

Monday, January 1, 1877

Portsmouth Ohio

Weather unusually cold and the heaviest fall of snow on the ground that has been known for here for years. It began to fall last Thursday evening and fell on a frozen bed where it will probably remain some time. We are all at home and in our usual health at the beginning of this year. Jennie Bart and Freddie being here on a visit and the river being closed by ice so that Uncles Enos and Sam are at home we had a kind of family gathering at Pa's this afternoon. Uncles Enos + Sam with their wives dined there, Rich + Lizzie + Jennie + Bart dined at Mr. J. S. Peebles but came home immediately after and we with our three little ones, Maggie, Willie and Carleton went over and spent an hour or so with the others. Came home and prepared to entertain "our boys and girls" in the evening. Put the children to bed early and then proceeded to pop some corn, crack nuts and get the apples and doughnuts ready. About 7 o'clock John, Enos, Fannie, Mary and Ralph all came and soon after sister Mary came on her own invitation and we spent a very pleasant evening. We are fond of young people and would be glad to have them come often. About 10 ½ o'clock Uncles Enos came after the girls and Ralph, the youngest of the party, bundled himself up and started out in the snow for home by himself having a long walk before him. We had no New Year's callers ourselves but saw a few over home where quite a number called. There was a good deal of sleighing done today and one year ago today everything on wheels was out driving, it being a most delightfully warm and pleasant day. Quite as remarkable in its way as this one has been in a very different way.

Tuesday, January 2, 1877

Cold and clear. The sun has little or no effect upon the snow. Sleighing is the order of the day for all who can get anything in the shape of a sleigh. I was over home and down to see about Mother Ricker's dress but no farther. Have been busy with little things today and when it is all done there is nothing to show for my trouble. Pa sent this book over to me for a day and I made a beginning having finished the one for last year. Bart was in to see us this evening, he goes home tomorrow but leaves Jennie and Freddie for a longer visit.

Wednesday, January 3, 1877

Cold.

Bart left this morning for Frazeysburgh this morning but we did not see him, we are not early enough to see folks who leave on the morning trains unless we get up earlier than usual. I was over home later in the day and saw what was left of the family.

Wrote to Mother Ricker in the evening as usual.

Thursday, January 4, 1877

Weather cold and sleighing good.

Jimmie has been busy all day with the S. S. books, has not even taken time to go down street except on business in connection with his work. I have been thinking and talking of having Pa + Ma and Uncles Enos and Sam + cousin Donald with their wives come and take tea with us but the weather is so inconvenient that I expect it will have to be given up.

Friday, January 5, 1877

Sleighting still good and those who can are getting the good of it. So far we have had no ride. I used to be very anxious to try that kind of locomotion but time has taken the edge off my desire and I care very little about it now. Mattie Wood came this afternoon to sit awhile but having been asked to attend the Children's Home meeting there wasn't much of the afternoon left when she came. Jennie and Freddie were here to spend the day but did not stay to tea, Freddie got sleepy and she took him home for a nap and they did not get back. I finished off the last stocking of Willie's second pair tonight before going to bed.

Saturday, January 6, 1877

Cold and slippery with a little sleet falling.

Have been busy as usual with housework in the forenoon and a little sewing in the afternoon. Made an undershirt for the baby. After tea I finished the shirt and did several other things that had to be done before Sabbath.

Miss Emma Bell was here in the afternoon to bring her class roll to Jimmie, he has been busy for several days past making out the new books and cards and reports for the year.

Enos has finished his sleigh that he has been making and I saw him pass this morning once.

Sunday, January 7, 1877

Weather has been moderating a little so that the snow has almost all melted and then rain and sleet together have made a glare of ice over everything.

Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath school, bad as the walking was. I was not out of the house except to go over home a little while in the evening. Lizzie is not very well and has not been out for several days so I went to see her.

Monday, January 8, 1877

Cold and snowing again.

During the forenoon the wind blew a good deal and the snow fell thick and fast until several inches covered the ground. I was busy all the morning getting the house in order. Was expecting Mattie Wood to come and make us a little visit and about the middle of the afternoon John Peebles brought her in a sleigh. In the evening Mattie and I went to prayer meeting, this being the week of prayer.

This is the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans.

Tuesday, January 9, 1877

Thermometer 4° below zero.

Cold and clear snow still on the ground and sleighs running. The ice gorge in the water broke this afternoon but closed again in a very short time. I have not been away from home today. Mattie Wood is here and instead of doing more important work, I spent the day dressing Maggie's doll Marcellus that Maggie Peebles gave her. Maggie Peebles was here awhile in the afternoon. Jimmie and Mattie went to prayer meeting in the evening. Ma and Mace were here after dinner. The trains as well as the boats are completely demoralized by the severe weather

and the evening paper usually gets here in the morning. Maggie Peebles was here this afternoon.

Wednesday, January 10, 1877

Snowed almost all day the snow being very wet.

Weather moderating a little, enough to thaw and then freeze the surface of the snow making it very slippery. Mattie Wood talked of going back to Mr. Peebles' today but as they did not call for her she concluded to stay. She and Jimmie went to prayer meeting and I stayed with the children and wrote to Mother Ricker.

Thursday, January 11, 1877

Weather is at its worst now. The snow melted a great deal and black slippery ice covers streets and sidewalks. Mattie went to Mr. Peebles' this morning and I was at home all day except a few minutes in the evening. When I went over home and at night I went to prayer meeting. Very few people venture out being to the dangerous walking.

Friday, January 12, 1877

Icy and wet and cold.

Ma invited Maggie + Mary Peebles and Mattie Wood to take dinner with her today and wanted me to go over in the afternoon and I did so, taking the baby and leaving the other two children at home in Mrs. McFarland's care. When I came home I asked Jennie to come and stay a few days with us and she accepted the invitation.

Saturday, January 13, 1877

Quite cold and icy. Jennie and I got ready before dinner to go out and make a few calls. In the afternoon as Ma had promised to stay with the children. Before we left, Carrie Stearnes called here and about 4 o'clock we started out and called at Dr. Pratt's. Ella Murray's, Mr. Peebles, + Julia Beyerly's and Grandma's. Mary got a new cloak today. Carrie Stearnes was here to see me.

Sunday, January 14, 1877

Icy but not as cold as it has been. Jimmie and the children went to S. S. after which Jennie + I went with him to church, Ma insisting on staying with the children to give us the opportunity to go. Uncle Jimmie Wood was here to tea.

Monday, January 15, 1877

Rained steadily all day and most of the time it rained very hard. Jennie and Fred went back to Pa's this morning and the children + I have been alone again. I have made a beginning on the spring sewing, at least on my underclothes which I expect to wear the coming season. We are all well and I want to do all I can before the pleasant weather comes, hoping to be able to enjoy it out of doors.

Tuesday, January 16, 1877

Wet, cold and slippery.

I was at home all day sewing until I finished the work I was doing and it was too dark to do anything else so Jimmie kept the children while I went over home a few minutes. Sister Jennie has expected to go home Thursday until these recent rains fell making railroad travel unsafe.

Wednesday, January 17, 1877

Not so cold as it has been but wet and slippery, the ice is almost worn off the streets. Went over to see Mrs. Smith today and ask if she did not want to send for the Herald + Presbyter as I am going to renew my subscription. Was over home a few minutes in the afternoon. Wrote the usual letter to Mother Ricker when the children go settled. Had quite a siege with baby who was determined to get up.

Thursday, January 18, 1877

Still somewhat icy though much of the snow and ice have been melted and washed away by the rain. Jennie did not go home as she had intended. Have been at work on a skirt for Maggie.

Miss Fannie Switzer was here after school.

Mrs. Smith brought the money for the Herald + P which I am to send with mine.

Friday, January 19, 1877

Pleasanter than it has been though the walking is still bad. Have been at home and busy all day. Lizzie was sick in bed today, I was over to see her a few moments. Mollie York was there also. Dr. Pratt + his wife also Mrs. Peebles and Mattie Wood were here to call on us.

Saturday, January 20, 1877

Beautiful day, so bright and pleasant that the ladies are out like butterflies in the summer. Ma took Maggie out with her out to Uncle Sam's to tea where she and Jennie had been invited. Lizzie was still in bed and Mace was busy with callers all the afternoon. Fourteen ladies were there and two of them Misses Mary and Hattie Damarin called here.

Sunday, January 21, 1877

Pleasant and bright.

Sister Anna would have been fourteen years old today had she lived. Was not out to church. Jimmie went to S. S. with the children but did not act in the capacity of Sec'y as there has been some difficulty about the roll book one of the Independent classes and he resigned his position. We were all over home in the afternoon and sang awhile as Jennie leaves next Tuesday + it was our last opportunity.

Monday, January 22, 1877

Bright and pleasant.

Clothes were dried out of doors today, the first time for several weeks. Jennie and Lizzie were out calling today and Freddy was here awhile. Jimmie kept the children while I went out and did a few errands, paid bills at Brodbeck's, and Mr. Tolliver's, got Maggie's silver apron which I ordered some time ago. Lucy Rifenberick was here while I was out.

Tuesday, January 23, 1877

Bright but colder than it was yesterday. Sewed all day, made up Maggie's flannel skirt. We were up early and all went over home to see Jennie and Freddie start home. Mrs. Laura Lloyd and Mrs. Ella Lloyd were here, also Lizzie with her sewing and Mace + Flo McConnell who had been out on Soup Committee duty.

Wednesday, January 24, 1877

Much colder and very windy. Jennie was very fortunate in her selection of a day for going home, there have been few such pleasant ones this winter as yesterday was. I had a letter from Aunt Betsey Ricker tonight and wrote one to Mother Ricker. Jimmie went to church and I stayed with the children.

Thursday, January 25, 1877

Cold and dry.

Have been busy sewing as usual, was not out and no one came in to break the monotony. The home folks are busy too.

Friday, January 26, 1877

Still cold and dusty but bright and pleasant out of doors. Ma + Lizzie came over with their work and allowed Mary + me to go out and make some calls in the forenoon. We went to the hotel and called upon Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Pond, Mrs. Cutler, Mrs. Baird and Mrs. Bay (Lizzie Johnson). Then Katie + Em Johnson + Julia Beyerly.

After dinner Jimmie stayed at home and Mary + I went out again and called upon Mrs. J. B. Hudson (Mame Gibbs) Mrs. Draper, Ella Bousall, Mrs. Enos Green + sister, Mrs. Will Green (Addie Dunlap) Mrs. S. G. Johnson + Miss Savage, Lucy Rifenberick, Maggie Stewart- Selcoy, Carrie Stearnes, Mrs. Anna Sanford, Mrs. Hutchins + Nora Franklin, Mrs. Ges Davis and Mrs. Frank Connolley (Emma Davis) was completely tired out when I came home. Mrs. Roads + Mattie Boal called here while I was out.

Saturday, January 27, 1877

Pleasant. In the forenoon Lizzie + I took Willie down to try and get his picture and after dinner the children and I went over home and visited with Ma's party of old ladies. Grandma Moore, Mrs. Hamilton + Mrs. Sanford.

Sunday, January 28, 1877

Beautiful day, Jimmie took the children to S. S. and then kept them at home while I went to church. We went in the evening.

Monday, January 29, 1877

Beautiful day. Maggie and Willie went up to spend the day with Isabel Murray it being her fifth birthday Ella and Joe's 10th anniversary. Ella invited our children Mattie Peebles and Bertha Coventry. About noon I went down street and bought some material for aprons for the baby and after dinner I cut out and almost made one. Hattie Sterett called for me to go to church in the evening and I went. She is still troubled about her soul and I trust that this will be the time when she will become a Christian.

Clara Waller called.

Tuesday, January 30, 1877

Still bright and pleasant and not very cold. Have been at home all day and busy with the aprons and other work that is all to be done. Jimmie has had a severe headache for two days but is better today. Has gone to church now.

Wednesday, January 31, 1877

Weather still pleasant. Wrote the usual letter to the folks and Jimmie went to church.

Rosa- 2.00

Paid Lizzie for shoes 3.50 + Ma for lard \$ 5.85

Thursday, February 1, 1877

Damp and cloudy with a prospect of rain. Having been sewing on Carleton's aprons today, they are almost done now. Macy is still visiting the 4th street folks and Maggie is taking her place over home. Ma took her and Willie up to Mr. Nichols this afternoon and at supper time Willie and I went down to Mrs. McConnell's after butter milk. I went to church in the evening and after that worked on a skirt for Willie.

Friday, February 2, 1877

Rainy in the forenoon. Was not out of the house today. Finished the aprons before supper. Miss Fannie Switzer came in for a little visit and we kept her to tea. Macy came home and we were glad to see her again. Jimmie went to church in the evening. Maggie came home from Ma's.

Saturday, February 3, 1877

Damp and not cold. Have been busy as usual, Macy was over several times but was the only representation of the family who came. Pa is not feeling very well and has a case in court that is very annoying for him. I received three numbers of the Floral Cabinet today, supper Mother Ricker ordered for me.

Sunday, February 4, 1877

Beautiful day. Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath School and he resumed his duties as sec'y. I went to church in the afternoon as we had communion service. There were several additions to the church, three upon profession of their faith and two from the 2nd pres. Church.

Monday, February 5, 1877

Cloudy in the morning but it cleared off and was bright and sunny the rest of the day. I began some underclothes for Maggie. Mrs. Porter and Mrs. Cutler came to see if Maggie could take part in some tableaux sometime this month.

Tuesday, February 6, 1877

Weather still war for this time of year. Was busy as usual with my sewing and other work. Was over home a time or two. Mace was here in the afternoon and played with the baby as usual.

Wednesday, February 7, 1877

Lovely day but the ground is very damp.

Uncle Drew came in time for breakfast this morning. I did not get time to sew any this morning and not much in the afternoon. Em and Katie Johnson and Miss Em Bell were here in the afternoon. Pa is sick in bed today, had a chill last night and is not able to be up today.

Thursday, February 8, 1877

Beautiful day.

Uncle drew left on the train this morning for Sciotoville and upon his return at noon went to Mr. Tewksbury's. He had a letter from their family physician saying Aunt Jenni was quite sick so he left on the first boat for home. Jimmie took his satchel down when he hears the boat whistle and did not return for some time. We had not service at our church tonight. Dan McFarland and Lou Powell were married tonight and I wanted to go to the wedding but could not.

Friday, February 9, 1877

Beautiful, bright and spring-like. The Bostana sunk near Sciotoville sometime yesterday. I think Pa and Uncle Enos have gone up to her. She lies in a very bad condition.

Rich and Lizzie left on the Dugan for Ironton to attend a concert and expect to go on up to Ashland tomorrow and remain there until Monday. Clara Pursell and her two children Earl + Susie were here this afternoon.

Saturday, February 10, 1877

Lovely day. Everybody who could seemed to be going up to look at the Bostana today. Ma + Hattie Sterett rode up to Mr. Glidden's to see a cow and they saw the boat. Jimmie went with Mr. Adams in a buggy and returned in a skiff. I was home all day and made a new black buster skirt for Willie.

