were going away. Rec'd letter and answered it.

Friday, March 31, 1882. Bright and pleasant but cool. Have not felt well today, tried to rest a little and did some mending. The folks were here several times but I

have not been over there except a few moments to see about some medicine. Mary gave me some English walnuts which I planted and will try to raise. Got Maggie a school hat.

Saturday, April 1, 1882. Weather warm, dry and lovely. Our fires died out today and we did not rekindle them. Had no letter from Jimmie today but am not surprised, he writes often, every day but the letters do not always come straight to me. Have been sewing some on the machine this week, too much I guess for my good. Went to see about shoes for Willie, Carl and Lizzie paid \$4.75 for the three pairs. Stopped at Lizzie's a few minutes. Wrote a card to Jimmie.

Sunday, April 2, 1882. Was not well enough to go to church, when the children left I lay down to sleep, am not feeling at all well, my week's work was too much for me. Went over to see Pa a little while. He and Uncle Enos called here while I was out. Sent a letter to Jimmie.

Monday, April 3, 1882. Beautiful day, warm and bright. We have had no fire today. Ruth came to wash and the work went on as usual. I went upstairs and brought down about a peck of summer stocking to mend and put in order for the children, I was tired out and after tumbling the pile on the bed I threw myself down beside them to go to sleep but Mary woke just then and I had to get up. The children went into school again. Flo McConnell was here. Letter from Aunt Betsey.

Tuesday, April 4, 1882. Still warm, bright and dusty. Had a long letter from Jimmie, also a card, and wrote to him, only a card. Have had the children working in the yard and nearly wore myself out running after them. Mended stocking as I could get the chance which was not often.

Wednesday, April 5, 1882. Beautiful weather but dusty and windy. Tried to mend the summer stockings, or part of them today but did not get much done. In the evening Maggie and I went to church with Ma and Mary and heard Mr. Condit preach from the text "The wicked are like the troubled sea, ect." He is a very impressive speaker and preaches excellent sermons. Wrote to Jimmie.

Thursday, April 6, 1882. Another charming day, but quite dusty. I took Lizzie down street this morning to try and find a hat for her but did not succeed. Got a corset for myself, hat for Willie and cheviot for his shirt waists. Met Russell Tewksbury on the street, he only came home from Cleveland for a day. Late in the afternoon I went out to see Clara Pursell about Amanda who wants to leave her and go with me up to Jennie's. Wrote to Mother Ricker and Jimmie. Sent him paper. Had white-washing done. Miss Emma Bell and Miss Fanny Switzer were here.

Friday, April 7, 1882. Lovely weather, we need no fires except in the kitchen. Have been making Willie a blue cheviot waist shirt, the first of a set of new waists. Mary Peebles and Venitia Ramsey were here, they had been across the street to see a woman who has lived a long life of dreadful sin and has now lain down to die and render her account. They say it is dreadful to see and hear her. Maggie, Willie, Millie Parker and I went to hear Mr. Condit preach a sermon upon the lost sheep. Wrote a P.C. to Jas.

Saturday, April 8, 1882. Weather delightful. Had my usual Saturday work to do and began early to bathe the children in order to be ready for church in the afternoon. Went with Ma and after lecture went to see about a hat for Lizzie, which I did not get after all, went to see about Mary's pictures again and brought home two large ones there are still four to be finished. After tea Mary and I took Lizzie up to Maggie Lloyd's but did not find one to suit. No word from Jimmie, wrote him tonight.

Sunday, April 9, 1882. Bright in the morning but cloudy afterwards, changeable all day and late in the afternoon after Communion, a very black cloud arose and sent down a hard shower after which it turned so cool that we needed to rebuild the fire which died out a week ago. Uncle Jimmie was here. No word from Jimmie now since Thursday.

Monday, April 10, 1882. All kinds of weather visited us this morning, wind, rain sleet and snow. I rebuilt the hall fire, got out the woolen stockings, wraps ect. It was unfavorable for drying clothes but Ruth and Lottie managed to get through. Miss Emma came to stay all night. Had a good long letter which cheered me up very much. Answered it after the rest were all asleep.

Tuesday, April 11, 1882. It has cleared off some but is still cool. Miss Emma went early to her school and I have been busy getting ready to sew. Mr. Lowery came to see about painting the house and I gave him the job at \$30.00 for the work and I furnish the materials. Amanda also came to say she was or would be ready to go the last of the week.

Wednesday, April 12, 1882. Bright but cool, we need our fires again. Worked hard at the waists and got them all ready for the button holes, which Ma promised to make. Miss Emma came to stay all night so she sewed on buttons for me. Willie put them round the bottom of one waist himself. Wrote letter to Mother Ricker and card to Jimmie. Had a short letter from him.

Thursday, April 13, 1882. A bright day but quite cool. As early as possible I got ready and went to see about hat for Lizzie and shoes for Mary. Hat cost \$1.00 and shoes 75 cts. Recd check from Cin'ti for \$37.60/100 which Mary took to the shop and gave me \$25.00. Lizzie was down and Ma came over but I went on with the packing and got all ready for the trip. After tea I went down street and bought ribbon and pins. Gave Mary 2.00 for Lottie and 50 ct for Ruth. Had a long letter from Jimmie.

Friday, April 14, 1882. We were up early and ready in good time for our trip, Lizzie and Mary being the little folks of the party, Amanda and I the grown ones. Enos got our tickets and Ma and Mary went to the train with us. Pa also came to say good bye. My fare to McArthur and Return was \$3.25 and thence to _____ 1.05 Barton and Bartie met us at McArthur to our great joy and we had to take a freight train from there. Maggie and Willie seemed anxious to have me go and Carl was reconciled to remaining.

Saturday, April 15, 1882. Bright but decidedly cold and raw. I could scarcely keep warm at all. It seems very pleasant to be with Jennie, she is so cosily situated and seems so glad to see us. The children agree well, Amanda seems favorably impressed and all promises well. Wrote to Ma and Jimmie and had a card from Mary. Bought \$1.00 worth of stamps and cards.

Sunday, April 16, 1882. A lovely bright day, but frosty in the morning and cool all day. Jennie and I stayed in the house all day but Mr. Carey was here to dinner after which he and Barton went to S. S. and church at the Summit. Jennie and I spent a very quiet, pleasant, restful day. I missed my usual lessons with the children but hope they got along nicely without me. Wrote a postal to Jas.

Monday, April 17, 1882. Beautiful day but quite cool. Fires are very necessary to comfort. We spent a very pleasant quiet day in the house I went over to the store to take a letter in the morning. After tea Barton took me out for a drive and it was quite cool when we got back. Had letter from Jimmie and P. C. from Mary. Wrote to both of them. Little Mary has a bad cold from playing out.

Tuesday, April 18, 1882. Another beautiful day. Mary did not seem at all well this morning but got better so Jennie and I went to Logan on the 2 o'clock train to do a little shopping and see Mrs. Hart. Met Mrs. Hart and Miss Mary who are very pleasant. Came back and found four smiling little faces watching for us. All had done well in our absence. Dwight was expected but did not come.

Wednesday, April 19, 1882. Cloudy with some rain and a great deal of wind. Had we waited until today for our trip we could not have made it. Jennie and I are having a nice visit, the children agree and we darn or sew and talk and enjoy every moment of the time. My little folks have a great fancy for their Uncle Barton and he is very kind to them. No letter from Jimmie. Card from Ma. Jennie finished the last square for her Japanese silk quilt.

Thursday, April 20, 1882. Very high winds which howl and surge among the trees on the hill and slam the doors constantly. I have a very bad cold which almost makes me sick. I wrote to Mother Ricker and Jimmie today. Had a letter from him, and card from Mary. She is very good to tell me every day about the children.

Friday, April 21, 1882. Bright and clear with less wind than yesterday. Have been sewing a little for Jennie and she darned for me. I brought the summer stockings to darn as my work. Had letters from Jas and Mary. The home folks have had my housecleaning done for me. My cold is very bad and spoils much of my visit. Cut out four dresses and began on one of them, Jennie and I together.

Saturday, April 22, 1882. Weather rather more pleasant but still there is more wind than I like. Jennie and I sewed nearly all day and almost finished off the second little dress which we cut out yesterday. Mary sent me a card today and says everything is going on well at home. They tell me Carl will be in pants when I get home and my little boy in dresses will be gone forever.

Sunday, April 23, 1882. It was rainy this morning but after dinner it cleared off awhile and Barton went to S. S. without an umbrella, it sprinkled a little afterwards. Mr. Carey came home with Barton contrary to his usual custom and spent the afternoon here. With reading and a little music the time passed very quietly and pleasantly.

Monday, April 24, 1882. A very pleasant day. As Jennie and I sat sewing and talking this afternoon I proposed that she run down home for a short visit while I was here to keep the children so she could be free to rest and enjoy her visit with the folks. She seemed quite taken with the idea and when Barton took her out for a drive after tea she mentioned it to him and as he was willing she decided to go tomorrow. Had a letter from Jimmie and P. C. from Mary.

Tuesday, April 25, 1882. Beautiful, bright and pleasant. Jennie decided to go by the M. & C. R. R. this morning so Barton drove her into Logan in the buggy at 9:30 and when he came back to dinner Mr. Sol Churchill was with him. After dinner Mrs. Hall came over and made a call, she was much surprised to find Jennie gone. I had

a P. C. from Mary and letter from Jimmie. We got through the day very nicely. Barton bought me 5 yds Cretonne⁸ \$1.75.

Wednesday, April 26, 1882. This was a very black stormy morning, it thundered and lightened and at breakfast we had a lamp on the table. It looks as though it might rain all day. There was a wedding down at Celia Coleman's and Amanda went wrapped in my gossamer⁹. We get along very well and hope Jennie will have a nice visit. I do not have as much time to sew as when she was here.

Thursday, April 27, 1882. Rather cloudy but the rain is over I think. I sewed on the machine as much as possible and finished tucking the front of a ___ dress for Jennie. Late in the afternoon I went over to see Mrs. Hall a while, she is very pleasant and I'm glad Jennie has such a nice neighbor. I wrote as usual, do not miss a day but sometimes fail to get a letter.

Friday, April 28, 1882. Weather very pleasant. Had a letter from Jimmie this morning and card in the late mail saying it had been decided that he should go to Blanchard and take possession of the farm which he and some others have bought. I shall be glad to have him settled.

Saturday, April 29, 1882. A very lovely day but we had a little sprinkle in the afternoon. We got everything in nice order for Jennie's reception and just before the 11 o'clock train came Bartie, Lizzie and I walked up the hollow and got some wild flowers for a bouquet. To our surprise Ma and Carl came with Jennie and Carl was arrayed in coat and pants. Jennie was so tired she had to go to bed.

Sunday, April 30, 1882. Weather bright but windy. Barton and I drove in to Logan and heard Mr. Hart. Had it not been windy it would have been more pleasant. In the afternoon Ma, Jennie and Amanda went to church at the Summit and I kept the little folks. Wrote to Jimmie while they were gone.

Monday, May 1, 1882. Beautiful day. Had letters from Jimmie and Mary. Answered both. Mr. Miller was here to dinner, he is an old friend of Jimmie's and was glad to hear about him. We now expect to go home tomorrow morning. We all went over to see the casting at 5 o'clock and Mr. and Miss Hart were there to go home to tea with us. We had a nice little visit. Mr. Carey came to say good bye to us. 2 letters from Jas.

⁸ *Cretonne*: a heavy cotton fabric, typically with a floral pattern printed on one or both sides, used for upholstery.