Sunday, February 11, 1877

Beautiful ay but rather cloudy and warm towards evening with indications of rain. The first news we heard this morning was that the Bostana was up and off the bar, passed here about six o'clock with a ton-boat on each side of her.

Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath School as usual and in the evening Ma kept the children and Jimmie and I went to church together.

Monday, February 12, 1877

Weather growing colder with more prospect of snow than rain. We are all well and I am busy as usual. Made all the button holes in the undergarments I made last week. Rich and Lizzie came home today at noon.

I went to prayer meeting in the evening. Rev. Mr. Adams of Hamden is expected tomorrow to preach during this week and Dr. Pratt announced 4 o'clock prayer meeting for the rest of the week.

Tuesday, February 13, 1877

Weather cold again. Thermometer was in the neighborhood of 20° at our late breakfast time. It did not snow after all but cleared up and was very bright. I was cutting out work and getting it read most of the day. At 4 o'clock I went to prayer meeting and after that I went to get some stamping done, called to see Mrs. Jones and inquire about Maggie and her baby. Stopped to see Mrs. Cotton a few moments and the home again. Baby sits alone on floor and plays most of the time now.

Wednesday, February 14, 1877

Weather very pleasant but dusty and dry, neither rain nor snow after all. Sewed as usual when I could and about 4 o'clock went to the prayer meeting. Jimmie went to church in the evening and I stayed with the children and wrote to Mother Ricker. After prayer meeting Ma + I walked up 3rd street. I went to see Millie Molster a few minutes as she united with the church recently. Then I went after my stamped work and got a new slate for Maggie.

Thursday, February 15, 1877

Clear and dry.

Home work has been about the same as usual. Finished off the white sewing I cut out this week and went to church in the morning. There was quite a good attendance and Mr. Adams preached an excellent sermon the first I have heard from him. Something seems to be holding back the blessing that we have all been hoping for and comparatively little interest is manifested.

Friday, February 16, 1877

Beautiful weather but almost too dusty for comfort. Went to work on my old buster dress today but have no hope of soon finishing it. Was out to prayer meeting in the afternoon but did not go to service in the evening. Mary Glidden came in while we were at tea and went to church with Jimmie.

Saturday, February 17, 1877

Still day, clear and dusty. Sewed very little today as I had more housework than usual. Went to prayer meeting in the afternoon. Those meetings are very poorly attended and it is discouraging to see them. Part of the congregation are being engaged getting ready for the tableaux to be given the 22nd and I had promised the ladies that Maggie might take part. Now I am regretting it.

Sunday, February 18, 1877

Bright and pleasant.

Ma kept the children this morning while Jimmie and I went to church. In the afternoon he took Maggie and Willie to the children's meeting and then went to evening service.

Mr. Adams is still here.

Monday, February 19, 1877

Rather cloudy but still no rain. Services were announced to be kept up until Wednesday when they were expected to close, Mr. A preaching his last sermon Tuesday. The tableaux are in preparation and I am in trouble. Spent the afternoon trying to get Maggie rehearsed as there are several reasons why I do not want her to take part in them this week. Went out to Julia's to see Aunt Sallie Young who came up yesterday. After all my alterations I went and got the material and began to make Maggie's things still doubting what the end would be. Jimmie went to church.

Tuesday, February 20, 1877

Spent another miserable day trying to decide what to do. Tried all the afternoon to find someone who would take Maggie's things and fill her place as the ladies thought they must have someone. Went to prayer meeting at 4 o'clock and to church after tea. To my great joy Mr. Adams consented to stay one day longer + will be here tomorrow.

Wednesday, February 21, 1877

Bright, dry and dusty.

I decided last night that I could not consciously allow Maggie to take part in the tableaux at this time and have felt better ever since. About noon I went to see Dr. and Mrs. Pratt and talk with them, he was not there but Mary Ellen Moore was + we all talked it over and decided to try and have the tableaux put off awhile as the interest seems to be increasing in the church. Several others were of the same opinion and working for it so the end of it was that a change was made and the meeting will be continued a little longer anyway.

Thursday, February 22, 1877

Rainy. This evening when Willie was dressing I noticed he was all broken out with some kind of rash. At noon Jimmie went to ask Dr. McDowell to come and see what was the matter. He found the doctor sick + unable to come but he said it was only dutch measles. + would pass off in a day or two. Pa went away on the boat + expects to leave Cin. for D. C. on the Charles

Morgan tomorrow. In the afternoon Ma + Mrs. Gregory went to see the Dr. and found him really sick but not willing to go to bed + give up. Later when she went to take him some soup he promised to go at bed time but no one as he said the nights were so long to him.

Friday, February 23, 1877

It rained and was cloudy all day. I was renovating a black buster dress during the short time that I had to sew. In the afternoon Lulu and Lizzie Young came to play with the children and at 4 o'clock Jimmie came and took charge of them and I went to prayer meeting. He went at night. Sent a letter to Jimmie today.

Saturday, February 24, 1877

Weather still going but not very cold. The children went upstairs to play yesterday and today have had colds. I finished tying up my buster skirt and after supper I finished a flannel skirt that I have on hands for night work.

Sunday, February 25, 1877

The children went to Sabbath School with their father but I did not go out at all today. Mr. Adams preached his last sermon here this evening + expects to go home tomorrow and Dr. Pratt will return to Portsmouth.

Monday, February 26, 1877

Bright and pleasant.

Things have gone on as usual. I have sewed and taken care of the children and that is about all. Aunt Sallie young went home today and Jimmie went to the boat to tell her goodbye.

Tuesday, February 27, 1877

Bright, warm and spring-like.

The children all have cold and the baby's cold and teeth together seem to have affected his eyes and they are quite sore. I've done little besides take care of him today. Wrote to Aunt Betsey in the evening and then worked a little while on a shirt for baby.

Wednesday, February 28, 1877

Lovely weather, strongly tempting people to go outside and enjoy it but I've been in all day. Willie has been sick all day but has been dressed and lying on the bed. The children have had very little cold this winter but what they have seems very severe. Lucy Rifenberick and Maggie Silcox called this afternoon. Have just written to Mother Ricker.

Thursday, March 1, 1877

Bright and pleasant.

Willie does not seem to improve much. He did not seem well enough to get up this morning so spent the day in bed and was only dressed a little while before supper. I've not done much but take care of him. Aunt Maria McCall is in town but I've not seen her as yet. The doctor was in to see Willie this evening but gave him no medicine.

Friday, March 2, 1877

Rainy and blustery. Willie seemed to feel a little better and was up today. After dinner I went out to Uncle Sam's and saw Aunt Maria then to Mrs. Hathaway's to see if Mrs. McFarland would come + stay with the children this evening while we were gone to Mr. Frank Beard's Chalk Talk. Stopped at the store and bought some things for the baby. Came home and found Willie not feeling so well and gave up going out but he went to sleep, slept well + Mrs. McF came so Jimmie + I went after all and brought the doctor home with us to see how Willie was doing. Miss Seeley + Mrs. Dr. Pixley called here.

Saturday, March 3, 1877

Rather April like, there being both bright and cloudy weather by turns. The doctor called to see Willie this evening, he doesn't seem to get along well, has fever every night. Maggie Peebles and Sallie were here this afternoon, it has been a long time since Sallie was here before but her health seems much better now and she talks of going to housekeeping again.

Sunday, March 4, 1877

Windy and rather colder than it was. Maggie went to S. S. although she had a cough but poor Willie was obliged to go though he could scarcely stand up. The doctor was in but will not come again unless Willie gets worse. Dr. Pratt was sick and there was no service at our church. Mace was sick and did not go anywhere.

Monday, March 5, 1877

Weather decidedly Marchy. The long struggle and suspense is ended at last and Rutherford B. Hayes is now President of the U.S.A. He took the oath of office Saturday evening and the inaugural ceremonies were held today, the weather brightening up for the occasion it seemed as it was cloudy in the morning. R. B. Hayes has been a Gen'l in the army, three times Gov of Ohio and now presides over the whole government. One of the St. Louis paper (dem) says "Hurrah for the Unites State of Ohio" and so say we of Ohio. Aunt Maria went out to the Children' H. + got a little girl today.

Tuesday, March 6, 1877

Bright but windy + rather cold. Grandma Moore + Aunt Maria were here this morning on their way over home to spend the day. I invited them here to spend part of the afternoon + take tea and they came, also the little girl, Maggie tucker from the "Home" who is staying over at Ma's for the present while her wardrobe is being replenished.

Wednesday, March 7, 1877

Bright and pleasant.

Have been trying to get baby's short clothes cut out and started but progress very slowly. Have had a new lace cap on hands for almost a week and tonight I finished it before writing the usual letter to the folks. Jimmie began late in the afternoon to fix a trap in the waste pipe of the wash stand and did not get through until about 9 o'clock. Missed church entirely as the job had to be finished when once it began. Fannie Moore and Miss Gertrude Switzer were here after church.

Thursday, March 8, 1877

Rainy and disagreeable and growing quite cold. I have a swollen cheek which a black tooth is cutting into and it hurts me so I don't feel like doing anything. Dr. Dennis came in and prescribed for it, Willie is decidedly better and is playing around as noisily as usual. Mace finished up little Maggie's things and Aunt M. took her up to Uncle Enos' today.

Friday, March 9, 1877

Quite cold again, there was some snow on the ground when we woke and a little fell nearly all day but the wind blew so that it could not stay any place. I went over home a few minutes this morning and saw Mr. Ben Pitman who came up from Cin to deliver a lecture on Wood carving this evening. The Misses Hattie + Mary Johnson are here to teach a class in that art.

Saturday, March 10, 1877

Quite cold, windy and disagreeable. Have been busy getting ready to make short clothes for baby who is beginning to need them. Went down to Mrs. McConnell's just before tea to get some buttermilk. Saw Flo and got what I wanted.

Sunday, March 11, 1877

Rather cold and damp still.

Maggie and Willie went to S. S. with their father. This is Bart's + Jennie's Anniversary, they have been married two years. I wish we could see them today. Late in the afternoon Uncle Enos and his wife and Miss Fannie were here. Ma kept the children this morning and I went to church.

Monday, March 12, 1877

It is twelve years today since Annie died, she would have been a little past fourteen had she lived.

Weather damp, cloudy and unpleasant. I began sewing on baby's short dresses and will probably be busy with them for some time. I was down street a little while and went to see Dell Ramsey + deliver a message from, Mother Ricker. Ma + Mrs. Gregory were here a few minutes after I came home.

Tuesday, March 13, 1877

Weather quite unpleasant. It suits me very well though as I can't go out and am not hindered in my work by callers. Everybody who can spare the time and money is now attending the school for wood carving and it is the popular theme of conversation with the rest of the community. I should be glad to learn with the others if I could but I must bide my time, I suppose, and devote the present moments to the little human twigs that are under my care.

Wednesday, March 14, 1877

Rainy, or rather snowy. Winter clings to us most tenaciously. I was not out anywhere today. Wrote to Mother Ricker as usual in the morning and when the was done I began another flannel skirt for the baby.

Thursday, March 15, 1877

Weather cold and disagreeable. Baby is nine months old today, is still in long clothes and looks and acts like a little baby. His accomplishments are very few. He is as good as he can be and prefers sitting on the floor with a play thing, it being held on my lap. Has only five teeth though and his hair in not an inch long yet, still it is growing. Miss Emma Bell and Parker Rifenberick spent the day here and we all had a very pleasant time.

Friday, March 16, 1877

Windy and snowy.

Having finished off the first three dresses, I spent today in cutting out and beginning three more, performed all the ruffles which Mace kindly offered to hem and gather on her machine for me and I accepted her offer. We began getting butter off Mr. McCundy today- 4 lbs.

Saturday, March 17, 1877

Cold and cloudy.

Maggie followed Ma over home this morning. And spent the day there. They are having the gas pikes put in order preparatory to burning gas again. Mrs. Sherman Johnson and Miss Savage called here this afternoon, also Miss Fannie Switzer and Mrs. Bryant was here a little while. I was not over home at all today and they were so busy they did not come over except Ma who was here a few minutes in the morning.

Sunday, March 18, 1877

Cold, and some snow still remains on the ground. The folks went to S. S. as usual but I was not out to church at all. I went over home after dinner and was there an hour or two, baby + I. Uncle Sam + Uncle Jimmie were here in the afternoon.

Monday, March 19, 1877

Cloudy in the morning but before noon the sun came out and remained bright the rest of the day. I sewed on my little dress and things went on as usual. I was not out and no one was here except Ma in the morning and Lizzie, after Ma had gone.

Tuesday, March 20, 1877

Rather pleasant.

Kate Elden of Newport was buried here this afternoon. Ma and Mary were here after the funeral. Mame Pratt was here also to solicit patronage for the kinder-garten that she is trying to start here. After tea I wrote to Jennie at Logan and to Maggie Mason at Walnut Hills, Cin.

Wednesday, March 21, 1877

Weather not very pleasant. The most remarkable occurrence of the day was going to prayer meeting, something I seldom do but Jimmie did not feel like going so I went. Mame Pratt came in the morning to see or rather hear our decision about kinder-garten. Was sorry to disappoint her but we think it best to keep the children at home. Wrote to Mother Ricker as usual.

Thursday, March 22, 1877

Beautiful day.

I have been at home sewing as usual. Ella Greene and Mrs. Bay (Lizzie Johnson) called in the afternoon and after tea I went down to Mrs. McC's to get some buttermilk. Stopped over home on my way down.

Friday, March 23, 1877

A beautiful day, one that strongly tempts me to throw work aside and go out and enjoy the sunshine. I am beginning to feel the effects of close confinement to the house and sewing. Ma came over at noon and told me I must put away my work and go out awhile. After talking to me awhile on that subject she told me to get Maggie ready + she would take her, I could take Willie and Mace would keep the baby. The programme was begun but not half carried out as Sallie + Mattie Peebles came just after the baby woke up. Ma and Maggie came back and Mattie and the children had a good play. Sallie and Mattie left about 4 o'clock and the Jimmie, the two children + I started out for a walk. We went to Connolley's, Uncle Jimmie's and the out to Woodley's green house where I bought a few plants.

The school examinations were held today.

Saturday, March 24, 1877

Weather bright and quite pleasant.

Have been busy as usual all day. The forenoon was spent in putting the house in order and after that was done I sewed on baby's skirts. Before bedtime I had finished off three of them. Had a letter from Jennie written from Logan where they are stopping at a hotel for present.

Sunday, March 25, 1877

Cloudy with some rain in the forenoon and a great deal in the evening. Jimmie and the children wet to S. S. as usual and as it was review day, Mrs. Emma had Maggie, Willie, Parker Rifenberick and Isabel Murray repeat texts for the quarter before school. I was not out to church at all today. In the afternoon we all went over home for an hour or two.