⁹ *Gossamer*: a thin, waterproof outer garment, especially for women

Tuesday, May 2, 1882. Arose early and made the final preparations for going home. Barton kindly went as far as Logan with us and saw us safe on the train for home. We had a very pleasant trip but were tired when night came. Pa met us at the train and Lottie had a beautiful supper ready. Miss Emma met us at the gate and all gave us a warm welcome. The piano was brought over last week while I was away.

Wednesday, May 3, 1882. Weather very pleasant and the house is all nice and clean thanks to my good friends but our trunk and satchels gave it a very disorderly appearance. This morning I was badly broken out with hives and could not go up to see Lizzie who is sick. The Dr. came to see me. Had no letter from Jas but wrote one as usual. Painters still at work. Miss Fanny was here.

Thursday, May 4, 1882. Felt some better this morning and waited in the rain for the Dr. Maggie came home from school saying there would be none as somebody was sick and I was quite uneasy until I found that it was nothing serious. Went up to see Lizzie who is better. Was tired at night and only wrote to Jimmie, had a letter from him, also one from Jennie Ricker. Was up to Uncle Enos'.

Friday, May 5, 1882. Beautiful day but we had one or two showers which settled the dust and made it more pleasant. Have been down street on business and spent most of the afternoon writing up my accounts. Jas M Jones, Maggie's brother called to see me. Father and Mother Ricker's 42nd Anniversary. Rich was here to see about some business for Jimmie. Had a card from Jas. Wrote to him, Mother Ricker and sister Jennie.

Saturday, May 6, 1882. Had rain last night and some clouds today with a little sprinkle. Weather very pleasant and good for vegetation. The children with Henry's help, and mine have put out all the flowers and seeds and hope to have the yard looking well when Papa comes home. No letter or card today from him. Aunt Maria was here and I went up to see Grandma. Also went to get everyday shoes for Carl.

Sunday, May 7, 1882. Lovely day. Children went to S. S. after which four of them went to church with me. After dinner we had lesson and then Maggie and I went to our church to hear Mrs. Matthews city missionary make her second quarterly report. Aunt Maria McCall and Uncle Jimmie were here to tea.

Monday, May 8, 1882. Warm and lovely. I have been busy among the closets and boxes all day and am tired had a card from Jas and wrote him a letter as usual. Ma and Mary have been my only company today. Lizzie took John and went to Cinti today to get some things for her country home when it is done.

Tuesday, May 9, 1882. Showery and cool. I was busy all day among the boxes again and did not finish until night. Put out a few more flower seeds and think I am about done. Had a card from Jimmie. Feel very anxious to see him but know that can not be very soon. Am going to have the front fence repaired a little before being painted.

Wednesday, May 10, 1882. Rained quite hard again this morning but Ma went to Cin to meet Lizzie there and get a carpet for Mary's room. After doing my morning work I went to see Ma off then Mattie Wood came in and took me by surprise, stayed to dinner at about 3 o'clock I went to Mr. Peebles' with her, saw Mrs. H. Hattie and her children, then called to see Maggie Mason and her mother. Called at Miss Emma's but she was not at home. Wrote to Mother R. Jimmie and sister Jennie.

Thursday, May 11, 1882. Showery in the morning so the painters did not work. After Mary went to sleep I dressed and went to see about samples for a suit for Jimmie and to the bank on an errand for him. Had a letter from him this morning. Intended going to make some calls after dinner but it rained all afternoon so fixed the shades and sewed instead. Miss Fanny was sick in the morning and I was there a few minutes. Maggie was home all evening.

Friday, May 12, 1882. Rainy again. Ma and Lizzie came home from Cin and after dinner Ma and I went up street between showers. I went to see Hattie Norton and her new daughter Helen Gaylord then met Ma at Mrs. Green's where we were detained a long time by a hard rain. Stopped to see Lizzie on our way home. 2 letters from Jimmie and wrote one as usual.

Saturday, May 13, 1882. Another rainy day and quite cool so this evening we have a good fire. No letter from Jimmie today. I went to see Dr. Finch and asked him to settle his acct which he said he would do and I am to see him again next week. Loaned my umbrella today and got a miserable one in return by mistake.

Sunday, May 14, 1882. Showery again today. We all went to church as usual in the morning and had lessons in the afternoon. I went over to see Pa awhile in the evening. Wish we could have Jimmie home Sunday's any way but must do the best we can for the present.

Monday, May 15, 1882. Lovely day. Mary wanted some company on a trip to Cin today so the boys, Willie and Carl and I consulted to go without much coaxing or preparation. There were a great many others of the same notion and we had plenty of company, Maggie Mason and Lee among the rest. Dollie Pursell, Cleay

Newman, Jennie Gharly, Mrs. Iams and others. Had a very pleasant trip. Will Young was on the boat also.

Tuesday, May 16, 1882. Lovely day. We took a street car early and went about 3 miles to see Mattie Rush, after a short call she went down street with us and we did our few errands. Mary got shades for the dining room and looked at carpets. I called to see Mary Lloyd and Mr. Wild and was well received. Mattie went to the boat with us and we found we were to have Mollie York for company up the river. I had headache most of the afternoon.

Wednesday, May 17, 1882. Another lovely day. I was tired and had two engagements which I dreaded to meet today as felt badly but the results were so satisfactory that I feel better. Dr. Finch paid me \$10.00 and promised a final settlement and Dr. Brinkenhoff discharged me as cured and only charged \$10.00 in addition to what I had paid. I handed it to him at once and we are square. Wrote to Jimmie. Had letter and 2 PCs today.

Thursday, May 18, 1882. Beautiful day. Was busy all the forenoon and after dinner Ma and I walked out to Dr. Finch's office and he promised to pay the acct +6% int if I present it tomorrow noon. Sewed a little, fixed a percale dress for Maggie. Mr. Lowery finished his job today and after taking what oil and brushes he wanted there was just 27 cts coming to him and I gave him 30 and settled the acct. Had letter and two postals from Jas. Wrote as usual. The house looks well and Mr. L. has made a good job of it.

Friday, May 19, 1882. Lovely day. Went early to ask Mrs. Miller about the recipe for a fluid to clean carpets. Was busy all the forenoon and promptly after dinner I went again to Dr. Finch and he paid me \$55.20, making \$65.20 in all and I went at once to the bank, drew the money and paid my paint bill at Dr. Davis's so it is all done and paid for with money that Jimmie thought was lost. The whole job cost me \$70.68.

Saturday, May 20, 1882. Pleasant. I was busy all day fixing shades and curtains and such things which was very tiresome. Went down to Mrs. McConnell's just before noon to see Maggie O'Connor on an errand and make a short call upon the family. Saw most of them. Miss Emma was here in the afternoon. Willie with a little help from Henry painted the fence again. Had two cards from Jimmie and wrote him a letter.

Sunday, May 21, 1882. Cloudy with several small showers and a prospect for a hard rain. The children went to S. S. as usual and three of them went with me to church.

Rev. Mr. McSunly of Hillsboro preached, he and Dr. Pratt exchanged pulpits for today. Mrs. Henry Jones was buried today.

Monday, May 22, 1882. The hard rain came and lasted most of the day. I was not out anywhere, having a stiff shoulder. Altered a dress for Maggie and a waist for Carl. Had a visit from Ma and one from Lizzie, did some mending and was busy all the time. It has been so cool as well as damp that I had fire made in the dining room.

Tuesday, May 23, 1882. The rain is over for this time and today has been lovely. I began cutting out pants for the boys. After dinner went down street with Ma. Mary took Lizzie up to Mrs. Duduit's so Carl went with us. Had a postal but no letter from Jas. Wrote as usual in the evening.

Wednesday, May 24, 1882. Beautiful day. Have been very busy with the pants all day and also had to look after Mr. Essick who was doing some work in the yard. He straightened up the fence and did some other things. Alice Higgins called and Miss Emma was here to tea and sat until church time. Had letter from Maggie Bell and card from Jimmie. Lizzie and John were here. Wrote to Jimmie and Jennie Ricker.

Thursday, May 25, 1882. Beautiful day and I've been out most of the time. Went early to see Jane Lewis about washing then made a long call at Clara Pursell's after which I went down street and paid Mr. Hathaway; ordered lard and eggs and sugar and came home. A letter from Jas came at noon so I had to go again and order his suit of clothes at Mr. Miller's. Was over at Mary Murphy's a few minutes after tea. Wrote to Jimmie and Mother Ricker.

Friday, May 26, 1882. Lovely day but we needed fire in the forenoon. It grew quite warm after dinner. Was busy at home all day, made a pr pants for Carl and did several other things. Sent to Mr. Prescott's for maple syrup. The folks over home are furnishing their parlors with matting and willow chairs for this summer, several handsome rugs make the rooms look very bright and pretty. Card from Jimmie. Wrote to him and Maggie Bell.

Saturday, May 27, 1882. Bright and warm in the forenoon clouds and showers later. Have been busy at home all day, am trying to get things ready for Maggie O'Connor to sew on. Miss Emma came just after tea, also Ma and Mary. Only a card again today.

Sunday, May 28, 1882. Showery all day but at noon the sky cleared so I got Lizzie ready and took her, Maggie and Carl to the Memorial services at our church. Rev.

Mr. Wallace of the 6th St. M. E. Ch. made the address, he being a veteran of the war, the members of the Bailey post G. A. R. were there in a body and the house was full. The exercises were quite interesting.

Monday, May 29, 1882. Beautiful day after the rains of yesterday. Sent an invitation this morning to Grandma and the girls to spend the day with me tomorrow. Mary has not been well today and I did not accomplish very much. In the evening set out a large number of verbena and other plants which a friend of Uncle Jimmie's sent me. The girls came late in the evening to tell me they would come tomorrow. Aunt Mary Sam was here also. Wrote to Jas.

Tuesday, May 30, 1882. Decoration day was lovely so far as the weather was concerned. Maggie went to the cana with the S. children Willie went alone. Grandma and the girls came early and spent a pleasant day with us. Pa and Ma left on the fast line for a short trip down in Ky.

Wednesday, May 31, 1882. Cloudy in the forenoon and soon after dinner rain began to fall. It rained very hard before supper and poured down after Miss Fannie Switzer was here to tea according to promise and Miss Emma Bell happened in so we had quite a pleasant time. Had only a card from Jas but wrote him a letter as usual.

Thursday, June 1, 1882. Lovely day after the rain but a little cool. I set out about the last plants I have in the yard and everything looks promising. Have not sewed much today except mending. Cleaned an old summer silk to make over for Lizzie. Had a letter from Jas. Went over home to see him the house looks nice the carpets are cleaned and the effect is quite pleasing.

Friday, June 2, 1882. Beautiful day. Went down street with Mary in the morning, first to Mr. Brodbeck's, then to Telephone Ex then Mr. Tracy's for a box, up to L's thence to Mr. Hermes and home again. After dinner I undertook to cut out some things but Maggie Silcox and Jeannette came in so I did darning instead then Mary Murphy and Arthur came and when they left it was supper time. Had letters from Jas and Mother R, and cards to the P.H.S. Alumnae A. and Kirkwood School Commencement.

Saturday, June 3, 1882. Pleasant. Pa and Ma came home from their Ky trip this morning about 3 o'clock on the fast line boat and she came over early to see us. Lizzie was here a little while and left John to spend the afternoon. It rained in the afternoon and evening. Miss Emma Bell was here to supper. Had a paper from Fargo containing a paragraph or two about an old acquaintance Franklin Paine.

Sunday, June 4, 1882. Cloudy and showery all day. Maggie and Willie went to S. S. but Carl was not feeling well and stayed at home all day. Willie and I went and heard Richard Lewis preach in the morning. Uncle Jimmie was here in the evening as usual.

Monday, June 5, 1882. Cloudy in the evening but sunny afterwards. We saw a very brilliant rainbow at supper time. Maggie O'Connor came promptly and we went to work on pants made four pairs by supper time, all ready for the button holes. A very good beginning. Had a letter from Jimmie written to urge me to go to Mo this summer.

Tuesday, June 6, 1882. Lovely day after the rain of yesterday. We began on blue calico dresses for Margaret and Lizzie today and at 4 o'clock I stopped and went to do some errands. Had a note from Mr. Baird Prest of H. S. A. A. saying I was to respond for my class at the Alumni Reunion Friday even. Card from Jimmie. Wrote him as usual.

Wednesday, June 7, 1882. Beautiful day. Have been busy sewing most of the time but was surprised by a call from Sallie Chandler Sloan whom I did not know was in town, she has been here seven weeks but I never heard of it. After tea I went to ask Maggie Silcox about the Reunion but she was not in. Had a card from Jimmie. Mollie York was here.

Thursday, June 8, 1882. Lovely day and as usual a busy one. Maggie Silcox came to see me about the Reunion in the morning. In the afternoon Maggie Peebles made me a long call. Had letters from Jimmie and his mother. Lizzie was here a little while; also Ma and Mary.

Friday, June 9, 1882. Warm and dusty. Have been busy all day, spent most of the forenoon doing errands down street. Lizzie stopped in and fixed up a bonnet for me to wear this evening. Mary, Lizzie and I went with Will and Maggie Silcox to the Alumni meeting at the High school. It was quite pleasant. Neither letter nor card today from Jimmie.

Saturday, June 10, 1882. Warm with rain in the afternoon. Sewed all day. Finished off all the articles we were working on this week excepting button holes. Made 5 prs new pants for the boys, 5 new dresses for the girls, fixed 5 old ones for them also fixed Maggie's silk dress, my satin polonaise, my white overskirt and feel quite satisfied with our week's work. Letter and postal from Jimmie. Began taking ice. Miss Emma was here to tea and Miss Fanny Switzer with Edith Moore called at the door.

Sunday, June 11, 1882. Maggie and Willie went to S. S. No service at our church so Ma and I went to 6th M. E. to hear Mr. Wallace. He took the 15th Psalm as a text and made an excellent sermon. Maggie was with us. It rained some during the day, quite hard in the evening.

Monday, June 12, 1882. Lovely weather but we have frequent showers. Miss M. and I worked on waists for Carl today almost made three. Ma is busy at home making a set of under clothes for each of the girls Fannie and Mary Moore. Mary was here a few moments this evening. Letter from Mother R. Thos Iams came to invite us to a piano recital by James Gharky's class this evening. Mary and I went.

Tuesday, June 13, 1882. Some rain and some sunshine but all lovely. Fannie Moore is twenty-two today. We have been busy with lawn dresses for the little girls, are getting along very well. Wrote the usual letter to Jimmie, also one to the R. R. Ticket Agt in Cin about tickets.

Wednesday, June 14, 1882. Rained a good deal today. We were busy of course but I stopped long enough to go over home and remind Ma of something. Found Jennie Wallace there, she afterwards came over with Ma to see Maggie and helped her put the books in order. Wrote to Jimmie and Mother R.

Thursday, June 15, 1882. Rain again, we've had most of the week but it has not been destructive as in other places. Had a long letter from Jimmie which I answered, also wrote one to Jennie. Ma went and looked for samples of silk for me and I bought enough blk silk at Mr. B.'s to make me an overskirt. Gussie Halderman called.

Friday, June 16, 1882. Rain again today but the hardest of it was late in the evening. I thought out a plan last night to help J. get some money and went to ask Pa about it today noon and he thought I had better not mortgage the house but offered to let me get \$6,000 at the bank and indorse for me so I went and got it and sent the N. Y. Draft this evening. I felt very grateful to him for his goodness. I never once thought of asking him to help. Gussie Halderman was here yesterday.

Saturday, June 17, 1882. Delightful weather still it rains often. We have made this week 3 shirt waists for Carl, 3 dresses for the little girls, overskirt for self, chemise for self, 3 night dresses for L., apron for self. Wash poplin dress for Maggie and almost made two french gingham for the little girls. Card from J. Miss Emma was here to tea.

Sunday, June 18, 1882. Beautiful day and we needed neither umbrellas nor gossamers while we were at church. Willie, Lizzie and I represented the family. Dr. Pratt preached about mothers. This is sister Lizzie's birthday and I went over home to see her and give her a picture of Mary.

Monday, June 19, 1882. Turned quite cool today but did not rain here. There must have been hail near here. The papers report storms and great destruction of property with loss of life in places. Miss Maggie came again today and we finished off the pink and blue dresses and began on light waists for Willie and Carl, I made puffing for Maggie's new white linen lawn. Card from Jimmie wrote him as usual.

Tuesday, June 20, 1882. Beautiful day but still rather cool. We worked very busily today and finished the four waists, then got a good start on Maggie's dress which will be the last article we will undertake. We've made 40 button holes in the pants at odd minutes but there are yet 10 to make and about 150 in other things. Wrote as usual to Jimmie.

Wednesday, June 21, 1882. This was Miss Maggie's last day and we put it in well. Almost finished Maggie's white dress. Miss Emma came awhile before tea and joined the button bee which consisted of Maggie and Willie who were sewing buttons on waists.

Thursday, June 22, 1882. Very bright and pleasant. I went down to the office with Mary, got some money and advice from Pa and went to pay a few bills and get some things for Jimmie. Came home and took the five children to the gallery to have them taken in a group. Think we got a good picture. Sewed in the afternoon on the unfinished garments.

Friday, June 23, 1882. Warm and bright. Willie went fishing with Uncle Jimmie and some others early in the morning. Lizzie came to spend the day and help me which she did most efficiently, trimmed my bonnet and hat, made button holes, sewed on buttons, ect. Maggie has gone to stay all night with her, she spent the day with Jennie Wallace. Had letters from Jimmie and Maggie Bell. Had my photo taken by Mr. H.

Saturday, June 24, 1882. Very warm with quite a shower in the morning. Went and got Willie's shoes and a few flowers for my bonnet. Gathered up some things for Jimmie and after dinner went to have my teeth fixed then came home and made two underskirts for Mary. Miss Emma was here to tea and after she left Ma and I went to call upon Carrie Greene and Emma Voorheis who came today.

Sunday, June 25, 1882. Warm. Maggie, Willie, Carl and Lizzie went to church with me. After lessons in the afternoon I went over home and read awhile for Pa. Before I got to sleep tonight a hard rain storm came up.

Monday, June 26, 1882. I was intending to go and have my photo taken again today but it began to rain before 10 o'clock and I went on with my work until noon. Then it cleared off so Ma, Mary and I went down and had a noon picture taken but did not see the plate and couldn't tell how good it was. I did a few errands and hurried home to work again. Had letter from Jimmie acknowledging receipt of money. Wrote him and Mother Ricker. Miss Emma Bell was here.

Tuesday, June 27, 1882. Very warm and I've sewed as hard all day as any time when Miss Maggie was here. Have been mending and finishing off. Maggie put panties on Mary to her great delight. Willie went out to take tea with Earl Pursell.

Wednesday, June 28, 1882. Warm with hard rains and thunder storm which resulted in the death of two men up the valley and struck a chimney on Mr. Gordon's house. I was busy all day finishing up. Went out to Uncle Sam's in the evening through a hard rain. Saw Anna Young there with two of her children.

Thursday, June 29, 1882. Pleasant after the rain. Cloudy all forenoon but after dinner Ma and I went and had pictures taken then I did some errands came home and Mary and I put up five pictures which we want to paint this week. Had a nice long letter from Jimmie and answered it.

Friday, June 30, 1882. Very warm. Late in the evening a black cloud with wind and rain came sweeping down from the northwest threatened to carry destruction before it but no damage was done here. Mary and I worked on the pictures of Pa, Grandma S. Lizzie and two of Mary all day then next to pay bills but were driven home by the storm... Guiteau, assassin of President Garfield was hung.

Saturday, July 1, 1882. Went down street early and finished paying my bills then went over home and Mary and I did all we could to the pictures until Monday. Rained again this evening. Miss Emma was here also Maggie Peebles.

Sunday, July 2, 1882. Beautiful day and much cooler than it has been lately. Four of the children went with me to church this morning. After dinner Ma came over and stayed awhile. I was not feeling very well. Uncle Jimmie was here but did not stay to tea.

Monday, July 3, 1882. A little cloudy but no rain today. Was busy doing little things all day. Went in the morning to see Grandma and bid her goodbye. Saw all the

family at the same time except Uncle Enos. Lizzie Peebles went with Rich to locate their new house at Henly as their station will be called. Miss Emma was here to tea. Wrote to Jimmie as usual.

Tuesday, July 4, 1882. Weather cloudy with some hard showers and quite cool. Was busy packing all day and with help from the home folks I got all through nicely before night. Ma, Mary and Lizzie spent much of the time with us. Uncle Jimmie came to dinner, Miss Emma came to say goodbye and just as I was putting the little ones to bed, Dwight Greene called to say goodbye. It was quiet all day. One sad accident was the killing of a little boy 6 yrs old by Lesley Turley who was shooting at a chicken. A sad affair for all parties concerned.

Wednesday, July 5, 1882. Beautiful day. I with the five children and Ruth left on the boat for Kirkwood Mo. Met a Mrs. Urban of Cin on the boat and spent a pleasant afternoon with her. There were no Ports friends on board except one or two gentlemen.

Thursday, July 6, 1882. Delightful day. We were ready in good time for the morning train and got off all right except for leaving our valise and basket on the bus. The driver took them from the children when I was not there and neglected to return them. When I missed them the bus was gone. We had a pleasant trip over and some kind neighbors around us supplied us from their lunch baskets. It was too bad that the mistake occurred as it will be very inconvenient for us. We were met at the Union Depot by Will Ricker and did not get out to Kirkwood until midnight. Letters from Jimmie.

Friday, July 7, 1882. Bright but cool. Uncle Drew's entire family called in the course of the day. Mary Barr was with the girls both morning and evening. No news from the baggage. Mr. Warner was here this evening. Wrote to Jimmie and Ma (2).

Saturday, July 8, 1882. Beautiful day. The children went to Uncle Drew's awhile this morning. I have been puzzling over my accounts and lost baggage, writing ect until it is nearly noon. After dinner I wrote to Jas and then dressed. We spent the evening quietly at home. Uncle Drew was here in the evening. Our lost baggage arrived before tea. Ruth took the children out to walk and went to inquire about it. I feel very glad and thankful as it contained much that I couldn't well spare. It must have been in answer to prayer as it was no card or mark on either basket or valise. Mr. Murtfeede was passing the gate and stopped to talk a few minutes. Wrote (2). It is nine years today since my friend Emma Spry died. Wrote to Mr. Fallis thanking him for the trouble he took with my baggage.

Sunday, July 9, 1882. Warmer and in the evening it clouded up and rained. We all went to church in the forenoon but after tea the children retired early so no one went besides Father and Mother R. and myself. The congregation was small and service short owing to the rain. Mr. Warner came in after church and talked for an hour or more.

Monday, July 10, 1882. Warm and bright again. The boys and Clara came this morning to stay awhile and now Maggie and Lizzie have gone to play with C. 4 cards but no letter. Wrote one to J. (1). Went down stairs and began practising on the piano and forgot to have the letter mailed so it did not go after all. We went up to Uncle Drew's after tea just in time to welcome Addie Ricker who came from Ironton on the Buckeye State. Bade Mary Barr good bye.