Monday, March 26, 1877

Rained almost all day, cold and windy with a few flakes of snow. A man came along today and wanted to bud one of our oleanders with three or four varieties of color and we paid him 25 cts for doing it. He says the new buds should bloom in August. We shall see. A dispatch from Mr. Churchill came about noon today saying that Freddie was very sick and they want Ma + Mrs. Greene to go to Logan immediately. In the course of the afternoon several other telegrams came saying he as growing worse with little hope of recovery. Poor Jennie how my heart ached for her and how I longed to do something to relive Freddy and comfort her and Bart but there is nothing I can do but pray and I do most earnestly. Ma got ready to go in the telegraph this evening. Later, Ma did not go, telegrams came which say there is little hope that Freddie will live through the night.

Tuesday, March 27, 1877

Weather bright and pleasant.

It was after 9 o'clock before we heard any news from Freddie this morning and then a telegram came saying he died about 5 o'clock this morning. We all felt sad to lose him but our greatest grief is thinking of poor Jennie and how hard it must be for her among entire strangers at such a time. They are at the hotel in Logan. Late in the afternoon a telegram came saying they would be here on the evening train with Freddie's remains came saying they would be here on the evening train with Freddie's remains. Carrie Donham + Flo Mc'C were there in the afternoon with some flowers. Mrs. Peebles + Mary + Mrs. Greene were there also. When the train came Jimmie + Rich were there to meet them and I met Bart + Jennie and took them up to their room. They seem wonderfully self-possessed and solemn, of course meeting different members of the family brought up. Their loss freshly but they seem to be sustained by true Christian fortitude. Little Freddie looks very natural, Jennie dressed + fixed him all herself in his white dress and new pale blue ribbons that she bought for him only last Saturday when they were out together.

Fred Moore Greene, son of E. B. Greene + V. M. Greene died at Logan Co about 5 o'clock A.M.

Wednesday, March 28, 1877

Weather bright and pleasant.

Dear little Freddie was laid to rest in the family vault in Greenlawn Cemetery this afternoon. He was always so delicate that there seemed little hope of his reaching manhood yet he passed away very suddenly and through much suffering at the last. Poor Jennie said last night that his sufferings were so intense that they were glad to see them ended, even in death. As a family we have been greatly blessed when we consider that it has been fourteen years this month

(13th) since death entered our family circle before and both times it was the little lambs that were taken, those who we know are safe and we have no doubts or fears to trouble us, still they always leave lonely, aching hearts behind them. Surely this lesson will be blessed to us for we cannot keep being influenced by the example of the bereaved parents who bow so submissively to the will of the Heavenly Father who death all things will.

Dr. Pratt conducted the funeral services.

Thursday, March 29, 1877

Beautiful weather. I went over to see Jennie this morning and she asked me again to take my baby over to see her, so I came home and got him. She took him right to her arm and talked to him as if Freddie were right by her. After dinner I took the children + my work and spent the afternoon with the home folks. Bart + Jennie promised to spend tomorrow with us.

Friday, March 30, 1877

Weather still pleasant. Bart and Jennie were here to dinner and supper. Jimmie sent me a nice present this morning or rather ordered it the other day and it came this morning, a nice large bunch of bananas, with somewhere near a hundred bananas on it. We had a real feast and I had the pleasure of treating the whole family to as many as they wanted. We only paid \$2.25 for it, porter's chg. included. Mrs. Pond + Mrs. Baird called.

Saturday, March 31, 1877

Weather bright and quite warm. Today, I almost finished up the baby's short clothes. All that are begun are done except one flannel skirt. I made button holes and sewed on buttons in four shirts and put buttons on six white dresses. I did not make a single colored dress, thinking that the colors always fade + don't keep clean any longer than white anyway. Jimmie has been getting ready to go to Cin Monday, Jennie + Lizzie expect to go also.

Sunday, April 1, 1877

Easter Sunday and it rained both morning and evening, now we shall see how much truth there is in the old saying about rain for 7 Sundays. Jimmie and the two children went to Sabbath School as usual. I was not out to church at all. Bart and Jennie went up to Mr. Green's early in the morning + I did not see them at all today. I put baby's short clothes on him today for the first time. He is 9 ½ mo's old.

Monday, April 2, 1877

Rather cloudy but otherwise very pleasant. Spring election day and Jimmie was called up at 5 ½ o'clock to go to the polls. He was there most of the forenoon until time to go to the boat as he leaves today for Cin begin called there on the Grand Jury which meets tomorrow. Jennie and Lizzie went to Cin also today and it seems quite lonely, tomorrow when Bart goes it will be worse.

Tuesday, April 3, 1877

Bart did not go this morning as he first intended but concluded to go in the afternoon. He came over after dinner to say goodbye to the children.

Ma has made the purchase of a horse and phaeton and so fulfilled a lifelong desire. Enos is perfectly delighted and it would be satisfaction enough to see his pleasure even if there were to be no riders.

Wednesday, April 4, 1877

Weather pleasant.

Postal card from Jimmie who has taken up his quarters at the Walnut Street House. I have been busy as usual and the home folks having a sewing girl are more busy than usual, still they come over in the evenings and one of the boys stays here at night. Enos took the children and me out for a little ride this evening. I had some errands to do and found it a very good way to do them. Began to get mulch from over home.

Thursday, April 5, 1877

Bright and pleasant but a little windy. Was busy with baby's blue gingham aprons until about 5 o'clock when Enos came with the buggy and took us quite a long ride, all three of the children and I went.

Heard from Jimmie, we try to write every day, either a letter or card.

Friday, April 6, 1877

Jennie and Lizzie went home this morning and Enos had the buggy there to meet them but they had so many bundles that he was obliged to walk back and let them have it all to themselves. I have been at home all day and busy as usual. The girls were all over to see me but as they were going out to do errands I did not go over there.

Saturday, April 7, 1877

Beautiful day, and a busy one for me as Saturday usually is however I found time to go over home awhile. This being the last day that the folks have their sewing girl, they have been unusually busy. Jennie was over and spent a part of the day with me. Heard from Jimmie and wrote as usual. I am very lonely and anxious for him to get back.

Sunday, April 8, 1877

Rained almost all day. The children went to Sabbath School in the rain under the care of their uncles and got them back safely. I received a package of oranges and a letter from Jimmie this morning and was glad to get them both. Macy came and offered to stay with the children and let me go to church in the morning so I went.

Jennie took her dinner with us

Monday, April 9, 1877

Rather cloudy and gloomy. Have been busy but still had time to be lonesome and have the "blues" a little.

We are all well and I ought not to fee "blue" about anything still I do sometimes.

Tuesday, April 10, 1877

Beautiful, bright and pleasant. The first handful of dirt was thrown from the proposed track of the Scioto Valley Road this afternoon Col. Peter Kinney in the precursory a large crowd of people. Mr. John Peebles held the Col's coat and Mr. Joe P. Terry his hat while he performed his arduous task. We hope for better times here now.

Railroad Day, S. V. Railroad in successful operation.

Wednesday, April 11, 1877

Beautiful day.

I finished off the last of the baby's blue aprons which makes 25 new garments I've made for him in the last few weeks. I also made a sewn bonnet for Maggie this week. Ma kept the children this evening while I went up to Uncle Jimmie's + got some flower seeds.

Thursday, April 12, 1877

Dry and dusty.

Soon after breakfast Lizzie came and wanted me to go and take a ride. I took the baby and we went to Mr. Connolley's where I bought material for a suit for Maggie the after doing another errand or two, we came home and I began getting the patterns ready for the children's suits. In the afternoon cut out Maggie's and basted it up. Wrote to Jimmie and I had a card from him. Ella + Belle Greene, Dr. Ricketts and sister Jennie were over home to tea and Jenni intended on staying the night but had to go back to Mr. G's for the night.

Friday, April 13, 1937

Beautiful day. Was busy all day trying to get something done on Maggie's dress but accomplished very little. Jennie came to spend the night with us. Enos was here also. Jennie and I talked until almost 2 o'clock A. M. and only stopped then because we knew we must have some sleep. She loves to talk of Freddie and can do it more calmly than I can.

Saturday, April 14, 1937

Beautiful day. It has been fourteen years today since President Lincoln was assassinated. Spent the whole day putting the house and children in order for Sunday, Jimmie's homecoming. About 4 o'clock when all was done we all went over home and had a nice visit with Ma and the girls, Ma brought cake + lemonade candy and nuts and we had a little party together as Mace and Jennie go Monday to Logan.

Sunday, April 15, 1877

About 3: 30 A. M. Jimmie came home and I was glad to see him. He and the children went to S. S. and afterwards he went to church. I did not go out anywhere except over home awhile with the baby. He is 10 months old today.

No rain today which is an exception to the rule about 7 rainy Sundays following a rainy Easter. The Murphy Temperance Movement was inaugurated here this evening by a mass meeting at Brigdon M. E. church.

Monday, April 16, 1877

Warm dry and dusty, but in the evening there was a little prospect of rain. Jimmie set out the oleanders and trimmed the rose bushes this evening. Macy and Jennie left on the afternoon train for Logan which they hope to reach sometime tomorrow. After they were gone Ma took baby and me up to see Mrs. Peebles and the girls Sallie + O went from there in the street car to Mr. Greene's to see Ella and Belle and then down to Mrs. Tewksbury's to see Mrs. Prescott. Mrs. T. was out. Ma called then and brought us home she had Mrs. Hamilton out riding awhile. Miss Fannie Switzer came in to make a short call and as we were just at tea I insisted upon her joining us and she did so. Jimmie set out the oleanders this evening.

Maggie went to stay awhile with Ma who said she wanted her in Aunt Mary's place.

Mrs. Prescott was here to see Jimmie about buying a part of MR. Lane's P. F + M wk stick.

Tuesday, April 17, 1877

A lovely spring day.

I worked on Maggie's pack or suit awhile this morning in, in the afternoon we accepted Ma's offer of the buggy and took a long ride out the pike. The children were all delighted and we enjoyed it very much ourselves. After tea Jimmie made a bed for me and I planted some flower seeds.

Wednesday, April 18, 1877

It was raining when we got up and it continued nearly all day. It is warm and the rain is just the kind to make things grow. Lizzie came over with her work and sat all the afternoon. I worked on Maggie's suit as I had opportunity but did not make very rapid progress. Baby has not felt well today. Wrote a letter in the evening as usual. Jimmie + Uncle Sot McCall went to the Temperance meeting together.

Thursday, April 19, 1877

Real April weather, sunshine and showers alternating all day. I stayed at home and sewed until about 4 o'clock and then Jimmie came home and I went out to do some errands. It rained before I came home but I had an umbrella. Mrs. Hamilton spent the day with Ma and they went to Temperance prayer meeting together.

Friday, April 20, 1877

Pleasant, things are budding out very fast since the rain. We are anxious to get the yard in order now that the flowers may have the benefit of this good weather. I sewed on Maggie's sack today and will have it done tomorrow I hope. I took Maggie to Mrs. Nickell's today to have some hats tried on her as I want hers done over, we then went up to Mr. Connolley's and got a few things that were needed for her sack. Wrote to Macy in the evening.

Sanderline, steward of the Bonanza died this evening, it is the first break death has made in the packet's crew in 10 years Uncle Enos says.

Saturday, April 21, 1877

Have been busy with my usual Saturday work, putting the house, the children and their clothes in order. It was a pleasant day and Jimmie worked out in the yard awhile, raked up the rubbish and improved the looks of things very much.

Ma came over and made quite a visit in the afternoon.

Sunday, April 22, 1877

A beautiful day and quite warm. Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath School and he went to church. After dinner Ma wanted me to go out to the Children's Home S. S. with her and I did so. Mr. Jencks the younger of the two Temperance workers here was there and addressed the children, taking up so much time that the other exercises were omitted. In the evening she kept the children and Jimmie and I went to the Temperance Meeting at our church but could not get in there so we went to the overflow meeting at the Baptists.

Monday, April 23, 1877

Another delightful day, almost as warm as summer. I spent the forenoon doing nothing and trying to plan some way to get a little help with my sewing. After 4 o'clock Lizzie took the baby and me out in the buggy and we tried to find a sewing girl who had a little time to spare but were unsuccessful. Jimmie planted the canna caladium and Madeina vines this evening. Wrote to Mace this evening, also a postal to Herald + Presbyterian.

Tuesday, April 24, 1877

Weather lovely.

In desperation I again went to work on the formidable pile of sewing, determined to waste no more precious time seeking help. Made a skirt for Maggie today, button holes and all. Will have several more of the same kind to make.

Wednesday, April 25, 1877

I spent the day making some needed alterations in Maggie's suit and now I like it better. In the evening Jimmie went to the Temperance meeting and I wrote a long letter to Grandma Ricker.

Thursday, April 26, 1877

Rained.

Have been in the skirt business again today, made two or almost two for Maggie. At noon today I had a letter from the H. + P Editors and in the evening three more came to me, one from the Ex-president of the Amazon In Co. one from Mace + Jennie together and one from Jim Jones, now Leint St. S. A. stationed on an island in San Francisco bay. I was much surprised and pleased as well.

Friday, April 27, 1877

Rainy and unpleasant too think for it makes the grass and young leaves look so fresh. I sewed on skirts again today. By taking the embroidery off one of Maggie's baby skirts I made one for the baby and got the trimming for one for Maggie. Went to Mrs. Nickell's and got the hat that I had pressed over for Maggie. Spent the evening trying to get it ready to trim.

Saturday, April 28, 1877

Rained almost incessantly all day. Ma came over in the morning and made quite a little visit, after she left I finished up the Saturday work and then went to work at Maggie's hat again. Lizzie brought her work over awhile in the afternoon and helped me with her suggestions. When the hat was done and put away I felt so dissatisfied that I got it out again and ripped it up and Ma took the trimmings and put them on her (Maggie's) old hat and I liked it much better.

Sunday, April 29, 1877

Beautiful day but rather a cold wind blowing.

Jimmie and the two children went to Sabbath School and after that Maggie went to church with her Papa. I did not go out at all. Jimmie went to the Temperance meeting at our church in the evening and reported a very large attendance and much interest.

Monday, April 30, 1877

Weather cooler in the morning than yesterday and it continued growing cooler all day. Frost is anticipated tonight. I took baby and went to see about getting my hat fixed at Mrs. Nickell's this forenoon and then went to see Maggie Mason and her baby, they came up yesterday for a visit. After dinner Lizzie kept the baby for me and I spent the afternoon in getting a polonaise for myself underway at the dressmakers. The painters began work on the house today.

Tuesday, May 1, 1877

Weather gloomy and cold in the morning and before noon snow fell but melted immediately and was followed by rain. A most remarkable and altogether disagreeable day.

Jimmie began his duties at the office of the P. F. M. works this morning after being out of business almost 4 years. The 4th of this month it will be 3 years + 9 months since he sold his interest in the drug store. This new move will make it necessary for us to rise earlier in the morning than we have been accustomed to doing. I am to make the silk plaiting for my

polonaise and have commenced doing it. Went this afternoon to try the garment on and the store to do some shopping.

Letter from Mrs. Singleton and one from Mace.

Wednesday, May 2, 1877

Weather still cold and rainy. We are very glad that we have not yet commenced house cleaning as weather has been so damp and cold that fires are still necessary in all the rooms where they have been kept all winter. I finished the plaiting and have it ready to take to Miss Gossim tomorrow. Wrote to Mother Ricker in the evening as usual.