Tuesday, July 11, 1882. Weather a little warmer but still pleasant. Spent the day at home mending a little, reading and practising. A neighbor asked house room for an old piano here and though it is not very musical still it does better than none for practising, and I am glad of the opportunity. Mary and Addie Ricker were here most of the afternoon. Mrs. Hawes and Mrs. Kindall called. Letter from Mary and cards from Jimmie also two pictures to send him. Wrote two letters, one to each of them (2).

Wednesday, July 12, 1882. Weather lovely. No mail for me today but I wrote to Maggie Bell and Jimmie, and sent a paper to Pa (2). Mrs. Chas King made a long call. Mrs. Phelps was over this morning. We went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Thursday, July 13, 1882. Weather quite cool, remarkable weather for July certainly. Mended stocking most of the morning. Had long letter from Jimmie which I answered (1). The girls came to take Lizzie out driving, but a rain prevented their going far. Uncle Drew Will and Frank came in the evening. Mrs. Morris was here to see Grandma.

Friday, July 14, 1882. Beautiful weather. Began fixing up my black cashmere dress this A.M. The girls called to take Lizzie riding and while out picked up Carl and Mary so they all had a treat. Mrs. Halsey called and later in the evening Jennie and Mary. Addie and Jake called and spent the evening. Uncle Drew sent me the money for my Amazon Dividend 2.40. Card from Jimmie, wrote to him and Jennie (2).

Saturday, July 15, 1882. Lovely weather. Jimmie's birthday and I was sick in bed the whole day. Made four attempts to stay up before I succeeded. After tea I

dressed for the fourth time and stayed until bed time, being much better. No mail today. Wrote to Jimmie as usual (1). Mrs. Dings called but I did not see her.

Sunday, July 16, 1882. Beautiful day with a little shower in the afternoon. We all went to church this morning and heard a sermon on Nicodemus. In the evening we attended a Temperance¹⁰ Meeting at the Baptist ch. I have been much better today.

Monday, July 17, 1882. Weather still lovely. Sewed some on my black dress today. Had some calls. Mrs. Orrick was here most of the afternoon and after tea the Misses Murtfeldt and Mrs. Foreman called. Had two cards from Jimmie, wrote to him and my father (2) also a card to Dr. Laws about a book for Pa.

Tuesday, July 18, 1882. Delightful day. Sewed a little in the morning and after dinner. Mother Ricker and I went to return calls. Called upon Mrs. Kimball, Mrs. Dings, Mrs. Morris and went to Mrs. Singleton's gate but finding the doctor there we did not go in. After tea we were going up to Uncle Drew's but Mrs. Sheetz and her daughter Mrs. Huff called so we stayed at home. Wrote to Jas (1).

Wednesday, July 19, 1882. Bright and pleasant. Have been busy all day. Finished off the black cashmere overskirt and basque and think it was quite an undertaking considering it was all done by hand. Jennie, Mary, Addie and Clara were here this A.M. After finishing the dress I wrote to Mary and Jimmie (2) had a letter from Mary telling me of some new dresses she is sending me. Took the letters to the office and then went to Uncle Drew's a few minutes. Carl is not well this evening so after prayer meeting Grandpa and I went after the _____ which I had loaned Mary Ricker for her cold.

Thursday, July 20, 1882. Beautiful day, or rather morning it clouded up and rained hard before noon. Carl was about well again this evening. Grandpa took him riding and after tea he took me and we stopped at Uncle Drew's on our way back and had a pleasant visit. Wrote to Jimmie as usual. (1)

Friday, July 21, 1882. Lovely day. Yesterday afternoon a box came from home containing two summer dresses for me. This afternoon Mother Ricker and I went to call upon Mrs. Hawes, Mrs. Halsey, Mrs. King, the girls, Mrs. Orrick, and Mrs. Scheetz and her daughter Mrs. Hauff. Wrote to Jimmie and Mary. (2) Ira was here in the evening. Jake and Addie left for Brooklyn Iowa for a few days.

Saturday, July 22, 1882. We were up early this morning to start to the city sight seeing. Our party consisted of myself, the five children and Ruth, Jennie, Mary,

¹⁰ *Temperance*: abstinence from alcoholic drink

Clara and Will Ricker from the other family. We had a lovely day, met with no mishaps, enjoyed the trip and sights, ate our lunch at the Fair Ground, returned to the city and did some shopping and got home about 6 o'clk all right. Short letter from Jimmie and card from State Lib of Mo. Did not write today, rather forgot to send the card I had.

Sunday, July 23, 1882. Beautiful day. Rather warmer than it has been before. We all attended church as usual in the morning but retired early in the evening as Ruth went out. Had lessons in the afternoon as usual. Maj Kimball and wife stopped in as they were passing.

Monday, July 24, 1882. Bright and warm. Letter from Mary cards from Jimmie. Grandma and I pared peaches all the forenoon. After dinner I wrote to Jimmie and Mary (2) had cards from him and letter from her. I also wrote a card to Mr. McGrath State Librarian about a book Pa wants. Father and Mother Ricker and I went to Maj Kimball's to tea. Met Mr. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. Grubb there and spent a pleasant evening.

Tuesday, July 25, 1882. Weather warmer, rain needed. No mail except a card for me today but I have written to Jimmie and Jennie (1). Did not practise much today, it took all the forenoon to alter the necks of my two new dresses. After tea Mrs. Bown called and when she left, we went to call upon Mrs. Phelps and the Murtfeldt family including Mrs. Forman.

Wednesday, July 26, 1882. Weather warm during the day but the nights are pleasant. No mail for me today. Have written to Jimmie and Jennie (2). Mr. and Mrs. Morris were here this morning after plums after which there are a great quantity on the ground and trees. After dinner we went to find a Temperance meeting which was over I guess and then went to call upon Mrs. Bushnell and Mrs. Worthington but did not find either. Stopped at Uncle Drew's.

Thursday, July 27, 1882. Very warm for a change. Had letters from Jimmie, Ma and Maggie Bell in Leadville, Col. Answered hers and Jimmie's (2) Sent Ma's on to Jimmie as he requested. Began taking cold.

Friday, July 28, 1882. Warm. Addie returned from her Iowa trip today but I had so much cold I did not go up to see the folks. A hard thunder shower came up this evening and the rain poured down in torrents. Preparatory lecture was drowned out. I was unable to go anyway. Mr. Warner came up here late in the evening. Wrote to Jimmie as usual. (1) Have not done much but knit on Will's stocking as I did not feel like doing anything.

Saturday, July 29, 1882. Rainy. It was clear awhile in the forenoon and the girls all four of them came down and stayed an hour or two. I spent most of the day ripping up Grandma's gray dress which I want to make over. Wrote to Mary and sent it with Maggie's letter. Wrote to Jas also (2). Ira is 15 and Lizzie 4 yrs old today. He came and brought her a little box of candy which she fully appreciated. It rained hard while he was here. My cold grows worse all the time.

Sunday, July 30, 1882. Rainy and I was sick with cold so I could not have gone out if it had been pleasant. It was Communion day in the church here and I should have been glad to be there.

Monday, July 31, 1882. Beautiful day since the rains. My cold is still very bad, throat sore, cough and miserable every way. Had letters from Mary and Aunt Betsey and cards from Jimmie. Wrote to Mary and Jimmie (2). Went over to Mrs. Phelps before tea to get some horehound for my cold. She was here after tea. Mother and Father R. went to the city this morning returning at 4 P.M. We walked up to Mr. Murtfeldt's after tea, I wrapped in a shawl. Addie went home.

Tuesday, August 1, 1882. Hot. Grandma went to the city again. Cold a little better. No mail for me today. Wrote to Jimmie (1) also sent postal to B. & A. silk merchants. Began a Japanese silk quilt which may never be larger than a cushion cover. Grandma brought Maggie a beautiful large doll for her birthday. Jennie was here to tea and Jake came afterwards. Hard rainstorm in the evening.

Wednesday, August 2, 1882. Lovely day. Cold better. Letters from Jimmie and Prof Drummond State Librarian. Answered both (2) Maggie is at Clara's and the boys went to play with the Kimball twins. Went to prayer meeting this evening though my cold is not well by any means. Began work on Grandma's gray basque¹¹. Did not feel well and went to bed early. The folks went to Mr. Blake's funeral.

Thursday, August 3, 1882. Sewed on Grandma's dress and did a little on my quilt. Jennie Ricker came with her work and stayed to tea. Jake came afterwards and stayed until about 9 o'clock. A hard rain storm came up about that time. Had a letter from Jimmie which I answered (1). Mrs. Hyatt called, before tea, yesterday evening. Mrs. Huff and Miss Sheetz called after tea this evening.

Friday, August 4, 1882. Beautiful day with a little shower in the afternoon. Sewed on the basque and helped the little girls with their doll clothes. Had a letter from Jimmie and Maggie had one from Ma. I answered both (2). In the evening we took

¹¹ *Basque*: a close-fitting bodice extending from the shoulders to the waist and often with a short continuation below waist level.

tea at Mr. Murtfeldt's. There were ten others besides ourselves and the family and we had a delightful time. Messrs Hawes, King, Druiges and Kimball with their wives, Mr. Warner, Mrs. Phelps and Mrs. McClaggin and ourselves were there. The Misses Sutherland called.

Saturday, August 5, 1882. Weather pleasant. Sewed in the forenoon and wrote after dinner. Wrote to Jimmie and Mary (2). Mrs. McGerke called in the afternoon and after tea Mr. Sheetz called to thank Grandpa for some apples he had sent him. I went up to see the Misses Murtfeldt after taking the mail to the office.

Sunday, August 6, 1882. Cool and pleasant except out in the sun. We went to church as usual in the forenoon but there was no service in the evening so we stayed at home. It rained a little anyway and looked very threatening. Maggie is eleven years old today.

Monday, August 7, 1882. Bright in the morning but it rained in the afternoon. Was busy sewing or writing most of the day. Letter from Mary and card from Jimmie, wrote letter to him (1). Mrs. Phelps came to sit awhile and stayed to tea and after Mr. Murtfeldt came to bring some beautiful crab apples to Mother Ricker. The boys Ira and Will were here after tea.

Tuesday, August 8, 1882. Weather rather cool, remarkably so for the season. A card from Jimmie was all I got today but I wrote to him, Mary and Lottie Bennett (3). Mrs. Halsey spent an hour or two here after dinner. After tea I took some music and went up to Uncle Drew's. After I left Misses Mary and Louise Murtfeldt came.

Wednesday, August 9, 1882. Quite cool, we need extra wraps or warm clothing. No mail for me today. I finished off the under skirt of Grandma's dress and put the last stitches in the basque before dinner. Wrote to Aunt Betsey, Father and Mother, letters for their Anniversary, and Jimmie (4) also a card to Prof Drummond acknowledging receipt of book. Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Thursday, August 10, 1882. Quite cool, indeed we must keep the doors and windows closed for comfort. Had letters from Jimmie and Mother, Maggie had one from her father also. Wrote to him (1). After dinner Mother R. and I called upon Mrs. Bown, Mrs. King, the Ricker girls, Mrs. Belt's family and Mr. Warner. Finished off Mother R's dress complete today and am glad it looks so well. Jennie Ricker brought her work and stayed until after dinner.

Friday, August 11, 1882. Cool and pleasant. Father and Mother's 35th Anniversary. Had cards from Jimmie and Jennie today. Wrote to Jimmie (1). After dinner Mother Ricker and I called upon Mrs. Kimball, Mrs. Singleton and Misses Sutherland. Mrs. Dings and Mrs. McClaggin called while we were away, Maggie and I went up to Mr. Murtfeldt's after tea.

Saturday, August 12, 1882. Warmer and very pleasant. Letters from Jimmie and Pa. Wrote to him, Ma and to B and A Silk Manuf's for waste silk (3). Sewed for Maggie's doll this morning. After taking my letters to the office, I came past Mrs. P's and stopped. Mother Ricker came over soon after and we stayed until 6 o'clock hearing an account of her troubles.

Sunday, August 13, 1882. Beautiful day. Four of the children went to S. S. with Grandpa and Grandma and I followed later to church. Rev. Mr. McComb of Webster preached, or changed with Mr. Warner and we had a most excellent sermon on the 3rd Jno 1st 2nd. In the afternoon Jake and Mary were here awhile. In the evening Maggie, Willie and I went to church with Father and Mother Ricker.

Monday, August 14, 1882. Beautiful day, somewhat warmer than it has been. Letters from Mary and Jimmie, also some papers. Wrote to Jimmie, Lizzie and Mrs. Kelly (3). We heard about 5 o'clock that Mabel Phelps had fallen over the ballustrades into the hall below and was perhaps badly hurt so we went over to see how she was. It was a narrow escape from death but she seems to be getting along very well.

Tuesday, August 15, 1882. Before we were up this morning it rained hard and thundered so the house trembled. I had letters from Jimmie and Ma, answered both (2). Sewed a little on my silk patches. Made a blue lawn dress for Maggie's doll. I spent two or three hours at the piano and enjoyed it very much. Mr. Warner was here in the evening, and Uncle Drew in the morning. Cloudy and rainy all day.

Wednesday, August 16, 1882. Clear again and quite warm. Went down street this A.M. and bought shoes for Willie, Carl and Lizzie. No letters for me. Wrote to Jimmie (1). Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Thursday, August 17, 1882. Pleasant. Helped gather and cook some plums to make jelly this morning then went to the tinner's to order cans, to Mr. Brandt's after sugar and to the office after letters. Had one from Jimmie which I answered (1). In the afternoon we went to the Temperance meeting and called at Mrs. Sneed's and Mrs. Hyatt's. Miss Louise Murtfeldt, and Uncle Drew with Charlie, Jake and Clara were here in the evening.

Friday, August 18, 1882. Pleasant though warmer. Made my jelly this morning and there was just one gallon. Card from Jimmie and letter from Lizzie, wrote to both (2). After dinner Mother R. and I called upon Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. McLogan, lastly came past Mr. Murtfeldt's and stayed awhile in the yard. In the evening Jake, Jennie and Mary called and later Mr. Warner came in.

Saturday, August 19, 1882. Warm and dry. I made about three pints more of jelly today, had a card from Jimmie and wrote him a letter (1). Went up to play croquet with the Murtfeldt girls awhile in the afternoon and in the evening I took Maggie and Willie up to Uncle Drew's to spend the evening. Miss Mary Sneed and Miss Nettie McLagan called while I was gone.

Sunday, August 20, 1882. Warm and bright. Four of the children went to S.S. with Grandpa and I went later with Grandma to church. In the afternoon all of us including Mary went to the Juvenile Temperance Meeting at the Baptist church. This is brother Enos' birthday, he is twenty-two today.

Monday, August 21, 1882. Bright and warm with a pleasant breeze. 4 letters today, one from Pa, one from Mary and 2 from Jimmie. I wrote two (2). Have been working a little with jelly and sewing a little. Just after tea I missed my diamond ring which Jimmie gave me before we were married and as it could not be found in the dark, I had to wait until morning to search thoroughly. I felt very sorry to give it up even for the night. We spent the evening at Mr. Warner's and met the Misses McLagan there.

Tuesday, August 22, 1882. Very warm and during the afternoon a thunderstorm and shower cooled off the air a little. To my great delight Ruth found my lost ring on the stairs this morning. Willie is 9 years old today. No letter, but a card from Jimmie which I answered (1). Wrote to Pa and Sarah Colegrove also (2). I have been making jelly of blue plums today. We took tea at Mrs. Phelps' this evening.

Wednesday, August 23, 1882. Warm and threatening. We were very busy today with the blue plums. I made two trips to the tinnery to get cans soldered. Went to prayer meeting. I wrote to Jimmie as usual (1).

Thursday, August 24, 1882. Warm. Had letters from Jimmie and Lottie Bennett. Answered both and wrote to Ma (3). Put up five cans of plums and made a little apple jelly. Mrs. Kimball was here in the afternoon and Mrs. Morris just before tea. We went over to ask about Mabel Phelps and found her and her mother gone visiting. Worked a little on my silk quilt. After tea Grandpa took me to the greenhouse in the buggy and I saw some lovely roses.

Friday, August 25, 1882. Warm with heavy clouds, thunder and strong indications of rain which however are not yet fulfilled. A letter for Willie from his papa and a paper from Maggie Bell was all we had in today's mail. Wrote to Jimmie (1) and card to Wannamaker. Mrs. Dings and Mrs. Black called about tea time, Mr. Warner was here later then Mrs. Phelps and later still Mr. & Mrs. Chas King.

Saturday, August 26, 1882. Quite pleasant. Mother Ricker, Miss Louise Murtfeldt and I went to the city on the 7:20 train and spent the forenoon shopping, after lunch we went to Shaw's garden and spent the afternoon. Saw Lucy Robinson there, met quite unexpectedly. Had letter from Lizzie, wedding cards from Mr. and Mrs. Ed Carey and P.C. from Jimmie. Did not write of course being away all day. Grandma bought a set of dishes for Lizzie and Scrapbook for Willie. I got Will a knife and Carl a ball, the thing more for their birthdays and Maggie had a doll for hers which Grandma gave her before her birthday. Lizzie lost her ring.

Sunday, August 27, 1882. Cool enough for a thick dress. Went to church in the morning, to Children's Temperance meeting in the afternoon and early to bed in the evening. Mrs. Hawes, Mr. and Mrs. Bushnell and Mr. Little were here while we were at tea.

Monday, August 28, 1882. Cool and cloudy. Had letters from Ma, Jimmie and John, the latter containing draft for 50.00. Wrote to Lizzie, John and Jimmie (3). Went down street on some errands after dinner and spent the rest of the afternoon knitting worked a little on my quilt. No, I was at home all day. Miss Lou Murtfeldt came to see if I would go to the Greenhouse but I did not go.

Tuesday, August 29, 1882. Rained last evening and again this evening. Card from Jimmie letter from Ma, wrote to Jimmie and Sarah Colegrove (2). Went down street to have some mending done. Charlie Ricker brought me two commercials, couldn't get a Gazette (Cin), he stayed to tea but no longer.

Wednesday, August 30, 1882. Quite pleasant until evening when it looked very much like rain. No word from Jimmie today but a letter from Ma which I answered, wrote also to Jimmie. After church tonight Charlie Ricker called me aside and told me he was expecting to be married about the 13th and wanted me to wait until after the wedding. It was quite a surprise to me to hear it from him although we had heard whispers of it before.

Thursday, August 31, 1882. Cool and fall like with some rain. Had a letter from Ma for Jimmie which I forwarded in one from myself and also wrote Mary and Ma (3). After dinner we intended making calls but Mrs. McLagan, Mrs. Dings and Miss

Lou Murtfeldt were here and after they left we only went to see Mrs. Sheetz and Mrs. Huff. Sister Lizzie's sixth anniversary and Edward Dana Greene's first birthday.

Friday, September 1, 1882. Cool, cloudy and rather dismal. We had fire in the sitting room and found it very comfortable. No one came in and we sat in the room with closed doors and windows all day knitting and sewing. I almost finished the stocking I began for Willie on last Tuesday. Wrote to Jimmie as usual (1).

Saturday, September 2, 1882. Still cool enough for fire. I sat knitting most of the time today, or rather this morning until the stocking was finished which was before noon. I went to Uncle Drew's a few minutes before dinner, after dinner Mother Ricker and I called upon Mrs. Dings, Mrs. McLagan, Mrs. Black and Miss Morris and came home to find Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Dennis and Mrs. Robinson awaiting us. They had come from the city to see us. Misses Ida and Nettie McLagan called later and Mr. Warner was here to tea. Mrs. Murtfeldt came in a few minutes also. Wrote to Jimmie as usual also Jennie (2). Had letters from him and Ma telling me of Jennie's new boy Edward Dana. Wrote card to Mary. Charlie, Jake, Jennie, Mary and cousin Geo Hosford were here this evening.

Sunday, September 3, 1882. Beautiful day, cool and bright. We all went to church as usual except Willie who was strung by a bumble bee yesterday and has been sick ever since, though he feels better this morning. Cousin Geo was here to dinner and Mr. Murtfeldt to tea.

Monday, September 4, 1882. Beautiful day. I went early to the train to see Uncle Drew before he left, wanted him to cash a draft for me. Had letters from Mary and Jas, the latter containing deeds to the Cinti house for my signature, so after writing to him, and Mary (2) I went with Grandpa to the Notary Public and signed the papers, sending them on at once.

Tuesday, September 5, 1882. Pleasant. I had nothing in the mail today but a card from Jas. Wrote him as usual (1). After dinner Mother Ricker and I went to call upon Mrs. Bushnell, Mrs. Grubb, Jennie and Mary, Mrs. Halsey and Mrs. Hawes, the latter two were not at home. The children were over at Miss Phelps in the evening. I called there just before tea.

Wednesday, September 6, 1882. Rather cloudy but no rain. I went to the city on the 7.30 and spent the day with Mollie York, Mrs. Weyer and Mrs. Dennis were away from home for the day so I missed them. Mollie and I called to see Mrs. Singleton also Mrs. Robinson and Camille Bigler. Did some shopping and a great

deal of sight seeing. Jake Ricker is 21 years old today. Letter from Lizzie. Did not write to any one. Grandpa went in on the 10 and came out at 4 o'clock, I came on the 6 o'clock.

Thursday, September 7, 1882. Beautiful day. Expected Mollie York out to spend the day but she did not come. Letter from Jimmie. Wrote to him and Ma (2). Nineteen years today since we reached Portsmouth and settled there. Mollie and Mr. York came on the 4 P.M. and stayed until 10 PM so we had a nice visit. Jennie and Mary called upon her.

Friday, September 8, 1882. Cloudy with rain in the afternoon. Letters from Jas and Mary. Answered both (2). After writing, I dressed and went up to Uncle Drew's to dinner, the girls had invited me Tuesday not knowing it would be my birthday. Miss Nettie McLagan was there also and Mr. Warner called after dinner and walked home with me where Miss Nettie and I left.

Saturday, September 9, 1882. Bright, beautiful and cool. I went to the train this AM with Willie who was going to the city to spend the day with Ed Weyer. Went after the mail later and got a card from Jimmie and letter from Ma who says Jennie is very sick, has had fever since Sunday and I am very anxious about her. Will go home Monday. Wrote Jas and Ma (2) also card to Mary. Willie did not come this evening. Mrs. Barr was here to tea. Sent telegram to inquire about Jennie.

Sunday, September 10, 1882. Pleasant day but rather cool. No answer to my telegram and Willie did not come until 2 PM so I have had an anxious time. Went to church as usual however and am hoping to hear encouraging news from Jennie tomorrow.