Thursday, May 3, 1877

Rained again.

I made a beginning on the buttons for my polonaise. I am going to cover moulds with silk and embroider heavy silk stars on them. The home folks are busy with their wood carving getting some pieces ready for the exhibition.

Letter from Ma.

Friday, May 4, 1877

Bright and pleasant today.

I have devoted myself to the buttons and succeeded in finishing off fourteen which I took to Miss Gossim. Thereza Spry made me a visit in the forenoon and after the Children's Home meeting Maggie Peebles came and sat about an hour with me. The Temperance workers Misses Gatchel + folks heled their farewell service in our church this evening and Jimmie went down but did not remain to the close as the house was uncomfortably full. Letter from Mace which I answered also letter to Jim Jones that was begun last night.

Saturday, May 5, 1877

Rained all day and I was busy as usual. Finished off 16 more buttons which I took to Miss Gossim and after supper she sent the polonaise home.

Sunday, May 6, 1877

The children went to Sabbath School as usual with their father, Willie still wearing his over coat as the weather is still too cold for him to go without he has some cold yet too. Ma was not able to be up today and I was over to see her two or three times. She kept her the children for me in the afternoon and Jimmie and I went to communion.

There were several additions to the church both upon profession and certificate.

Mr. Ketchum was present and assisted Dr. Pratt.

There was a rather small representation of our family as Ma was sick and Mace away, Lizzie and Rich did not sit with us so there was only the boys, Jimmie and I.

Monday, May 7, 1877

Tuesday, May 8, 1877

Wednesday, May 9, 1877

There was nothing written in the diary for these three days.

Thursday, May 10, 1877

Weather delightful.

The event which marked this day was Macy's homecoming. We had heard that she expected to start home today but thought she would have to walk at Hamden all night so we were much surprised when she came and tapped on our window. Ma was here at the time.

We are very glad to have her back but know Jennie must miss her greatly. She says they want Willie to make them a visit when Dwight goes up to stay. Gussie Haldeman came on the train this evening.

Friday, May 11, 1877

Warm and pleasant.

Mace came early to the windows and attracted baby's attention, he seemed to recognize and be glad to see her.

Went to her right through the window. She has been here several times today. Maggie went to the van Lennep (?) Oriental Lecture this afternoon, I took her to the door and left her and she came home with some children who came this way.

Saturday, May 12, 1877

Weather bright, warm and dusty. Several painters, the white worker Tom Smith cutting the grass and a man or two attending to the drain from our wash bowl, made things look lovely and business like around here this morning and improved the looks of the place very much too.

Sunday, May 13, 1877

Weather pleasant.

Jimmie and the two children went to S. S. as usual. We are all well and nothing unusual has occurred.

Monday, May 14, 1877

Bright and pleasant.

Lizzie went to Cin today. She talked of getting a carpet for her bedroom while there.

Things wore on as usual here. After the washing and ironing are out of the way we are going to commence house cleaning. One painter was here today awhile but they are nearly done.

Tuesday, May 15, 1877

Weather warm, it has changed rather suddenly and we feel it very much. Rosie has ironed today and I have sewed. Made buttons in Willie's new white waist. The painters have finished all the doors that have been grained and the looks of the house is very much improved.

Wednesday, May 16, 1877

Warm.

Lizzie came back from Cin this morning and finding that Rich was going down today, she decided to go back with him.

Rosie and I made a beginning on the house cleaning by taking up spare room carpet. I did a good of hovelling up + down stairs and at night felt the worse for it.

Thursday, May 17, 1877

Weather warm and dusty.

I have not been out anywhere this week except down to the stores to look at wallpapers and carpets, preparatory to house cleaning. Rosie is at work in the empty rooms upstairs today and the white washer is at work on the ceilings.

Went to look at carpets + wallpaper.

Friday, May 18, 1877

Warm and dusty.

Lizzie and Rich came home from Cin today. She has been down twice this week and the last time, she and Rich bought a carpet for their bedroom.

Frank Porter of Bonanyon bought us another bunch of bananas today not so large as the other was but if there is any difference in the quality of the first, the last is the best. The bunch cost \$1.75 porter's chg included.

Rosie and I papered her room today.

Saturday, May 19, 1877

Weather very warm or rather hot I should say. The box of plants from Painesville arrived today noon and after tea Jimmie + I put out our share of them. Mace, Ma and Mrs. Nichols also had some in the same collection. Ours are geraniums, their roses, heliotrope and four house plants, besides six tube roses.

Ralph Moore is 1 year old today.

Sunday, May 20, 1877

Weather very warm, Jimmie and the children went to S. S. as usual but Willie did not return when the others did, he went up home with Fannie and Mary Moore and then to church with Uncle Enos + Aunt Mary Ellen and back again to dinner with them. It was almost 4 o'clock when Fannie brought him home. Just at that time a very hard wind storm came up + sent cloud of dust into all the open windows, it was 8 o'clock by quite a shower of rain.

I went to church in the evening.

Monday, May 21, 1877

Bright and cloudy by turns the atmosphere is much more pleasant since the rain yesterday. Rosie washed today and I spent what time I could cutting out some sewing to be done for Willie, four pairs of drawers + three pairs of night drawers.

The plants we set out Saturday night seem to be doing very well so far. The seedling verbenas are just starting up.

Tuesday, May 22, 1877

The clouds have not brought us any rain yet.

I began to skirmish around the outer edge of housekeeping today myself, concluding not to wait any longer for help.

In the evening Maggie Peebles and Mrs. Crossley called to see us, the latter is on her way to Cin with Harry.

Wednesday, May 23, 1877

Dry, dusty and a little windy.

Our work today was taking up the carpet in the parlor removing furniture + books and taking off paper. Mostly the latter. I began work in the parlor yesterday but Rosie had her ironing to do so did not go to work really until today.

Thursday, May 24, 1877

Warm and dusty.

Jimmie, Rosie and I papered the parlor today or almost did it. We worked at it until 11 o'clock this evening and then the paste gave out and we were obliged to leave off before it was done.

Friday, May 25, 1877

Bright dusty and a little windy.

Jane came this evening and she and Rosie put down the parlor carpet after I had downed it and fixed it for turning. It looks very bright and clean on the wrong side and is as pretty as now.

While they were finishing that I went down street with Ma and bought matting for my room + bought some borders for the parlor paper. My room was all in order again by evening much to my delight.

Saturday, May 26, 1877

Bright as usual. Rosie did her usual Saturday work and some besides. The kitchen was white washed yesterday and she has been cleaning up today. We also did some work in the yard and then put the hose in and then used that awhile.

Sunday, May 27, 1877

Still bright and pleasant if it was only less dusty.

Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath School as usual and Willie went to church with his Papa but Maggie stayed with me. She is very hard to entertain without Willie, she misses him so much when he is away.

Monday, May 28, 1877

Weather warm, dry and dusty. Went over home today and found Mrs. Hamilton the spending the day. I altered Willie's coat to make it fit better this morning and just after I had finished it, Dwight Greene called to see whether we intended sending Willie to Logan with him. He seems really anxious to take him.

This is the 9th anniversary of Mr. + Mrs. T. J. Cochran's marriage and they celebrated it by a little party which we attended. We have not been out to spend an evening in months.

Tuesday, May 29, 1877

Bright and warm.

This is the day of the Musical Festival. I was down street with Willie in the morning to get his picture taken and after dinner Ma kept the baby and I took the other two children out to the concert. After that I took them with them and went to call on Gussie Halderman and Emma Voorhees I went to see Maggie Mason this evening but she was not at home. Went to the concert in the evening with the home folks.

Wednesday, May 30, 1877

Bright and warm.

Jane came early this morning and she and Rosie took up the dining room carpet and took the paper off the walls. I did not do anything towards house cleaning myself. Dwight called to ask about Willie again and Ma + I tried to get his new plaid suit done. About 3 o'clock I concluded that I could not spare him so we put the work away and Ma went home to her own work. Just as I was getting my work settled, Dwight called again and stirred me all up again. After tea we all went riding that is Jimmie + the three children + I.

Thursday, May 31, 1877

Bright and pleasant.

We decided this morning to let Willie go with Dwight Greene to Jennie's and as the train left at 10 o'clock and there was much to be done, there was no time to think of anything but preparations. Ma, Mace + Lizzie all came and helped get home ready.

Wrote to Jennie and Grandma Ricker.

Friday, June 1, 1877

Warm and dry.

Jane came early this morning and we worked hard to get the drawing room carpet down. It was a little too small but we finally managed to make it to cover the room except where I want oil cloth at the doors. Jane left at noon and after that Rosie finished the hall and then we did some

work in the yard and cola house. I miss Willie all the time. Hope this will be some comfort to Jennie. I wrote to her yesterday.

Saturday, June 2, 1877

Weather very warm and dusty.

Maggie was not very well this morning we think perhaps she is taking whooping cough as there is some in town. I've not done much work today but Rosie has been trying to finish up the house cleaning. Pa and Rich are both away and the home folks are or have been papering and carpeting the kitchen. Strawberries are abundant and cheap. We went out in the buggy this morning and got three qts for ourselves and four for Ma and she afterwards sent for four more. Tore out our grass again today.

Sunday, June 3, 1877

Pleasant.

Pa came home late last night he is not very well and we fell quite uneasy about him as he will take no medicine.

Monday, June 4, 1877

Nothing written for this date

Tuesday, June 5, 1877

Weather warm and pleasant.

I don't remember anything special that we did except put the strings up for the vines to run on. Heard this morning that Col Varner died very suddenly just before noon today.

Wednesday, June 6, 1877

Weather pleasant with nothing very unusual to mark this day from any other. I go over home every day and they come over here. Our strawberries will do very well this year in spite of adverse circumstances. They are too thick and shaded so that the sun does not have a chance to ripen them properly. I wrote to Grandma Ricker today.

Thursday, June 7, 1877

Weather pleasant but quite warm. I took the children this afternoon and went over to see the home folks. Mary and Lizzie were out riding and Ma said they returned we could go, so while awaiting their return I took the baby + went over to see Mary Murphy awhile. Ma took us out to see Mr. Damarin's Greenhouse and it was quite a treat as I had never been there before.

Friday, June 8, 1877

Weather warm.

Col Samp Varner was buried this morning, he died very suddenly last Tuesday forenoon.

I have sewed a little today as usual and done various other things. We are getting strawberries out of our own patch now, have bought only a few this week. They are very nice but it is rather hard work to pick them. I was up to Uncle Enos' this morning a few minutes also down to the foundry seeing about some white wash to china + closet.

Saturday, June 9, 1877

Pleasant day with several little showers to settle the dust but not enough to do very much good. During the afternoon I had several callers. First came Carrie Starnes then Maggie Silcox + Dollie Pursell then Miss Fannie Switzer with Ralph but she hurried away when I told her that we thought probably Maggie had whooping cough.

Sunday, June 10, 1877

Weather very pleasant.

Rich and Lizzie took dinner with us today, it being the first since his return from the South. After dinner Mary came over to see if I would go out to the Mass Temperance meeting at Massie Hall. After some deliberation I decided to go. Rich, Lizzie and the boys went also so we helped swell the crowd considerably. I went to church in the evening + Jimmie stayed with the children.

Monday, June 11, 1877

Weather delightful.

I was at home nearly all day. Ripped and altered by black cashmere basque.

Mrs. Lou Jones called in the afternoon and after she left Mary came and asked me to go out to Mrs. Young's, the strawberry woman, with her. She also drove around by Mr. Bell's as she wanted to see about butter and cherries.

Tuesday, June 12, 1877

Weather quite cool and pleasant. I have been fixing up my black cashmere basque today. There were two funerals this afternoon about the same time. Robert N. Spry who died Sunday and Dr. Wm Peck, brother of Mrs. Damarin who died at his home in New Richmond but was brought here to be buried. Em Voorheis came and made quite a long call on us this afternoon.

Wednesday, June 13, 1877

Warmer than it has been for several days past. I was down street a few minutes this evening, went first to return a paper to Mary Ellen and then to do some errands on Second Street. Made our engagement to have baby's picture taken tomorrow if nothing prevents. After dinner put up a shade in Rosie's room and then sewed a little. Wrote to Mother Ricker in the evening. Jimmie picked about half a gallon of berries this evening. Ma and Macy came over in the evening and we had some ice cream.

Thursday, June 14, 1877

Dry, dusty and very warm.

Having decided to take the baby to Fuller + Hathaway's and have his picture taken this forenoon, I devoted the forenoon to getting ready for it. Took him down about 10 ½ o'clock and Mr. H. took half a dozen different negatives before he was satisfied. The last was the best. After we were through there, I took him up to Mr. Peebles a few minutes and then it was noon and we came home. After dinner I got a tray of very nice cherries and Macy helped Rosie and me to seed them ready for canning tomorrow. I have also sewed a little on the white dress that I am altering for Maggie. Mattie Boal and Addie Dunlap Greene called and fortunately I was at home.

Friday, June 15, 1877

Weather warm and rather cloudy with some indications of rain. I've been glad I took the baby yesterday to have his picture taken. He is one year old today. Is rather more backward about some things than the others were. He can almost, but not quite, walk alone, has eight teeth though. His attempt at talking extends no farther than bye bye, which he says on all occasions. While we were ay tea this evening who should come walking in but Jennie and Willie. We were completely surprised and very much pleased to see them. They are quite well only that Jennie was so homesick that she couldn't stand it any longer.

Mr. B. B. Gaylord + family, except Ben, came home on the evening train after an absence of about two years in Europe.

Saturday, June 16, 1877

Very warm and close and I have not felt like doing anything more laborious than sleeping but that was not to be thought of. After my usual Saturday work was done, I had Willie's trunk to unpack and his clothes to put away in his baron drawer.

I went over home several times in the course of the day to see Jennie and she came here once but I was dressing and did not know of her coming.

Em Voorheis and Macy took tea with us. I insisted Em to bring the children and spend a day with us while here but fearing the whooping cough she preferred coming alone.

It rained very hard in the evening after she left.

Sunday, June 17, 1877

The dust being settled and everything looking lush and green makes this a lovely morning.

Jimmie went to Sabbath School today the children again to his great delight. Maggie went to church with him, but Willie stayed with me.

I was not out of the house at all today. Baby does not feel at all well and is quite hard to take care of.

Jennie took dinner with us.

Monday, June 18, 1877

Cloudy and just after Rosie had dried the white clothes a hard shower of rain fell. I was at home all day. This is Lizzie's birthday but I have not seen her except a very few moments this morning. Have been sewing on drawers for Willie, have four pairs underway, got them all refilled + tucked but the ruffling was already prepared, Macy had done that for me.

Tuesday, June 19, 1877

Weather very warm.

Have tried to sew a little today, do not make much progress. Went down street and ordered the baby's pictures and got some shades for the dining room transom.

Wednesday, June 20, 1877

Beautiful day, enough of breeze stirring to make it very comfortable. Macy came this morning twice to ask me to go riding so I finally went and we were gone nearly half the morning. I bought some rose clips and citronella while out. After dinner (Jennie came to dine with us) she went home to write + I went down street to look for something to eat. Met Aunt Marcia on the way to Ma's, she has come up to commencement. She took tea at Ma's. The children + I were over home awhile. Wrote to Mrs. Ricker as usual I picked the last of the strawberries for Jimmie's supper.

Thursday, June 21, 1877

Beautiful weather.

This is commencement day at the High School or rather at Music Hall for that is where the exercises are to take place. A class of a dozen graduates among them is Fannie Moore. We would be glad to go and see her if we could but we cannot. Jennie took dinner with us today. Uncle Jimmie and his friend called after supper while I was putting the baby to bed.

Friday, June 22, 1877

Weather very pleasant but rather warm. This being the day for the Alumni meeting, Rosie baked the cake and late in the morning I took it and the baby in the buggy and took it up to the school house. I could not attend but wanted Jimmie to go. After supper I was just starting out to go and see Fannie Moore when I met Helen Arthur + Addie Ricker at the door, they just were down for a little visit and they took us all completely by surprise. Jennie spent the evening with us.

Saturday, June 23, 1877

A bright pleasant day with a very pleasant breeze blowing most of the day. Helen Arthur and Addie were up to Mr. Tewksbury's to call this evening and while they were out had their photos taken at Fuller + Hathaway's. After dinner Jimmie, Arthur + the children went over on the Ky hills. Ma + the girls were over here to see the girls. We had a delightful little visit from the folks and they stayed until 4 ½ o'clock this evening + then left on the carriage for home.

Sunday, June 24, 1877

Weather very warm and not much breeze stirring. Just after Jimmie came home from church in the evening a hard rain began to fall which cooled the atmosphere a little. The children went with their father to S. S. and church but I was not away from the house at all today. Nearly all of the family were here sometime during the day.

Monday, June 25, 1877

Very warm and close all day with a hard wind + rain storm about tea time.

Jennie left for home on the train at 10 o'clock this morning. Pa is not at all well and has been in the bed nearly all day.

I have been altering my linen suit to make it wearable as the weather has become too warm for anything I have.

Tuesday, June 26, 1877

Very warm.

Uncle Jimmie sent my July currents today and I spent the afternoon picking the stems off and cooking them so they would be ready to press out and make up in the morning.

Baby is beginning to walk alone short distances but does not take many steps until he falls and then he finishes his journey in the old reliable style.

Wednesday, June 27, 1877

The days are all warm now with only variations in degrees in heat. I was up early to make up my current jelly which turned out well and was very little trouble the packs of currents, minus what we ate for supper, made thirteen glasses.

The afternoon I devoted to the baby and my linen suit feeling the need of some cooler dresses than any I have ready.

Thursday, June 28, 1877

Very warm. Pa is still confined to bed and keeps the room so warm that no one but himself can stand it very long at a time. Mary Ellen's friend came today and I intended going to see them sometime today but did not find the necessary time. I have been going twice a day to see him and it was all I had to spare from home duties.

Friday, June 29, 1877

Warm or rather hot.

Sewed almost all day on my suit. There was much to be done when it was once undertaken. A new half width to be braided, all the points to be fortified again and ruffles to be put on, which will be quite an improvement when done.

Saturday, June 30, 1877

Very pleasant day.

I was very busy all day trying to finish off my linen suit that had to be altered and did not go over to see Pa until after supper. Was just in time to read the paper to him and then a caller came in and I came home to put the children to bed after which Jimmie, baby and I went up to Uncle Enos' to call upon Mrs. Armstrong and her sister Mrs. Liggest

Sunday, July 1, 1877

Weather very warm. Jimmie and the children went to S. S. and I went with Mary to the Baptist church and heard Rev Mr. Clarke preach a very good sermon. In the afternoon Jimmie and the children went up to see Mr. Tewksbury and in the evening he went out to the second church.

Monday, July 2, 1877

Warm and clear.

Rosie left this morning for her visit home, having ascertained that the boat only makes two trips a week. Before she left I went out to see Mrs. Ryder who had promised to come + stay with me but found that she had been expectantly called to nurse Mrs. Frank Connolley who had a son last night. After dinner I went out again to see after a girl but did not get one. Was over home in the evening awhile after the children went to bed.

Tuesday, July 3, 1877

Very warm.

I went over home to breakfast at Ma's invitation, taking my family with me and after it was over I left the baby with Mary and took the other children with me out after a young col'd girl who is to help me while Rosie is gone.

Wednesday, July 4, 1877

Weather warm and clear.

The day we celebrate has been a comfortably quiet one here. All who felt like celebrating went out of town to do so and those of us who remained kept as quiet as possible. Uncle Jimmie Wood dined with us and in the evening we took a ride as the home folks did not want the buggy. Pa is still in bed but seems quite comfortable. The boys went to Cin for their 4th. I wrote to Mother Ricker in the evening as usual.

Mrs. Hamilton was here this evening but she went on over home to spend the day. Both Ma's girls left today.

Thursday, July 5, 1877

This has been an extremely hot and close day and was finished up late in the evening by a thunderstorm which surpassed any we have had this season. The lightening struck three places on Market Street. Mr. Neill's house, Mr. Robinson's office and the larger elm tree in front of it. Baby has not felt quite well today and I've had him in my arms most of the day.

Friday, July 6, 1877

Weather a little cooler than it was yesterday still it is warm.

Miss Fannie Switzer called to say goodbye this morning as she left on the boat for Urbana to visit. I am not doing any sewing now it is as much as I can do to keep up the other work with the help of the little colored maid Florance.

Pa is still in bed and Lizzie is not able to be around much of the time. The boys returned this morning from Cin.

Saturday, July 7, 1877

Delightful day. The morning was particularly pleasant, with a cool breeze blowing and no dust just before beginning my Saturday backing I took baby and Willie and went over to see Pa. Found Sallie and Mattie Peebles there and after quite a long call she started to go and asked me if I couldn't go and take a ride. She seemed anxious to have me so the children + I got in bare headed to go after our hats. She asked Mary to go also and when we came home and found Maggie at the gate she took her in too so we all went and had a very nice ride. When I got home it was time to get dinner and so the Sunday cooking had to wait. While Florance washed the dishes I made + baked a white cake and prepared some other things. Had enough prepared so there will be no cooking to do tomorrow. Pa is still in bed but has seemed to feel better than usual today.

Sunday, July 8, 1877

Weather very pleasant.

Pa had a hard chill last night again, does not seem to improve radically as we had hoped. Just when he gets to feeling pretty well, he has another chill or something else to set him back again. Jimmie and the tow children went to S. S. and then he + Willie went to church. I was not out of the house until late in the evening. Uncle Jimmie was here to tea and before washing the dishes I went over to see Pa and took him a few of the red raspberries that Uncle Jimmie had sent me.

Monday, July 9, 1877

Rain in the afternoon which replenished the earth + the inhabitants there of very much.

Pa is still in bed, have been over to see him three times today. Sat out and began sewing a calico sack + over shirt for myself today. Baby is so fretful I can't do work at anything.

Tuesday, July 10, 1877

Warm as usual.

Nothing special happened today. I have been over home a time or two to see Pa who is better and there is some hope of his being out again tomorrow.

Wednesday, July 11, 1877

Had decided that I was unable to get up and was making arrangements for Maggie to get coffee for her Papa from over home as Florance was late coming, when the doorbell announced the arrival of Uncle Drew, Charlie and Jake. Then I arose and got breakfast. Was quite sick all night but was better today. Rosie came soon after breakfast and I kept Florance so I had nothing to do but rest. Libbie Pratt died this afternoon aged about 22 years.

Thursday, July 12, 1877

Warm as ever.

Mace and I went down to Dr. Pratt's this morning but we did not see any of the family except Mrs. Churchill + Anna McNeale and as there was nothing for us we did not remain long. Poor Libbie is at rest at last. She has been a sufferer for about ten years and it is a happy change for her.

Friday, July 13, 1877

Quite warm.

Macy came and asked me to ride down to the church with her when she went to the funeral and I did so, after the services, which were conducted by Mr. Ketchum, Ma took Mrs. Connolley out to the cemetery and Mace + I came home. The boys were here most of the day.

Ma + Mace went down to Dr. Pratt's in the evening and saw Laura Southand, stopped here on their way home. I wrote to Mother R.

Saturday, July 14, 1877

Warm.

Uncle Drew was here to meals today but the boys spent most of the time with Russell. When we were about half way through supper, the boys + Russell came according to previous agreement which I supposed they had forgotten as it was late when they came. I am not much this week but trying to entertain the folks and enjoy their visit.

Sunday, July 15, 1877

Very warm, even for this time of the year. Uncle Drew was here to breakfast and went and went to S. S. with Jimmie + the children then to church with us and then to Mrs. Tewksbury's where he + the boys spent the rest of the day. John + Enos dined with us and Uncle Jimmie failed to come to tea. I went to church in the evening + heard Mr. Ketchum who exchanged pulpits with Dr. P for the day.

Monday, July 16, 1877

Weather almost unbearably hot and close this forenoon. Florance did not come today and I could not do much at sewing though I began working over a white waist for Willie Macy brought me two of her nice puffed waists that are all too small for her and I am going to make

over one of them for Willie. Uncle Drew + the boys left this morning on the Scioto before we were up.

Tuesday, July 17, 1877

Night quite so warm as yesterday. The rain last night refreshed things considerably. Florance came back awhile before noon today and gave me a chance to sew all the rest of the day as I finished off the new waist I was making for Willie. Did not go out anywhere today, not even over home.

Pa went to the Shop today, the first whole day he has been down since he was taken sick, did not stay the entire day but went both evening + afternoon.

Wednesday, July 18, 1877

Unusually rain all day and late in the day it rained very hard but without much of the storm that usually attends summer rains. I had intended going to church his evening but when the time came I couldn't get the children settled.

Wrote to Mother Ricker as usual.

Thursday, July 19, 1877

Delightful day after the rain. I sewed in the forenoon and had planned to go out and do some errands after dinner. Asked Macy to go too and she proposed getting the buggy + riding. We went to the Shop and after waiting awhile got the horse buggy and went. Did all the errands and then took a nice ride, were gone until supper time. If I wasn't so timid I might enjoy the rides more.

Friday, July 20, 1877

Quite warm. Began sewing early and managed to get a black buster skirt fixed over and ready for the new trimming. Lizzie was over with her work awhile. Her elbow has been very sore ever since she fell out of our gate a week last Wednesday.

Rumors of a great strike among railroad employees and miners.

Saturday, July 21, 1877

Warm as usual. Florance did not come until late + then only to say that she could not stay so I was left with a double portion of work to do. Took Maggie to Dr. Dennis' + he was busy so I did other errands and came home. Mrs. Ferguson had been here so I went to see her and was busy as a bee all day.

Freight trains stopped running.

Sunday, July 22, 1877

Warm. Jimmie + the children went to S. S. and I went to church in the evening. Uncle Jimmie was not well enough to be out today.

Great riots and destruction of property at Pittsburgh.

Monday, July 23, 1877

Very warm.

Florance came again today and I took Willie and went out to see Frances Keen about making a polonaise for Mother Ricker. Came back and took Maggie to have her tooth filled and then spent the rest of the forenoon running errands.

Tuesday, July 24, 1877

Some clouds and a little rain, enough to threaten the Fete of Mrs. Bell's but not enough to extinguish it entirely though the extreme and close heat seemed likely to finish it. Jimmie and I talked a little of going out but when the time came we did not feel equal to the task of dressing. I've seldom felt the heat so much.

Charlie and Jake came back from Ironton today on the Dugan.

Wednesday, July 25, 1877

Very warm and no storm yet though one has seemed to be hovering over us for a day or two. The S. S. picnic was held out at Mr. Bell's this afternoon and was attended by our little family in force. It was very pleasant and immensely enjoyed by our young people, even baby Carl had a good time.

The railroad strike still continues and fills the papers with accounts of riot and bloodshed in many parts of the country, both east and west of us. Primarily in Penn, Ohio, Indiana, Ill, and Maryland.

Thursday, July 26, 1877

Warm and dry.

Jimmie brought up twenty yds of black bunting for his mother and we are all each to have a polonaise made of it.

I am not doing much of anything though I really ought to be working busily.

Friday, July 27, 1877

Weather warm, dry and clear. Have not done anything of any account today. Some way I can't settle down to work. Was over home several times, saw Mollie York there visiting Lizzie who has so far recovered from her injury as to be able to sew again. Bought half a basket of nice pears today and have been enjoying them. Florance's mother came to see about her staying late + it is likely she will not come anymore.

Maggie Crossley Martin has a sow.

Went to see about having my dress cut.

Mary Murphy was here.

Saturday, July 28, 1877

Very, very warm. Cloudy with some indications of rain this evening. The boys came to dinner today and will spend Sunday with us. Mrs. Hamilton spent the day over home today. I went up to Miss Cassin's twice today but she had not returned from Cin, also went and called on Mrs.

Neal of Ironton at Mr. Peebles'. Wrote to Aunty Betsey Ricker in the afternoon. Florance did not come today.

Sunday, July 29, 1877

Very, very warm.

Charlie + Jake are here spending the latter part of their stay with us, but they stayed all night with the boys over home.

Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath School and then he went to church with the boys. I was not out of the house except a little while in the afternoon when I went over home. This is sister Jennie's 24th birthday.

Monday, July 30, 1877

Warm as usual. I went over home soon after breakfast and finding they were not going to use the horse I asked Mary to take me out to do some errands. She did so and we were gone until 10 ½ o'clock. Saw about getting my bunting polonaise cut and then went to Mrs. Nickell's and gave the order for a summer bonnet, the season being half gone I got as cheap a one as I could and then after dinner Ma + I went out and made some calls. The bonnet came home soon after dinner and we got started at 3 o'clock. Rosa Brennan kept the children for me. We called first at Mrs. Gus Johnson's to see Ross and Alice, then at Mrs. Peebles, Mrs. Tewksbury's, Mrs. Tracy's, Mrs. Charles Lloyd's, Mrs. Sam Reed's, Mrs. P. C. Kinney's (at Mr. Will Kinney's house) Mrs. Dunlap's, Mrs. J H Roads and Mrs. D. N. Murray's. We started out to go to Mrs. Dunlap's on account of the death of Mr. Riggs and to see Mrs. Gaylord but met her at Mrs. Dunlap's so we did not have to go to her house.

Tuesday, July 31, 1877

Very hot and still no rain. Have wandered around trying to get to work at something but do not succeed very well. Went up and tried on my polonaise this forenoon and then home again. Cut out a white dress for Maggie but did not sew any on it. We think Grandpa + Granma Ricker will be here this fall and there is much that I want done before that time but the weather is too hot for anything.

Wednesday, August 1, 1877

As hot as ever and no rain. Charley + Jake Ricker left on the boat for home this morning. Macy went to Cin to return Friday. Mr. Ketchum took his family to Mich for their summer visit today. I took the children and my work and went over home but did not do much work. Wrote to Mother Ricker as usual.

Thursday, August 2, 1877

Quite warm, as warm as it has been for some time. I put up half a dozen jars of pears this morning and then spent the day trying to sew a little. Ma came over and made quite a long visit in the afternoon.