Monday, September 11, 1882. Beautiful day. Card from Bart this morning saying Jennie is better. I am very thankful but decided to go home as I can't stay contentedly without instructions to do so. Aunt Betsey, Mr. Warner and Mary and Mary Ricker, Mrs. Hawes and Mrs. Kimball called to say goodbye. We left on the 4 PM train accompanied as far as the city by both Father, Mother R and followed to the depot by about a dozen friends. Wrote card to Jimmie.

Tuesday, September 12, 1882. Reached Cin safely. Sent Ruth and Mary to the boat and I took the four older children to the Exposition and then to Fountain Sqr thence to the boat. Had a very pleasant trip up the river but there wasn't a lady on board whom I knew. Wrote to Jimmie (1).

Wednesday, September 13, 1882. Foggy and cool. Mary had the house open and a fire in the grate when we reached the house. It was late and before taking off my hat I took the children to school, Carl was just entering. Miss Barklow is his teacher, Willie goes to Miss Ross and Margaret to Mrs. Spry. This is Charlie Ricker and Sallie Davis' wedding. I wish them much joy. Mrs. Tewksbury called to see me, also Miss Emma Bell. The home folks all seem glad to have us back. Wrote Jennie, Ma and Mother R (3).

Thursday, September 14, 1882. Warmer. Busy all day. had letter from Jimmie, sent via Kirkwood. answered it (1). Mary Peebles was here this afternoon. John G. is sick and I have kept William all day. The new girl Mary engaged does very well so far.

Friday, September 15, 1882. Warm, pleasant weather only very dusty. There is much to be done about the house and yard, so much that I fear I shall not get it all done in as good order as it should be. This is the double birthday and I took dinner over home with Mary, of course with the rest of the family except Ma who is still with Sister Jennie who is sick. In the afternoon Maggie Peebles called to see me and Miss Emma Bell came to call and I kept her to tea. After tea Fannie, Mary, Lucy and Edith Moore were here to see us. I had a letter from Father Ricker containing one from Jimmie, also a card. Answered both (2). Jimmie writes that Mrs. Mason, wife of his foreman at the farm died Monday of Typhoid fever, left three little children. I'm sorry for them.

Saturday, September 16, 1882. Dry, warm and dusty. Have had a busy day and am tired. Set out the Lillies of the Vally and slips Grandma and Miss Murtfeldt gave me. Put the coal house in order and helped the children pile up the kindling. Ma came this afternoon and was over to see us before I knew she was here. Had a letter from Jimmie and should answer it if I had any paper but the last is gone. Uncle Sam and Aunt Mary have been married nineteen years today.

Sunday, September 17, 1882. Beautiful day. Maggie and Willie went to S.S. and Willie went with me to church. Carl has a cold. I was over home several times. Ma came home from Jennie's yesterday but did not feel like going out today only over home for a short time. Jennie is better but far from well yet. Wrote to Jimmie (1).

Monday, September 18, 1882. Weather a little cloudy but no rain and the clothes dried nicely. The three children went to school and Ruth who was here washing, watched the little ones while I went out to do some errands. Ma and I went up to Mrs. Greene's to see Mrs. Proctor about a remedy for Jennie's baby. Enos took me

out to the Children's Home to see if Annie Wolfe would come and live with me. Wrote as usual to Jimmie (1).

Tuesday, September 19, 1882. Pleasant. Had a colored woman here ironing all day. I swept and cleaned up as much as I could. Want to get ready for Maggie O'Connor but have very little chance to do so. Wrote as usual tonight (1). Dressed a doll and covered a ball after supper.

Wednesday, September 20, 1882. Weather cool and pleasant. Rained some. This is Mary's birthday Two years old. Her doll which was bought by small contributions from all the children was highly appreciated. I paid off the girl this afternoon as she was very unsatisfactory, her work was well enough but her character was'nt. I wrote to Jimmie and Mother Ricker (2). He writes that he is through threshing and will soon be done with the hardest part of his season's work. I hear from him almost every day. Jennie is still improving so Bart writes.

Thursday, September 21, 1882. Cool and damp. Have been busy with the work all day. Lizzie spends most of the time here and is ripping up the old dresses I want made over. Clara Waller came and invited me to a ladies' luncheon party tomorrow afternoon. Had a long letter from Mother Ricker telling about Charlie's wedding. I went to the luncheon and had a nice time. Mrs. Burton, Clay Newman, Jennie Carson, Miss Kinney, Mrs. Margretta Fulton, Maggie and Josie Murfin were the guests. Mrs. J. G. Peebles called while I was gone. Wrote to Jas in the evening also to Sister Jennie.

Friday, September 22, 1882. Cool and damp. Was busy all day. After 3 o'clk I went to do some errands for Lizzie and myself. Called at Mrs. Peebles' and Mrs. Tewksbury's. Had card from Jimmie.

Saturday, September 23, 1882. Beautiful day. When I was in the midst of preparing dinner Ruth came over and offered to help me so I left her to finish and after dinner went to do some errands and make a call upon Aunt Sallie Young and Mrs. Lowes. Had a letter from Jimmie which I carried an hour or two before I found time to read. Toby Winkler frightened the children off the place this morning and some colored children made war upon them in the evening. Jennie Gharky was here. Wrote to Jimmie (1).

Sunday, September 24, 1882. Beautiful weather but rather cool. Have fire in my room. Went to church in the morning was home all the rest of the day. Uncle Jimmie was here to tea. Wrote card to Ma and finished letter to Jimmie to go in early mail.

Monday, September 25, 1882. Lovely day. Ruth came to wash and after she was done I washed out an old carpet to have woven into a rug for the dining room. Lizzie spends her days here but goes home to her meals as I have no help. We can't visit very much but it is some comfort to have her in the house. Wrote to Jimmie (1) Had letter from him and went and got paper for dining room ceiling. Want to fix it up a little. Wrote Jimmie (1).

Tuesday, September 26, 1882. Still pleasant and cool. Keep fire. Nearly all of us have colds. Made pickles and began catsup. Aunt Sallie and Julia Young called also Mrs. Burton to see Lizzie. Card from Jimmie. Wrote him (1). Began giving Lizzie Cuticura for her skin disease and hope it will relieve her.

Wednesday, September 27, 1882. Cool and foggy in the morning. Lizzie has a cold and came over to say she would work at home today so I have been alone with my little folks. Canned eleven cans of tomatoes. Did the other work and went Maggie came from school I went down street to get some socks for Jimmie. Letter from him which I ans'd (1). Maggie helps me by giving the children their supper.

Thursday, September 28, 1882. Rather pleasant. Never was more busy or much more tired. Today I made catsup and bottled 1 ½ doz quart bottles of pickles. Company came in and the pickling was delayed to be finished after night. Wrote to Jimmie as usual (1). Maggie O'Connor came to say she would be here in two weeks from Monday next.

Friday, September 29, 1882. Weather lovely and warm only pretty dusty. Ruth ironed today for us. I put a new dado on the dining room which helps the looks of it. 2 letters from Jas one from Mother Ricker. Answered both (2). Sent money to pay for the picture we gave Charlie R. Charlie and Dwight Green called with Bartie and left him here until tea time.

Saturday, September 30, 1882. When we awoke it was raining very hard but cleared off soon after and was pleasant. Cooked and cleaned all day. Put the top border on the dining room which is very much improved by the new ceiling and borders. Letters from Maggie Bell, Ma and Aunt Betsey Ricker with card from Jas. Wrote Ma (1).

Sunday, October 1, 1882. Lovely fall day with a little sprinkle of rain in the evening and hard rain at night. I was not at all well today and did not go out. Willie was not feeling well at S.S. time so remained at home and Margaret represented the family. Lizzie was over awhile in the afternoon. Wrote to Jimmie (1).

Monday, October 2, 1882. Beautiful day. Ruth was here to wash and after dinner Sister Lizzie came to stay with the children and I went to do errands again. Met Fannie Moore down street and as we walked along together a strange man, stepped up in front of me and introduced himself as a sort of cousin of Jim Ricker's. He nearly frightened me out of my wits and I did not get over it for some time. Letter from Jimmie which I answered (1).

Tuesday, October 3, 1882. Beautiful day. Have been busy at various things. Putting on clean patches of paper in my room, sweeping, dusting and cooking and what not until about half past 3 P.M. when Lizzie came over and sent me out so I did an errand or two and then went to see Mrs. Tewksbury, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Greene and Miss Maggie Murfin who gave me a large handful of rose slips. Wrote to Jimmie (1).

Wednesday, October 4, 1882. Was busy getting ready for Jennie and the children who came about 4 o'clock. Barton came later and they were all here to spend the night. Mrs. Lowes called. Jennie is much better than I had reason to expect. I wrote to Jimmie (1). Dwight called in the evening to see Jennie and the little folks.

Thursday, October 5, 1882. Lovely weather. This afternoon I left Lizzie and Jennie to visit together and went up street to do some errands. Aunt Mary Sam called with her baby whom she says they will call Leah. Had letters from Jimmie and Mother Ricker. Wrote him (1). Jennie Bart and the children dined at Mrs. Greene's but were all here to tea. Bart left on the 8 PM train for Columbus.

Friday, October 6, 1882. Beautiful day. Was home and very busy all day until almost supper time when I went down street to do a few errands. Ruth ironed. I had the give fixed around the kitchen stove and am trying to get things all in order before Jimmie comes. No letter from him today but I wrote him and Mother Ricker (2). John and Sam McConnell called. Jno is just from Fargo. Ma and Lizzie went down to Henley.

Saturday, October 7, 1882. Pleasant. Have been busy and am now tired and sleepy and the mosquitoes will not let me write in peace. No word from Jimmie today but I have written as usual (1).

Sunday, October 8, 1882. Pleasant though it looked a little like rain. Was too tired to go to church at all today though it was Communion Sabbath. Jennie went in the afternoon. I had two cards from Jimmie this afternoon.

Monday, October 9, 1882. Showery but pleasant. Ruth came to wash as usual and will stay with me awhile now until I get someone else or at least get through with my company and serving. I had a letter from Jimmie today and answered it (1). Was down street as usual doing errands and went to see Mary Ellen as she and Uncle Enos were here to see Jennie today.

Tuesday, October 10, 1882. Looked like rain but we only had a light shower. I got 50.00 and paid off some bills this afternoon. It seems like I can't get through with all the errands and settle down to the work at home which is accumulating fast. No word from Jimmie but I wrote as usual (1).

Wednesday, October 11, 1882. Delightful weather. Worked in the parlor most of the day cleaning. Mrs. Lowes and Mrs. Murphy called to see Jennie. I went down street later and then called to see Grandma who came home from Buena Vista today. Card from Jimmie. Wrote him this evening. (1)

Thursday, October 12, 1882. Lovely day. Grandma and Aunt Maria took dinner over home and spent the afternoon here taking tea with us. Finished off my parlor lambrequins. Wrote to Jimmie (1). He is getting more and more homesick since John McConnell came home. Wrote to Grandma Ricker also (1).

Friday, October 13, 1882. Rainy nearly all day. After dinner it rained hard but I dressed suitably and went down street to see about cretonne for lambrequins and frames for pictures. Letter from Jimmie which I answered as usual (1). Have been putting up the new lambrequins in the parlor and like them very much.

Saturday, October 14, 1882. Lovely day. We were all at home in the forenoon Lizzie brought John and came to sit awhile. After dinner she brought both of them. Mary and Jennie went and returned the calls at Uncle Enos' and Mrs. Lowes then Jennie and I called upon Mary Murphy, Hattie Scudder and Aunt Mary Sam. Letter from Jimmie which I answered (1). Finished my large corner bracket and got it up. Barton came tonight.