Their two good girls left this morning and they are without help except a little from Rose Brennan who spends a part of the day with them.

Friday, August 3, 1877

As early as I could get ready this morning I went down to Miss Gossin's and the store and then took the baby over home to wait for the street cars. After waiting almost an hour we started and went to take Mother Ricker's dress to Frances Kear to be made.

Mace came home from Cin this morning. Was over here several times during the day.

Saturday, August 4, 1877

Dry and dusty.

Was down to see Mrs. Gossin this morning about my dress. She has moved on to Court Street near us. In the afternoon I went to Preparatory Lecture and put in the rest of my time finishing off Maggie's white dress. Put up the mosquito bails this morning. Maggie Peebles called after dark this evening to inquire if Maggie's doll Marcellus had a whole head, I have almost finished mending the one Willie broke so she will not need another.

Sunday, August 5, 1877

Very warm during the day but we have had a few cool nights. Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath School and he took Willie to church while I read to Maggie at home.

At 4 o'clock P. M. we attended communion service at our church. Dr. Pratt + his wife have this week for his vacation.

Monday, August 6, 1877

Weather hot and dry as it has been for weeks past.

Maggie is 6 years old today and in honor of the occasion we gave her a very small + select lawn party or picnic which was simply having Mattie Peebles and Isabel Murray to take supper with her and Willie out in the yard. They seemed to enjoy it very much. Maggie Peebles sent her a small silver napkin ring. She has always remembered Maggie's birthdays as well as Christmas days.

Tuesday, August 7, 1877

Weather dry, hot and dusty. Have had no rain for some time. Nothing unusual occurred with us. I was busy with my regular duties and have commenced on some white sewing for the house, ruffled lambrequins for the windows and pillow cases for the children's bed. Macy took 45 yards of ruffle to hem for me. The days are getting perceptively shorter and the nights a little cooler.

Wednesday, August 8, 1877

Weather just about what it has been for some time except that the nights are cooler and mosquitoes are coming. Wrote to Grandma Ricker this evening. All that remains for me to do

with her dress now is to settle for it and send it. I am also attending to some work for Mrs. Messenger of Jackson.

Thursday, August 9, 1877

Weather still dry and dusty but not so moderately warm as it has been. Sewed on pillow cases for the children's bed today. Have made or am making four new long ones out of some tucked + ruffled shaw sheets that have never been used for their original purpose.

Was down street today. Mary Ellen was here at tea time, has not been here for some time and seldom go there which I regret very much but there seems to be no time when I can.

Friday, August 10, 1877

Very pleasant except for the dusty streets when one wants to go out. Sewed on my white lambrequins today hoping to finish what I've commenced this week. Was over home this morning and saw Mrs. Ross who is trying the Health Lift in Lizzie's room for rheumatism.

Saturday, August 11, 1877

Weather dry and dusty but not as hot as it has been. This is the 30th Anniversary of Pa + Ma's marriage.

I went over to see them at noon and again in the evening but did not see either of them.

Finished off the white lambrequins, five of them. Mary has done the most of the stitching on them.

Made four new non bleached sheets for the children's bed.

Sunday, August 12, 1877

Weather very warm.

Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath School as usual. We had no service at our church and did not go anyplace. Was over home to see Macy awhile in the afternoon.

Monday, August 13, 1877

Cloudy most of the day but no rain fell until late in the day, while we were at supper, then a very hard shower fell and its effects will be very beneficial. The grass was juts drying out in spots from drout.

I spent the forenoon mending and after dinner cut out and tucked two pairs of pillow covers for the children's bed.

Col. Peter Kinney died this evening.

Tuesday, August 14, 1877

The atmosphere was delightful this morning after the rain and we enjoyed a nice ride with Macy very much. She took me out to pay some bills that I wanted to settle, and said the children could go also. Lizzie took the baby up to Mr. Peebles and kept him until we called for him. I paid Mrs. Nickels, Mr. Brodbeck, Mr. Gilmore, Mr. Connolley, White, Knittle and Miss Gossin.

Spent the afternoon paring a bushel of tomatoes.

Wednesday, August 15, 1877

Quite cool and fall-like. Rain has threatened all day but very little fell. The tomatoes cooked yesterday had to be strained and cooked down for catsup today. Tomorrow will probably see them put away. I've done little but attend to them and the baby today who seems to be demanding more than usual.

Thursday, August 16, 1877

Very pleasant in the forenoon with rain in the afternoon. Spent the forenoon seasoning and bottling the catsup with Macy's help.

After that was put away I sewed a little but did not do much. I spent a good deal of time going to and fro from one home to the other.

Pa went up to Kanawha today.

Friday, August 17, 1877

Beautiful day. Ma and the boys went to Buena Vista today. John went on the boat and Ma + Enos went in the buggy. I have not done much of anything today but run over home to see if Mace was going to make catsup. I am to held her when she does and made five trips today to see if she had the tomatoes. In the afternoon I took baby and went down street + got caught in the rain that kept us at Gilmore's about an hour.

Saturday, August 18, 1877

Lovely day again.

Spent the forenoon helping Mary, did not get through until about 3 o'clock, then I bathed and dressed all of the children and myself and after tea we all went out. Jimmie took the two older ones and went up to Uncle Jimmie's and afterwards met baby and me at Uncle Enos' where we went to call on Mrs. Solomon. Ma and the boys came home in the afternoon.

Sunday, August 19, 1877

Delightful day as far as weather was concerned but it now seems just like Sabbath when we have no service at our own church. Jimmie and the two children went to Sabbath School but after that they remained home as Jimmie had headache. In the evening Macy and I got ready to go to Biglow M. E. church but found that there would be no service then so we went to the Baptist and heard Mr. Clark.

Monday, August 20, 1877

Weather very pleasant, nights delightful. Got ready to sit down to my sewing and took the baby over home to see the folks before settling for the day. Found Ma busily engaged in a piece of work where she needed help so I came home soon after and went to help her. Stayed until noon and then came home to dinner. Macy has been making grape and plum jelly all day. She

cooked and strained some plums for me. I am trying to make pillow silks for the children's small pillows, have ruffle basted + ready to sew on one pair.
Jimmie got a new wire mattress for our bed today.

Tuesday, August 21, 1877

As soon as possible this morning I went to work at the bushel of tomatoes that came yesterday. Ma, Macy + Lizzie came to help me but Ma was called away. Mace went to cook my wild plum jelly and Lizzie + I finished paring the tomatoes. We had just put them on when Mrs. Hamilton came to spend the day and so I had to leave the kitchen a little while. At intervals during the day when I could snatch a few moments I went back to the kitchen and finished up the tomatoes and made catsup of the juice that was left. We had quite a pleasant visit and accomplished a good deal only I took cold all day long and by night was almost sick.

Wednesday, August 22, 1877

Delightful weather, some sign of rain in the evening.

Willie was 4 years old today but none of us remembered it until it was past.

Mary and I spent the forenoon making plum jelly and I still taking more cold. I did not write to Mother Ricker today as usual this evening not feeling able to do so. I was glad to go to bed as early as possible.

Thursday, August 23, 1877

Rain yesterday afternoon and last night made it delightful today but I've not been in a condition to enjoy owing to my bad cold. Lizzie was over and spent the afternoon with me. I finished off a pair of pillows slips for the little pillows today. Went down street in the buggy with Lizzie and came home just in time for tea. We had just sat down when Mr. Harper + Alice came from the evening train on their way home from Pittsburg. They left on the Scioto.

Friday, August 24, 1877

Delightful day but weather damp. It has sprinkled several times. My cold has taken a little different turn but I do not feel much better yet. Have spent the day writing, wrote long letters to Mother Ricker and sister Jennie, and also for several days in my diary.

Saturday, August 25, 1877

Lovely day. Did not feel well enough to do anything and accepted Mary's invitation to go out in the buggy with her. Went and got Mother Ricker's polonaise and when I came had a slight chill. Ma had invited us to take tea with them this evening as Mary Ellen, Miss Gertrude and Mrs. Solomon were to be there but I felt so badly to leave home so none of us were there except Maggie who went and enjoyed herself very much. Willie spent the day up at Uncle Enos'.

Sunday, August 26, 1877

Beautiful day.

Began taking large doses of quinine very early in the morning and felt better during the day. Did not go out anywhere however except a little while over home.

Monday, August 27, 1877

Another delightful day. This is the season for delightful weather. Jimmie says the only thing of importance that I did today was taking 16 grams of quinine. Typhoid fever is very prevalent here now and the doctors are giving a great deal of quinine, more than ever before I think.

Tuesday, August 28, 1877

Weather very pleasant.

I hardly feel well enough to settle down to work, still I am doing a little something all the time. Have decided to rip up my black silk dress and have Miss Gossin make it over.

Wednesday, August 29, 1877

Delightful day.

Went down street with John in the buggy to attend to an errand for Lizzie. She has been getting a table drop light with an argand burner and shade. I also went out to see Mrs. McFarland for Ma. Rich + Lizzie were here awhile in the evening. Mary + I went out this morning and did some errands.

Thursday, August 30, 1877

Very pleasant except in the middle of the day when it was pretty warm. I went up to the store for Lizzie in the morning and while there bought an 87 ct. spread for my bed which I hemmed and put on the bed immediately. Have been doing various things towards getting the house in order.

Mr. Rigrish began digging out cistern today.

Friday, August 31, 1877

Extremely warm, or rather, hot. This is Rich + Lizzie's first Anniversary. I had invited them to take tea with us but Ma + Mace wanted them and us at home so she invited the Peebles family and got up a surprise supper for Lizzie. She and Rich came here as they had intended + I had asked John, Sallie + Mattie to come also and stay until tea time then we all went over home to tea.

Saturday, September 1, 1877

Weather very pleasant.

There was a very hard rain storm in the night which refreshed the thirsty earth and made mud in and around our new cistern which is only about half done.

Lizzie brought her work and made me a visit this forenoon. She brought back the most of the flowers that I took to adorn the table over home last night.

Sunday, September 2, 1877

Delightful weather, the cool mornings will soon make a little fire necessary. Jimmie and the children went to S. S. as usual but as Dr. P has not yet returned there was no service in our church. I was not out anywhere. S. S. has been held in the audience room for two Sabbaths past as the lecture room is undergoing repairs. Jimmie went out to the 2nd church in the evening. Rich + Lizzie dined with us today.

Monday, September 3, 1877

Quite pleasant.

I remodeled Maggie's Turkish toweling sack and trimmed it with embroidery today to have it ready for wearing to Sabbath School cool mornings. When finished it looked very well and will do her until time to wear a heavy winter cloak.

Tuesday, September 4, 1877

Very pleasant.

I was down street today looking at wallpaper and doing a few other errands. I wrote to Aunt Betsey again about the boys and sent her their photos, the letter went this morning I think.

Wednesday, September 5, 1877

Cloudy and rainy all day. In the afternoon Ma + I went up to Mr. Peebles to make a call on their friends the Mrs. Rogers of Springfield who are on their way to Adams Co. Springs. After leaving there we went to Mr. Reilly's and selected paper for my spare bedroom and we want to put it in tomorrow.

Thursday, September 6, 1877

Very pleasant.

As soon as possible this morning we went to work to paper the front room upstairs. Ma came over as she had promised and had it not been for her help it is quite certain that we would not have finished the room but she came back after tea and stayed until it was done. The baby was very much in my way during the day but after tea he went to bed + sleep like a little man.

Friday, September 7, 1877

A lovely day and I have spent it papering the spare room closet and cleaning up after the papering. Soon after dinner, Belle Aukeny and Carrie Donham called and later Sallie Peebles called a few minutes. Just before tea I took Maggie + Willie + went down to the dyers on an errand.

Saturday, September 8, 1877

A beautiful pleasant day. This is my 29th birthday and it had been a very happy one. Soon after breakfast a handsome wire flower table came, a present from Ma then Lizzie sent me a pretty China frint (?) dish + half a dozen plates just like a set Jennie has. Pa sent me a handsome set of

books, seven volumes and Enos sent me a pretty little card receiver which he made with his bracket saw. Everybody is kind to me. We took Ma's horse + buggy and had a nice long ride before supper.

Sunday, September 9, 1877

A most delightful day. The children went to S. S. with their father as usual and then he went to church. Dr. Pratt returned Friday from his usual vacation and resumed service today. I went in the evening and Jimmie remained with the children. Lizzie + Rich took dinner with us and Uncle Jimmie was here to tea.

Monday, September 10, 1877

Weather cloudy all day with occasional rains, delightful for indoor work. After putting the house in order I went out to do some errands, took the rest of the things to Miss Gossin and then came home and pressed out the velvet ribbon and tomorrow will have to go and try it on. Jimmie, Enos and Uncle Jimmie Wood are talking of going squirrel hunting in the morning but a steady rain is falling now + probably will be in the morning.

Tuesday, September 11, 1877

It was cloudy and damp but the hunter started out after an early breakfast and came home just before tea time with three squirrels all shot by Uncle Jimmie. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Ross were here calling and Miss Emma Bell came to see about Maggie going to a kindergarten that she is trying to start.

Wednesday, September 12, 1877

Weather quite pleasant.

I wrote quite a long letter to Grandma Ricker tonight and one not so long to Aunt Betsey. She has been so kind to offer to do so anything that she could for the boys while they are at school. Grandma is very anxious to have us go to St. Louis the last week of the fair but there is very little hope of our going.

Thursday, September 13, 1877

Very pleasant.

We got a bushel of nice cling peaches today and Rosie and I put them up. It was noon when we began and late bed time when we finished but they are done now and I am very, very glad of it.

Friday, September 14, 1877

Delightful weather.

The butter man brought some nice soft peaches today so I took half a bushel and made peach butter of them. It was a long hard day's work. Sister Jennie came on the evening train and we went over to see her a few minutes and then came home and went to bed.

Saturday, September 15, 1877

This is Ma's birthday and Mary's 27th. I had the children take Ma a pair of slippers but I did not succeed in getting the thing for Mary that I wanted.

Jennie was over once or twice today. I embroidered Enos' monogram in a silk pocket handkerchief that Ma gave him, offered to do John's also but he did not bring it to me.

Sunday, September 16, 1877

Pleasant all day but it looked like rain in the evening when I went to Church.

Jimmie + the children went to Sabbath school as usual and he went to service in the evening.

This is Uncle Sam's and Aunt Mary's 14th Anniversary. Jennie took dinner with us today.

Monday, September 17, 1877

Rather cloudy and damp. Did various things today until late when Ma came over and spoke of taking Maggie with her Wednesday and then I laid aside my work and went to the store to get gingham for some aprons which I cut out after the children were in bed. Everybody at home is busy getting the boys ready to go Wednesday, earlier than they expected.

Tuesday, September 18, 1877

Beautiful day.

Began sewing as early as possible this morning and at supper time had them ready for the buttons and button holes. Ma asked her to go to Cin with her tomorrow and she needed the aprons. I was so tired tonight I couldn't rest. Did not stir out of the house but worked as hard as I could all day.