Sunday, October 15, 1882. Pleasant. Maggie and Will went to S.S. but not church. Jennie Barton and I went to church and then over home to dinner. Rich and Lizzie with their children had gone to Mr. Peebles' to dinner. The rest of the day passed as usual with lessons.

Monday, October 16, 1882. Beautiful weather. Maggie O'Conner came to sew and we had a busy time of it. After dinner Bart and Jennie took Elizabeth and went up to the Brick works on the cars and then drove down in Dwight's buggy. They took

tea at Mrs. Greene's. No letters from J. but I have written him as usual. (1) Barton went home.

Tuesday, October 17, 1882. Very pleasant weather. The sewings does not progress rapidly at all as I can not give much time to it. Bartie is still sick in bed or should be as he can not sit up and lies with his clothes all on. Wrote to Jimmie (1). He is not going to be home in time for the wedding.

Wednesday, October 18, 1882. Very pleasant, not bright and cheerful but warm and fall-like. Carrie Greene and Mrs. Lowes called this afternoon to see Jennie. Have been busy of course sewing a little and running about a great deal. Rained hard this evening. Wrote to Jimmie (1).

Thursday, October 19, 1882. Rained nearly all day, not steadily but was cloudy and bright by turns and rained in the morning. Mary went to a reception at Dr. Norton's, the boys went also but with each other as Mary went with Dwight Greene. Letter from Jimmie which I answered (1). Therza Spry was here most of the afternoon. The Little Navigator has been framed anew after so many years.

Friday, October 20, 1882. Beautiful day but rather cooler than yesterday. Have been at home all day. Bartie is not so well, not up at all. Jennie went to Dr. Ellis for treatment again. Enos and Dwight were here a little while and Mrs. Greene called a few minutes. Rec'd cards to the Johnson Tewksbury wedding and Mrs. T. called to invite us to the house after the ceremony. Wrote to Jimmie (1).

Saturday, October 21, 1882. Lovely weather and busy times. I had a letter from Jimmie today saying I need not write again after rec'ing it as he was soon to leave Blanchard for home. It seems good to think about it. We sewed and worked busily all day. I have eight new lambrequins ready to put up, some of them are up now, and I want the house to look pleasant and portly for the winter.

Sunday, October 22, 1882. Beautiful day but I did not go out. Was too tired and worn out to leave the house. Maggie and Willie represented the family. Bartie is still in bed, has been sick since a week ago yesterday and gets along very slowly. The baby has colic a great deal, Jennie is not at all well and I am tired so we are rather a lame household.

Monday, October 23, 1882. Rather cool but pleasant for all that. We were busy as usual. Miss Maggie is getting my light silk dress ready for the wedding. Had a letter from Helen Ricker today asking if it would be convenient for her and Addie to come

down and go to the wedding with us. I answered yes and Ma asked for them to dine at her house. Dr. and Mrs. Pratt called.

Tuesday, October 24, 1882. Beautiful day. Was up street this forenoon and called at Mrs. Tewksbury's to see her a few moments. Saw Jennie Todd but not the girls. The house is filled with bridesmaids and company gathered for the wedding, which will be a great occasion, the family connection and special friends only are to be entertained at the house.

Wednesday, October 25, 1882. Beautiful day but dusty. Helen and Addie came to attend the Johnson Tewksbury weddings with us but had to stay over home as our house was full and Bart came on the afternoon train besides. We, Jennie Bart, Helen, Addie and I went to the church and saw Julia Tewksbury and Theodore Johnson, and Margaret T. and Albert Johnson married, then came home and went later to the Reception at Mr. Tewksbury's house. It was a pretty wedding and I was sorry Jimmie missed seeing it. Mary Ellen called this afternoon.

Thursday, October 26, 1882. Weather still lovely. Miss O. C. sews industriously and I do all I can to help but it does not amount to much. I went down street to get some things and stopped at Uncle Enos' on my way home. Ma came while we were at supper and took the baby over home so the rest of Jennie's family followed later. Fannie and Mary called after tea. Bartie was up today for the first time in 10 days.

Friday, October 27, 1882. Warm and pleasant but just before supper a thunder storm came up and we had a hard rain which only lasted a short time. Miss Emma Bell was here a few minutes to call. She has'nt been here in a long time before. Miss Maggie has been making me a red basque today, for house wear. Have been putting finishing touches to the house myself.

Saturday, October 28, 1882. Delightful day after the rain of last night which settled the dust. This was Maggie O'Conner's last day so it was a busy one. We nearly finished all we had undertaken. Jimmie came home on the 3.35 train and was joyfully welcomed after an absence of seven and a half months, in Dakota Territory. He brought some wonderful potatoes as a sample of what the land produces. We called at the Mr. Tewksbury's in the evening to see Jennie Todd who leaves early Monday morning.

Sunday, October 29, 1882. Beautiful weather, the leaves are falling fast and it seems like Indian summer. We had the pleasure of attending church together once more, Jimmie and I with the children. I felt very thankful and happy. Uncle Enos and

Mary Ellen followed us to our gate to speak to him. After dinner and lessons we went over to see Bart and Jimmie a little while. Uncle Jimmie dined here.

Monday, October 30, 1882. Lovely day. Have been busy all day as usual. Bart went home on the early train, so we did not see him. I took a little work and went over home to sit a few minutes before dinner.

Tuesday, October 31, 1882. Beautiful morning so we got a horse and buggy and with our two little girls and William Peebles, went down into the country to see Lizzie who has been gone less than a week. Rain overtook us and the trip was unpleasant but the visit was nice and we were glad we went after all. John Peebles is 5 yrs old today.

Wednesday, November 1, 1882. Cooler and cloudy. Jimmie and I dined over home with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Greene and Lawrence Southard. Jimmie and I went to the Court house to sign a deed to the Cinti house and hope it is sold now. After coming home from dinner I went and called upon Clara Waller, Mrs. Bonsall and Mrs. Burton.

Thursday, November 2, 1882. Cooler than it has been lately. Decided to have a few friends take tea with us tomorrow as it will be our 12th Anniversary. Went to ask Mr. and Mrs. Peebles, Maggie and Mary, Dr. and Mrs. Pratt and Laura Southard. Met Mrs. Greene and Mrs. Johnson who said they could'nt come. Called at Mrs. Geo Johnson's and also at Mrs. Towne's asked her and the Judge to come tomorrow. Wrote to Mother Ricker.

Friday, November 3, 1882. Our 12th Anniversary. We celebrated it by a small tea party. Pa and Ma, Jennie, Mary, John and Enos, Mr. and Mrs. Tewksbury, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy, Mr. and Mrs. Towne, Uncle Jimmie and Maggie Peebles were here. Dr. and Mrs. Pratt, Laura Southard, Mrs. Greene and Dwight, Mr. and Mrs. Theo Johnson, Prof Lowes and wife, sent regrets and Dr. and Mrs. Kline would have been asked only they had another engagement. Mary helped me all day and we got along nicely. Letter from Sister Lizzie.

Saturday, November 4, 1882. Very pleasant but rather cool. Bertie Spry spent the day with Margaret and after dinner Jimmie took the boys riding and after they returned I went awhile. Jose Murfin called to see me. I had to sew after supper to make up for lost time.

Sunday, November 5, 1882. Beautiful day. We went to church in the forenoon together and Jimmie and Willie went in the evening. We had lessons as usual and Uncle Jimmie was here.

Monday, November 6, 1882. Rainy and gloomy. Began an apron for Maggie or intended doing so and could'nt find one to cut up after getting out the materials. Laura Southard called just before tea. After tea Jimmie and I went down to Mr. Miller's to see Emma Voorheis, Lucy Miller. Em's sister who has been an invalid all her life died last Thursday. Wrote to Lizzie.

Tuesday, November 7, 1882. Beautiful day, bright and sunny. While Jennie was at the doctor's this afternoon, Jimmie took me to do some errands. I took a hat to be fixed for Margaret and got some gingham for two more aprons. After lamplight I finished off the first one all but the fastenings and will do that in the morning.

Wednesday, November 8, 1882. Lovely day. Brother John is twenty-four years old today. Finished the apron and Margaret wore it to school. This is the Anniversary of John and Sallie Peebles' wedding. Have been housecleaning today in my room. Wrote to Maggie Bell.

Thursday, November 9, 1882. Rainy all day. Have been busy doing mending and such things that take time but make no show. Wrote to Mother Ricker. Went to see Mrs. Towne and ask about Annie Wolfe as Mrs. Towne will be going back to Washington soon.

Friday, November 10, 1882. Weather still pleasant. Jimmie took Jennie up to the doctor's this after noon and then came and took me out awhile. We stopped on the way home and got the hat that Mr. Julian had pressed for Maggie. It is as nice as new, is a dark blue bearer which Jennie gave me for her.

Saturday, November 11, 1882. Pleasant but rather cool. Rich came up this morning and said Lizzie wanted him to take Maggie back with him to stay over Sunday as he was coming up early Monday on his way to Dayton and she could come back there, and not lose much time from school. They did not leave until about 3 o'clock.

Sunday, November 12, 1882. Cool but pleasant. Went to church in the morning and after lessons in the after noon, I went over home awhile. The folks want me or rather us, to go and stay with Lizzie this week while Rich is away.

Monday, November 13, 1882. Rainy and cold. Rich and Maggie came up about 9.30 AM but Maggie was so cold she did not go to school until afternoon. We decided to take Rich's buggy and go down to Henley to stay with Lizzie while Rich is

gone on his trip to Dayton and other places. We took Lizzie and would have taken Mary but she had such a cold it was hardly safe to take her. The folks were all anxious to have us go and promised to take care of what we left at home.

Tuesday, November 14, 1882. Lovely weather but rather cold. We stayed in all day and I put in most of my time knitting. Have a pair of stockings on hand for Lizzie. Rich and Lizzie have a very nice comfortable home which will be improving all the time and they will enjoy it greatly when they are settled.

Wednesday, November 15, 1882. Beautiful weather. After breakfast Jimmie and I went in the buggy to see what we could find in the way of apples cabbage ect. We returned about 12.30 with some things and after dinner we made some laurel wreaths and hung up in the dining room. Lizzie and I are having a nice visit together. She got a second girl today, sister of the one she already had.

Thursday, November 16, 1882. Lovely day. Rich did not come today though Lizzie expected him and kept both dinner and supper waiting for him. After dinner Jimmie and I took a pleasant drive on the pike. After we went home we went after persimmons again and later still, Lizzie and I made a large horse shoe of evergreen and put up in the dining room.

Friday, November 17, 1882. Rather cloudy and damp. It rained a little before we reached home. Rich and Elma Eiles came soon after dinner and about 3 o'clock Jimmie, Lizzie and I started home having had a delightful visit with Lizzie and her little folks. Our own folks were all well but Miss Emma who stayed with them nights, was gone home. Finished off the second stocking for Lizzie.

Saturday, November 18, 1882. Very pleasant notwithstanding the threatening weather yesterday. The dining room stove was fixed this afternoon. I have been busy straightening the closet in my room today. Annie Wolfe came to see me this afternoon about a situation for the winter. Was out shopping for Lizzie today, both morning and afternoon. Trimmed Maggie's hat with gray fur and feathers and it looks very well.

Sunday, November 19, 1882. Pleasant day but May is not at all well so I stayed at home to give her medicine.

Monday, November 20, 1882. Rather cold. Started fire in the dining room stove but it could not be checked by the dampers so we let it burn out. Jimmie and May made me a present of a handsome embroidered cashmere dress. Wrote to Lizzie.