Wednesday, September 19, 1877

Pleasant weather, mornings a little cool and sometimes foggy. The boys left on the boat for Cin and go there by rail to Elizabeth, New Jersey where they will spend a day or two before going to Hoboken to school. Ma, Jennie and Maggie went to Cin to be gone a few days and our houses seem quite lonely. Jimmie and I went to the wedding. Mrs. Belle Anderson + Mr. Timmerman were married at the 1st Pres church.

Thursday, September 20, 1877

Have not done much good at anything today, tried to make a few peach preserves but it was almost a failure and took up so nearly all of the day that nothing else was accomplished except finishing off the apron that Maggie left at home. I went to church in the evening, the first time I've been to prayer meeting in months. The lecture room looks cheerful + bright since it has been newly painted + papered.

Friday, September 21, 1877

Very pleasant but rather cool towards evening. The buttons for my dress was my work for today but I did not even get them done. Had to stop and go to the store for a needle, having broken the one I was using, then after dinner Lizzie came and stayed with the baby and I took Willie and did some shopping for her.

Saturday, September 22, 1877

Beautiful weather.

Have been very busy today. In the first place I finished the buttons for my silk dress and Willie took them to Miss Gossin then I took the skirt Lizzie gave me for Willie and made a very nice plaited skirt from the bottom of it leaving enough for two more. Since it has been colored dark brown it is very pretty and serviceable. After tea I put the children to bed + made new trimmings and put on the bottoms of some of Maggie's drawers. So the day was filled with work + company.

Mrs. Peebles, Mrs. Dr. Rogers of Springfield, O. Mrs. N. Silcox, Mrs. Cirn Muntiss called.

Sunday, September 23, 1877

Jimmie and Willie went to Sabbath school and soon after, as I could, I took baby and went over home to see Pa and Lizzie. While there Ma, Jennie and Maggie came home from Cin and Maggie went to Sabbath school by herself. Jimmie went to church in the morning but Dr. Pratt did not preach in the evening and I did not feel able to walk out to the 2nd church much as I wished to go. We have missed the boys today, the seldom failed to come over here two or three times every Sabbath. I hope they have spent a pleasant and profitable day wherever they are.

Monday, September 24, 1877

A delightful day, warm enough to dispense with the fire that has been necessary for a few days. Jennie was not well enough to be up this morning so I took some work and sat over with the home folks an hour before dinner. After that I began sewing on a white waist for the children, have six to make. Jimmie had letters from his father and Uncle Drew tonight in reference to our going to the St. Louis fair next week.

Tuesday, September 25, 1877

Beautiful weather.

Sister Jennie spent today with me and I have been fixing my alpaca dress skirt and trying to plan for the talked of trip. Miss Fannie Switzer was here this evening to see Jennie.

Wednesday, September 26, 1877

Weather very pleasant only still quite dry.

Sister Jennie is staying a few days with us. The boys have been gone one week and were heard from tonight. Have reached their destination safely. Wrote to Mother Ricker tonight. Have felt sorely disappointed at having to give up the St. Louis trip.

Thursday, September 27, 1877

Lovely weather.

A pick of quinces claimed by attention this forenoon and while they were cooking I pared and put some peaches the we had so by noon I had half a doz. Jars of quinces and four nice peaches added to my stock of winter fruit.

Friday, September 28, 1877

Quite warm and pleasant.

Immediately after breakfast I boiled down my quince fully and had the satisfaction of seeing it turn out nicely. After that I turned my attention to sewing again. Have made over Willie's plaid suit with new sleeves and lengthened skirt trimmed with new braid and it now looks very well. Addie Murray called.

Saturday, September 29, 1877

Very pleasant out only dusty.

After doing my morning work I asked Macy to take me out to see Aunt Mary Sain and her young son. We took Carl with us. After my return I covered my quince. Jelly and made more brine to put over my pickles then the morning was all gone.

After tea Mace took Carl and me down to Mrs. Miller's to see Em Voorheis who came this afternoon.

Sunday, September 30, 1935

A lovely day if it were not so very dusty.

Heavy fogs every morning make the grass + bushes dripping wet but do not affect the dust in the streets.

Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath school and then he and I had the pleasure of going to church together with the children as Jennie kindly volunteered to stay with the baby. She took dinner with us. In the evening I went alone and heard Miss Rankin talk about Mexico.

Monday, October 1, 1877

Delightful weather only rather dusty.

Have been busy cutting out some underclothes for myself. Made one garment which I finished off after tea.

Jimmie went up to stay a day or two at Mr. Greene's. Ma had a letter from each of the boys, they are not permanently settled yet, good boarding is hard to find.

Tuesday, October 2, 1877

Weather is too delightful to be wasted indoors but as I can't get out I try to enjoy it as I can. We are all well and having plenty to do, can make no complaints.

Wednesday, October 3, 1877

Pleasant during the day with some indications of rain that were realized in the evening about the time we wanted to come home from prayer meeting. I was unusually tired but as we had appointed a meeting of the Tract Com. I had to go. Mary Peebles was here this morning a few minutes. Did not write my usual letter.

Thursday, October 4, 1877

Lovely weather.

Jennie was here awhile today she intends to go home tomorrow. I am busy with my sewing as usual but do not progress very rapidly. Wrote to Grandma Ricker this evening as I did not have a chance last night. Ma and Mace were here while I was writing.

Friday, October 5, 1877

Beautiful day.

After breakfast Jennie came over for a few minutes and then the children and I went over home to say goodbye to her and Pa as he intends going with her. After they had gone I went over to see our little sick neighbor Maud Boulding. Set out a bed of rose cups that Mace got from Mrs. Gaylord. Em Voorheis was here today.

Saturday, October 6, 1877

Weather dry and dusty but pleasant nonetheless. I have been over to see Maude once or twice today and Ma went with me to see if she could help them any. The baby has been sick about a week and they are very much discouraged about her. Dr. Pratt was here this morning + I went with him over to Mrs. Boulding's. Mace took Ma + me up to call on Mrs. Gaylord and Mrs. S. S. Johnson this evening. Mrs. Tewksbury was here before I left.

Sunday, October 7, 1877

Delightful day but the indications are that it will rain soon which will be a blessing, especially to river new. Jimmie and the children went to S. S. as usual and the he went to church, in the evening he kept the children and I went alone.

Monday, October 8, 1877

Cloudy, damp and cool with a little rain. This is Pa's birthday, 62 years old, he came home from Jennie's this evening and I went over to see him a few minutes. Have been busy sewing all day and after tea as well, finished off one more piece. Letters from the boys say they have had work before.

Tuesday, October 9, 1877

Weather perfectly delightful. After breakfast I swept upstairs and down and after that was done went out with Mace for a ride which was delightful there being no dust and the air cool and pleasant. Lizzie was here all day with her sewing and Maggie Peebles called awhile in the

afternoon. We looked a little for the folks tonight but they did not come. Jimmie gave me \$50.00 and I paid Miss Gossin 6.00 and Rosie 8.00.

Wednesday, October 10, 1877

Beautiful day, one that tempts people out of doors. I had ever so many things to do today but when Mary came and asked me to go out in the buggy awhile and enjoy the lovely morning, I took the baby and went. Lizzie was here all day except at dinner, she has been sewing some on my machine. After tea Jimmie and the children went to the train and there was Grandpa alone, we hadn't thought of his coming without Grandma. Mr. + Mrs. Tewksbury + Uncle Jimmie were here after church.

Thursday, October 11, 1877

Lovely day. Have taken up all my pinks and other flowers that I want to keep in the house. Grandpa went up to Mr. Tewksbury's to dinner and this evening Uncle Jimmie is here. I've just written to Grandma.

Friday, October 12, 1877

Beautiful weather.

Grandpa Ricker determined to start homeward today on the morning train and a few minutes before he came after his valise Ma + I told Maggie to get ready to go with him if he wanted her to go. It had not been thought of until that moment and she had just begun to change her clothes when Grandpa, Papa + Mr. Tewksbury came. It was decided in a few moments and Grandpa went to the depot to get his ticket + check while we packed her trunk and sent her off without washing her face or changing her clothes. We expect Grandpa + Grandma here in now and trust they will bring Maggie back safely. They expect to spend Sunday in Kirkwood.

Saturday, October 13, 1877

Lovely weather.

I have been busy as usual but I miss my little girl for all that.

Macy took us out riding this afternoon and we enjoyed it very much, I got home just in time to lend a helping hand to Jimmie who was cleaning out the cistern.

This forenoon I took up my carnation pinks and a rose + ivy that I want to keep in the house.

Sunday, October 14, 1877

This has been one of the most delightful days of this delightful season. Jimmie + Willie went to Sabbath School and church in the morning with Ma. We missed Maggie very much today.

Monday, October 15, 1877

Quite warm and pleasant.

If we only had rain enough to settle the dust then would be nothing left to wish for. I have been sewing whenever I could today but found a great many things to be done that required steps. We brought over one of Ma's old flower tables and I filled it with my plants. After dinner Lizzie

came over with her work and the Dr. Pratt came and wanted me to go over to Mrs. Boulding's with him. The baby is much better and there are strong hopes of her recovery now.

Tuesday, October 16, 1877

Weather delightful. I sewed all day and then after tea Jimmie, the children and I went up to Uncle Enos' and spent about an hour. Dr. + Mrs. Prat were there to tea and we reached there just as they were finishing.

Wednesday, October 17, 1877

Weather delightful but dusty. Have sewed quite busily. I got Mary to take me out in the buggy this afternoon to pay several bills that owed Mrs. Porter, Mr. Lorllarer, Mr. Reilly, Mr. Brodbeck and Mr. Connolley's in Port. Mr. Brodbeck did not have his ready.

Thursday, October 18, 1877

Lovely weather.

Sewed in the forenoon and a little while after dinner then dressed Willie and Mace + took him up to Mattie Peebles' birthday party. I had intended coming back to sew but it was so pleasant we just came and got the baby and spent the rest of the afternoon riding.

Bought a bolt of brown gingham 27 yards, 13 ½ cts, for the aprons.

Friday, October 19, 1877

Weather warm and cloudy but delightful. The leaves are falling very fast. I finished off the under clothes I was making and in the afternoon cut out three aprons for Maggie which I sewed on a little after tea. Lizzie was over here awhile.

I had a letter from Enos the first one that has come to me.

Saturday, October 20, 1877

Very warm and cloudy all day and just after tea there was a pouring rain but it is still warm. I went out and made 16 calls this afternoon, Willie stayed with his father and Rosie kept Carl. Had a letter from Grandma who says Maggie is well + happy as a bird and they are enjoying her visit very much.

Wrote a long letter to Jennie which will not go before Monday.

Sunday, October 21, 1877

Cloudy wet.

Jimmie and Willie went to Sabbath School and after that Jimmie went to Bigelow M. E. church to hear their new minister, Mr. Peters, there being a service at our own church.

Dr. Pratt and Mr. Ketchum are at Synod.

Monday, October 22, 1877

Damp but no rain and somewhat cooler on Maggie's three aprons all day but did not get them quite finished. Sallie Peebles was here awhile in the afternoon.

Tuesday, October 23, 1877

Bright and pleasant but cool enough for fire in our room. By staying at home and sewing all the time I could, I got Maggie's last three aprons done so she now has six new ones. In the evening I began cutting out half a dozen for Willie. The plants from Painesville came in good order. 7 Hyacinths tubes, six tube roses, five carnations and one pelargonium.

Wednesday, October 24, 1877

Beautiful weather.

Ma came with the buggy and took the children and me up to Mrs. Gaylord's as I wanted to ask her something about making our pit for flowers. The men began digging it this morning. When I returned I potted the roses that came yesterday but hadn't enough large pots for the carnations. In and writing to Maggie now.

Thursday, October 25, 1877

Beautiful bright day.

Rosie and I began after 9 o'clock this morning and papered the dining room with paper that is quite cheerful and pretty and will not cost me much over \$1.00 as I managed to hang it so the old border will do, saving the expense of new. I spent the evening making lamp lighters and did not feel like doing even that.

Friday, October 26, 1877

Cloudy and threatening all day with rain in the evening. A part of the wall was laid in the pit today but it was not left in very good condition for the rain. Rosie + I spent some time cleaning and putting the dining room in order, she is about done but I have the mental to do it and hope to make the room look better than it ever has done before. Had letters from Sullivan + wrote Enos.

Saturday, October 27, 1877

It rained some this forenoon so that not much could be done at the pit but in the afternoon they managed to get the walls finished and we hope it will soon be done now as the cold weather is not very far off.

Sunday, October 28, 1877

Quite pleasant.

Jimmie and Willie went to Sabbath School and it was cool enough for an over coat almost but they did not wear any. Ma & I went to church in the evening but were the sole representatives of the family. I've missed my little daughter very much today, more than usual.

Lizzie was over awhile this forenoon.

Monday, October 29, 1877

The middle of the day was very pleasant but both ends were quite cool. In the afternoon we thought of going to ride out in the country but Jimmie did not have time to go so I spent the time only half working as I expected momentarily to see him at the door with the buggy. Lizzie brought me some autumn leaves to have.

Tuesday, October 30, 1877

Weather growing cooler to my great regret. I am to see the warm weather leave us as I am almost never free from cold during the winter months. Have sewed some today as usual but my sewing mixed with other work that it takes a long while to accomplish much. About 4 o'clock, Jimmie brought the buggy and we went down the river road a little below the Topiary but got no pretty leaves.

Wednesday, October 31, 1877

The last day of October is bright and pleasant and has brought us new relation. Just after I had retired for the night, Rich came after me in great haste and I speedily dressed and went over to welcome my little nephew John Gettis Peebles who arrived a little before 1 o'clock. About 3 o'clock AM I came home bearing Mrs. Peebles + Ma to keep the dear little stranger. Wrote to Mother Ricker this evening but my request did not say anything about baby. John G. Peebles born in between 12 + 1 AM.

Thursday, November 1, 1877

Very pleasant only cooler than it has been. I've not done much at home today, spending all the time I could with Lizzie and the new baby. The aprons are always out and ready for a few stitches whenever I get a chance to touch them.

Friday, November 2, 1877

Weather turning quite cold. We are getting in a hurry about the pit but as Jimmie has the glass to put in the wash, it will be some time before it is all done. I am working away at the aprons all the time I can get and this evening sewed until almost 11 o'clock which he worked at the cash in the dining room. We had Carl vaccinated this evening.

Saturday, November 3, 1877

Very bright and pleasant. This is our 7th anniversary and we are just allowing it to slip by without any extra celebrations of any kind. We have enjoyed seven years of happy married life with no trouble to mar them for which we are very thankful even though we do not "celebrate." Maggie Peebles + Mattie Wood were here this morning and in the afternoon I went to preparatory lecture. After coming home, Willie + I put the flowers in the pit. Rich + I brought the little baby over to stay all night with me.

Sunday, November 4, 1877

Very bright and pleasant, the warm air indicating rain before long. Jimmie and Willie went to Sabbath School but Jimmie had such a severe headache that he did not get ready to go so none of us were there. We had communion service in the afternoon and as Rich did not go he kept Carl for us and Willie went with us.