Tuesday, November 21, 1882. Beautiful day but cool. Made up the dining room rug today. Sent a lot of Lizzie's things to her, also a letter, by Mr. Nesbit the Henley store keeper. Jennie was here a few minutes. I sat long enough with her this morning to learn how to knit woolen lace.

Wednesday, November 22, 1882. Beautiful day, somewhat warmer than yesterday. Swept, dusted and cleaned up generally and then sorted over the clothes in the trunks, drawers and boxes, putting away the summer things. I see that it was the same kind of work I did one year ago yesterday. Wrote to Mother Ricker.

Thursday, November 23, 1882. Bright and frosty. We have had several heavy frosts. I put my tulip bulbs in the ground today and took up the tube rose bulbs. Spent the afternoon and evening paring apples for apple butter. Jimmie helped. Miss Emma was here and we kept her to tea.

Friday, November 24, 1882. Pleasant though cold. Was up unusually early to begin on the apple butter and spent the whole day making a little more than five gallons, which I sealed up in glass jars. Had a letter from Lizzie. Jimmie stayed at home and helped me with my work.

Saturday, November 25, 1882. Weather growing cold and wintry. Was busy all forenoon and part of the afternoon, cleaning up. Went up to ask Mr. Hermes if I might exchange that handsome dress pattern for flannels and such other goods as we need. Judge and Mrs. Towne called to see us.

Sunday, November 26, 1882. Bright and pleasant though rather cold. Went to church in the forenoon. Spent the day as usual, hearing lessons and reading a very little.

Monday, November 27, 1882. Bright and frosty in the morning, but it seems like snow. Went out to Uncle Sam's to see how Ralph is, he has been sick a week. Dr. Norton died this evening. Returned the dress that was given me last week. Put out some rose slips.

Tuesday, November 28, 1882. Light snow fell but melted soon. Began a suit for Carl and got the jacket ready to fit on him. In the evening began the second mitten for Willie but did not finish it. There is a great deal of sickness in town, Mr. Chas Kehoe died last night or this morning early. Typhoid or malarial fever seems to be the general cause.

Wednesday, November 29, 1882. Weather damp and unpleasant. Sewed some in the forenoon on Carl's jacket and after dinner went over home to help decorate the

house for the banquet to be given by the young gentlemen to the young ladies of the History class, at Father's house tomorrow evening. Fanny Moore was there, Jennie Greene was there a part of the time and we three constituted the Com on Dec. not regularly appointed but with the work to do. Enos had bought a wagon load of evergreens of various kinds and it took a great deal of time to use it up in wreaths, festoons, ect. It is very unfortunate that the affair must go on when so many are sick but so much has been done already that the young men feel compelled to go through with it.

Thursday, November 30, 1882. Weather still unpleasant. I did very little work at home today. Gave my whole time to helping over home as they are always so good about helping me at such times. After the decorations were all up, and the tables ready, I helped put the table cloths on and then set the dishes on. The Menus were very handsome and with the boutonniers and four large boquets, made the table look very pretty. When all was ready I came home. After our supper and when the little children were in bed, J. W. Maggie, Willie and I dressed and went over home to see the sights and hear the music. The sight was a brilliant one. There were to have been thirty-eight couples but three of the girls were absent owing to sickness or deaths in their families so the three unfortunate young gents invited outside parties to occupy seats beside them. Dr. Gibson asked Lillie Johnson, John Moore gave Puss Tracy's seat to Jennie and I had Flo McConnell's seat beside Sam Johnson. I was glad to be there of course and hear the speeches but sorry to be there when J.W. had to see outside and only look on. Rich was there to be company for him however and after the guests left the room he had all he wanted of the supper then helped to take the table out of the way. It was after one o'clock when we came home.

Friday, December 1, 1882. Rather bright but raw and chilly. Lucy Molster and Mrs. J. Y. Gordon were buried this afternoon, Lucy from our church and Mrs. G. from Bigelow. Lucy was about seventeen, an only daughter and her father is very sick, has been for some time. I feel very sorry for her mother. Went down to see if I could do any thing for them the day Lucy died but they said not. Wrote Jennie Ricker.

Saturday, December 2, 1882. Cold and unpleasant. J.W. was taken sick about midnight and at noon I called the doctor who gave him medicine. He was quite sick in the night and has fever and headache today. Am not doing much sewing this week and as something new is continually turning up I see no chance to ever catch up what I've lost. Jennie went up to Mrs. Greene's today and Barton came tonight.

Sunday, December 3, 1882. Weather damp but bright and rather cold. While we were getting ready for breakfast a messenger from Henley came in haste after Ma,

Mrs. Mc and the doctor. As soon as they could get off, they did so. As J. W. was sick and needed my attention, I did not go to church. Maggie was not well so stayed at home and Willie was our sole representative both at S.S. and church. At night the driver from the Livery Stable came back from Henley and brought a note from Ma who said Miss Peebles arrived long before she and her delegation got there and everything was lovely.

Monday, December 4, 1882. Bright and clear all day. J.W. is better but not well enough to be up. I sewed some but not a great deal. Began a mitten for Carl who needs a pair badly. Sarah C was here to see me, she has left her place but I have Annie engaged to come tomorrow so can't take her this time. Ruth has been a good standby for me, hardly know what I should have done without her.

Tuesday, December 5, 1882. Rained all day. Barton and Mary talked of going to Henley but the rain spoiled their plan. Annie Wolfe came this evening just before supper time. I wrote a note to Lizzie. J.W. got up and dressed in time for tea.

Wednesday, December 6, 1882. Weather clearer but still unpleasant. Mrs. Ellis returned from Henley and reported all well. Jennie is sick again with cold and must come down home again. I went up to see her. J.W. was out today.

Thursday, December 7, 1882. Weather colder. Went over home in the after noon but did not stay long. Jennie was to have come down home again today but Barton will remain a few days longer so she will not come down until next week.

Friday, December 8, 1882. Very, very cold. It blew last night and began turning cold. The Thermometer kept dropping from daylight on until it became very cold. I sewed on Carl's clothes but did not get them done.

Saturday, December 9, 1882. Cold, but not quite so frigid as yesterday. Nothing of special not occurred. I got Carl's suit done late in the afternoon and took him down street to get him a hat and stockings. Jimmie and Will went out to Mr. Damarin's farm.

Sunday, December 10, 1882. Moderating a little. J.W. Willie and I went to church and left the little ones in Maggie's care since she could not go out anyway. Was over home to see the folks before supper.

Monday, December 11, 1882. It has moderated considerably. Jennie and baby came down home this forenoon and Barton went home. Jennie is a little better. I made underclothes for Will and Carl today. Worked until late bed time.

Tuesday, December 12, 1882. Pleasant. Sewed all day but did not accomplish as much as yesterday. A suit of underwear for Carl being all I made.

Wednesday, December 13, 1882. Rained all forenoon, was clear and colder after dinner. Mrs. Cunningham was buried from All Saints ch this AM at 9. and Mrs. Ann Martin from our church at 10.30 J.W. and I attended the latter funeral. There was also one from the Catholic church. The first two died away from here. Went to church—wrote to Mother Ricker.

Thursday, December 14, 1882. Began to grow colder. Rich went home today and took John who will see his sister for the first time. Miss Emma was here and asked me to take charge of her class on Christmas as she hopes to be in Cin.

Friday, December 15, 1882. Very cold and windy this morning. Our severe cold changes usually come on Friday. Ma came home from Henley. I was out getting materials for a few Christmas presents. Went to the boat to see (Mrs) Frank C. Stacey.

Saturday, December 16, 1882. Cold. Spent most of the day working on the Christmas gifts. Am not intending to do much in that way as there are so many necessary things to be done.

Sunday, December 17, 1882. Not quite so cold and snowing a little all day. Went to church in the morning with J.W. Willie and Carl. Maggie is not well enough to be out. We called the Dr in again today to see her.

Monday, December 18, 1882. Bright but cold, the ground is covered with snow. Began a dress for Lizzie which I had almost finished at 10 PM when I laid it aside.

Tuesday, December 19, 1882. Much warmer and the streets are sloppy. Finished Lizzie's dress and put it on her. Made new sleeves for the old one which will now go to Mary. Went to visit Carl at school, then down street to do a little shopping. Wrote to Lizzie. Maggie went to school again.

Wednesday, December 20, 1882. A rainy day, very similar to its mate last year. Maggie ventured out to school and seems no worse for it. Finished Lizzie new dress and then washed and made new sleeves for her old one, no that was done yesterday and today I finished up the sharing paper holders for Christmas. Went to church.

Thursday, December 21, 1882. Bright and warm as spring. Took little Lizzie down street in the forenoon. After dinner Annie and I made mince meat. Wrote to Mother Ricker, packed and sent a little box to Kirkwood.

Friday, December 22, 1882. Rainy and disagreeable. I had some errands up street and while out got some little things to send to Henley. Have not bought much. Wrote to Lizzie, the second letter for this week. We miss her so much and I want very much to see her dear little girl.

Saturday, December 23, 1882. Not very pleasant. Our little folks have been preparing to have a tree for the younger ones so have been very busy. We did very little ourselves but as usual the friends joined in and made quite a spread of presents when they were all gathered in.

Sunday, December 24, 1882. A very quiet day, we had no unusual disturbance on account of Christmas. Went over home to see Bart and Jennie a few minutes, he came last night.

Monday, December 25, 1882. Rather gloomy, not cold and not like Christmas still we had a pleasant time. The children's tree was entirely satisfactory the presents being contributed principally by Pa and the Kirkwood friends and shared by the little folks all around from Uncle Enos', Uncle Sam's and over home.

Tuesday, December 26, 1882. Beautiful day and as pleasant as it is beautiful. Barton, Jennie and the children went home at noon. We felt sorry to see her go, fearing she would not be able to take so good care of herself as she should. After dinner me, Ma, Mary and I went to Uncle Enos' and saw Grandma and Mary Ellen's new set of dishes.

Wednesday, December 27, 1882. Weather not so pleasant as yesterday. Was busy all day washing some things to be made over. Miss Hart came to visit Mary. We went to church in the evening and I afterwards wrote to Mother Ricker. Wrote to Lizzie.

Thursday, December 28, 1882. Cold with some indications of snow. Margaret, Willie and Carl went to Uncle Sam's to spend the day with the children there upon Aunt Mary's invitation. I improved the opportunity to have Mary and Miss Mary Hart dine with us. Spent my spare time pressing the black dress and Carl's coat which I am to make over. After tea J.W. and I went up to Mr. Tewksbury's and spent the evening with them, the young folks were going out so we only saw them a few minutes.

Friday, December 29, 1882. Cloudy and damp. Was busy mending all day. Went over home a few minutes. Saw Rich who returns to Henley today. Mrs. Dr. Dennis called. Had letters from Mother Ricker and Aunt Betsey.

Saturday, December 30, 1882. Rather gloomy outside. Was busy all day mending up the children's school clothes. Did not get over home after a short call early in the morning. The girls had company all day, Clara Walker and her friend Miss Wood of Ironton spent the day with them so they did not come here at all.

Sunday, December 31, 1882. Weather quite similar to what we had this day a year ago. Cold but very little snow and that only on the shady side of the street. I went to S.S. as substitute for Miss Emma and am glad she will be back soon as it hurries me greatly to get there. Annie went to the country to spend the day so I had dinner to get and could not go to church. We heard with deep regret and sorrow this morning that Weston Lodwick died about 1.30 o'clk A.M. He was one of the best and most popular young men in town, had always been good and a favorite and will be greatly missed by young and old. He has been sick six weeks today and everybody felt anxious about him, hoping earnestly for his recovery but God saw fit to take him and since he was a christian it is well with him now.