In the evening we went to bed early. I kept the baby last night and he did not allow me much sleep so I was not fit to go in the evening.

Monday, November 5, 1877

Rainy, cold and disagreeable. I was at home most of the day making button holes in aprons it seems an almost interminable job and very monotonous but it is one of the things that must be done/ Had a nice letter from Enos tonight. He writes a great many letters home and they are always interesting.

Tuesday, November 6, 1877

Part of the day was bright but all of it was cold and not at all agreeable to my constitution. I am taking cold as usual every time the weather changes.

Finished off the last of Willie's aprons, I have now made one dozen for him + Maggie. Went to see Lizzie several times and Ma gave me a roll of scarlet flannel pieces from which to make Willie some skirts. Wrote to Enos after putting the children to bed.

Wednesday, November 7, 1877

Weather bright but clear and not quite so cold as yesterday. Spent half the day mending gingham aprons and other things that came in with the ironing. Gave ten of the mended aprons to my next door neighbor who has five little girls and no machine. Went over to see Lizzie + baby two or three times and saw Mattie Gaylord + Flo McConnell there. Had a letter from Jennie + wrote to Mother Ricker.

Thursday, November 8, 1877

This is brother John's birthday, he is nineteen years old I think. The weather is quite gloomy and cold. Willie + I made a hasty trip down street this forenoon and got an oil cloth for the parlor stove, a door mat for the porch and the material for cornels for the parlor windows. I intend trying to make them myself.

Friday, November 9, 1877

Bright and pleasant but rather cold. I was over home two or three times today. Once when there, Ma gave me some of her old lace curtains that she had laid aside and I am going to try to adorn my parlor with them.

The first step was to wash and starch them and dampen + stretch those that I already have. I pinned them to the carpet on the parlor floor.

Saturday, November 10, 1877

Weather clear and rather cold. Carl was sick all night and all day today. We finally sent for the Dr. who said it was caused by the vaccination and probably a little cold. His fever and sore throat. I was not over home at all today, there not being one minute when I could leave Carl.

Sunday, November 11, 1877

Lovely day, heavy white frost in the morning.

Carl is some better today but not able to run around and seems perfectly satisfied to be still in our arms. I was not out of the house today until just before dark when I went over to see Lizzie a few minutes. She is up today and feeling very well. The baby improves every day and is something to be proud of.

Rev. Mr. Adams of Hamden preached for Dr. Pratt this evening.

Monday, November 12, 1877

Weather bright and pleasant, not very cold though there was a very heavy frost this morning. Carl has been better physically today but his disposition has not been very amiable, he was so fretful that I had very little chance to do more than hold him. Willie + I went up to Mr. Connolley's store while Carl was asleep but he was crying lustily when we got back. Have been trying to fix the parlor curtains but did not succeed very well.

Tuesday, November 13, 1877

Lovely weather, almost too mild for November.

Carl has seemed better today, his fever having left him but he is very fretful and is little wonder for his arm is quite sore. I've done almost nothing today but take care of him.

Wednesday, November 14, 1877

Weather cold and beautiful. While I was putting away the weeks washing this morning, Mr. L. C. Robinson called to ask me about the Tipper family across the street, saying she had heard they hadn't a bed to sleep on. I was ashamed that I hadn't been to see them but went with her + we found them in need of everything, except cables, some persons having sent them something in that line. Before night they had three good beds and some other things.

They are 8 in number and seem like well-educated genteel Christian people.

Thursday, November 15, 1877

It was rainy all night and all day today. Rosie washed the paint in my room and I sewed on the carpet, had to rip, cut and piece it a good deal to get the thin places under the furniture where there would be no wear on them. Made several trips across the street to our neighbor's they are now tolerably comfortably fixed. Ma + I each received a very nice note of thanks for our share in helping them. The man is a very nice penman.

Friday, November 16, 1877

The weather is lovely but the streets are dreadfully muddy. This morning Ralph Moore brought two cloaks that Jimmie had ordered for me and I had to send Willie to the office with a note to him about them. It was his first trip down there alone but he made it very promptly. Rosie + I got the carpet down in my room today and forlorn as it looked when I began to fix it, the room looks decidedly better now that it is down. Wrote to Grandma Ricker.

Saturday, November 17, 1877

A most delightful day, more like spring than winter. I've put my room in Sunday order, made pickles, started vinegar, attended to the flowers in the pit, taken up ivory, torn down the vines around the porch, rolled up and put away the twine, been to see Lizzie once or twice also over to our new neighbors twice, made the button holes in Willie's garters and attended to having the parlor store put up. Miss Switzer + Ralph were here.

Sunday, November 18, 1877

Weather quite pleasant. Willie went to S. S. with his Papa and after that to church. I went in the evening and when we were coming home it seemed to be growing colder.

Rev. Mr. Rossiter preached a good sermon from Math. 25th, 40th + 45th verses. In the afternoon Uncle Enos, Mary + Ralph came around and a few minutes later Uncle Sam and Ralph came in.

Monday, November 19, 1877

Bright and pleasant.

I busied myself today with the cornices for the parlor windows and succeeded in covering the frames very nicely with the velvet paper and gilt molding. Also fixed a plain temporary one for the dining room and did various other things but did not sew any. Willie has been almost sick today with cold and a cough. The Dr. was in to see Carl's arm and gave Will some pourdus (?)

Tuesday, November 20, 1877

Weather mild and not indicating rain. Willie is not at all well, still coughs hard. I've spent nearly all day doming holes and this places in it form wearing worse. Jimmie went to write Grandma to spend tomorrow with us. Polly left over home and the folks are without a girl again.

Wednesday, November 21, 1877

Soon after 9 o'clock rain began to fall and it has continued all day. Fannie came to say that Grandma could not come to tea and she came at noon to say they would do so. They came and we had a nice visit. I had a letter from Enos and wrote to him and Mother Ricker, also wrote regards to Mrs. Hempstead as we do not expect to go to Maggie's wedding tomorrow.

Thursday, November 22, 1877

This is the day of the Walker Hempstead wedding and it is not very bright either. Pa was the sole representative of our family, he went on the afternoon boat intending to return after the wedding. Grandma Moore spent the day with us and Miss Fanny Switzter took dinner and tea with us.

Friday, November 23, 1877

Cloudy and wet, but not very cold. I am not doing very much but take care of the children. There are a great many little things that I am trying to get done and out of the way preparatory to a regular sewing siege.

Saturday, November 24, 1877

Cloudy and disagreeable.

The children do not seem at all well. Willie coughs considerable and tonight Jimmie had to get the doctor to come in again. He seems to think he has Whooping cough and gives him very little medicine.

Sunday, November 25, 1877

Weather cloudy and gloomy.

Willie missed Sabbath school this morning on account of his cough. He is not at all well. At noon I went over home and there heard that Julia Young's baby died this morning. I should have gone out there but Ma had promised to stay with Mrs. Gregory who is sick, and I thought it would be better for me to go there and let Ma go out to cousin Duvall's. I went with her to church in the evening.

Monday, November 26, 1877

Rainy still though the sun did shine a few minutes this forenoon. Cousin Duvall Young and family went to Cin today with their baby's remains intending to bury it in Spring Grove. I wrote a long letter to Jennie tonight. Have sewed a little bit but not very much today.

Tuesday, November 27, 1877

Weather rainy and gloomy. Have been busy today fixing up a black luster skirt. Was down street late in the afternoon. The children both seem better and we cannot yet decide whether they have whooping cough.

Wednesday, November 28, 1877

Weather cloud and turning cold. Mary went to Cin this morning on a visit. Capt. Newt Robinson's funeral took place at 1st Pres ch. this afternoon but I did not go. I had several errands to do and did them then and went up to Mr. Peebles a few minutes. Had a letter from Enos.

Thursday, November 29, 1877

Thanksgiving day, cold and growing colder. A few scattering flakes of snow have been falling all day but none remains on the ground. After giving the children their dinner, Jimmie and I went up to Mr. Peebles where we dined with his family, Mr. Tewksbury, Joe + Ella + Lizzie and Uncle Jimmie we had a bountiful feast of turkey + oysters, fruits fresh + preserved pies + cake. Spent a very pleasant afternoon and came home about 4 o'clock. Found the children doing well and after putting them to bed I wrote to Grandma Ricker.

Friday, November 30, 1877

Weather quite cold.

Not having anything special to do today, I got out the little pillow cases tucked + stamped last spring and braided the letters on them, then after supper I hemmed, tucked and gathered the six yards of ruffling for them, hoping to finished them tomorrow.

Julia Beyerley called this afternoon.

Saturday, December 1, 1877

Clear and cold.

Spent all my spare time today trying to finish a pair of pillow slips for the small bed. Succeeded in doing so by putting the six yards of lace odage (?) on the ruffles after tea.

Sunday, December 2, 1877

Bright, cold and pleasant.

Went to church this morning by way of variety and heard Dr. Pratt preach a good sermon from the text "As he soweth, so shall he weep" have forgotten just where it is to be found. Jimmie went to Sabbath School alone and then to church in the evening.

Monday, December 3, 1877

Weather bright and clear but rather windy. I intended devoting this week to making a few fancy articles and doing several little things that have long been on my mind. Began this morning with cardboard and zephyrs and will probably keep it a day or two, then throw it aside for something more substantial. Was over home several times today.

Tuesday, December 4, 1877

Cold, I have persistently worked at fancy work today, being the second day in succession that we have done so but as I've done so but I do not suppose it will last long. Have made three articles which lack only the cords + balls but as I have not the material to make them there is no telling when they'll be done. Jimmie was to have sat up with Ed Draper tonight but owing to a threatening headache he asked to be excused tonight if possible. Miss Fannie and Fannie Moore were here this evening.

Wednesday, December 5, 1877

Weather damp.

I have enough cold to make me feel quite badly. Jimmie had to go and sit up with Ed Draper tonight and being alone did not make me feel any better. I had begun a letter to Grandma Ricker but put it away unfinished and went to bed and to sleep as early as I could.

Thursday, December 6, 1877

Dark, damp and dismal all day. I wanted very much to go over home but in consideration of my cold, thought it best to remain in the house. I had expected to go out and got all ready to do so when the rain began to fall and I not finish the things begun not having necessary articles so I cut out some canteen flannel and hemmed, also hemmed a table cloth and was down to Mr. Reilly's a few minutes before. Had three letters from Maggie + one from Mother Ricker.

Friday, December 7, 1877

Weather damp and cold. Pa is sick in bed again but not dangerously so. Ma and I went out to cousin Duval's and Uncle Sam's this morning. Albert Young has scarlet fever so we did not go in there. Intended calling at Mrs. Prescott's but met her on the street, called on Ella Smith but she was out. I did a few errands and we then came home. Lizzie rec'd the most elegant seal skin sacque (?) today that I ever saw, a Christmas present from Rich.

Saturday, December 8, 1877

Bright and clear but quite windy. I was busy almost all the forenoon with the usual housework and then sewed a little. Ma sent over some cod-liver oil and vine with orders for me to begin taking immediately, and I did so. After dinner she insisted that I go out to see Maggie Bell and promised to stay with the children for me. I went out on the street car and enjoyed both the trip and the visit.

Sunday, December 9, 1877

Weather very pleasant. Willie did not go to S. S. so his Papa had to go alone again. He had to go to church twice as I could not go on account of coughing so much. I seem to be sharing with the children only I do not whoop at all.

After dinner Rich + Lizzie were here a while and Uncle Jimmie came to tea as usual.

Monday, December 10, 1877

Weather bright, clear and not very cold. Have not been outside of the yard today and only saw Ma a little while this morning. Had a letter from Mace who has been visiting Laura De Mar and was back to Maggie Mason's again when she wrote. Have sewed most of the time today on Willie's cotton flannels. He seems to be over the worst of his cough and has not whooped at all but poor little Carl whoops for both of them.

Tuesday, December 11, 1877

Have sewed a little and shopped a little at the mincemeat, went over home a time or two and did various other things none of them seeming very important but perhaps if any of them had been left undone it would have made a gap in the household affairs.

Wednesday, December 12, 1877

Weather like Indian Summer. Have been employed most of the day in cleaning up and making some little preparations for my company tomorrow. Made pickles and finished the mincemeat, put up the white curtains in my room and before the last one was hung Ma came to say that Jimmie + the buggy were over home waiting to take me a ride so I went. Alice + Addie Young called.

Thursday, December 13, 1877

Weather very pleasant.

Have been busy as usual without accomplishing very much. The children and I cough so much that there is not much time for anything else. Maggie Bell spent the day with me and I invited Rich and Lizzie over to tea and they came. They have not been here to take a meal for some time until tonight.

Friday, December 14, 1877

Weather just lovely

This afternoon I put on my new bonnet that came home this morning, and went and paid for it, then got two or three other little bills, went to Mr. Peebles to call on Amie Overdein (?) Regiver (?) + Thereza Spry who were there spending the day. Also called at Mrs. Toune's to see Mrs. Sturgess, just before tea. Began dressing Maggie's little doll to send to her.

Saturday, December 15, 1877

Weather quite pleasant.

Carl is all broken out with some kind of rash that looks like scarlet fever but Ma has not been over today and I am not sure what it is. Lizzie was here a few minutes and in the afternoon Mrs. Spry was here. I finished dressing Maggie's doll today and in the evening crocheted a little blue hood for her to wear on her travels.

Sunday, December 16, 1877

Weather delightful but rain certainly can not be that far off it is so warm. I was not out at all today and left as tired and worn out that Jimmie kept the children for me and let me sleep during the forenoon.

He went to S. S. though and to church in the evening. Ma came over this morning and pronounced Carl's ailment to be scarlet fever but he does not seem very sick though he is badly broken out.

Monday, December 17, 1877

It rained in the night and rained nearly all day but the atmosphere was quite warm and spring-like. I sewed on Willie's canton flannels today and got them all done except the fastenings. Carl keeps up and around but of course does not feel very well and requires constant attention. Ma says Lizzie's baby coughs very hard with whooping cough. I am not allowed to go there for fear of carrying scarlet fever.

Tuesday, December 18, 1877

Weather warm enough to have the windows open if it was not so damp and we were all well enough to risk it. Carl seems to be getting along very well if I can only prevent his taking cold. He coughs pretty hard yet. The last scab came off his arm tonight and leaves a clear, deep vaccination mark. Jimmie got some things tonight to put in the box we are sending to Ma this week.

Wednesday, December 19, 1877

Cloudy in the morning but clear afterwards. Macy came home today and we are all glad to see her home again. I'm not doing much but care for Carl. He is doing very well considering what he has gone through with but still does not recover as fast as I would like to see him. Wrote to Grandma.

Thursday, December 20, 1877

Almost too warm for wraps when persons go out. Ma came over and made a long visit this afternoon as Mary was home to stay with Lizzie. I did not do much work but commenced some skirts for myself in the afternoon and at night sewed on the machine a good deal.

Friday, December 21, 1877

Weather quite warm and pleasant. Carl has not been well enough today to allow me to do anything at sewing but I was alone during a long evening and improved the chance by sewing all the time. Though the shortest day in the year it has seemed long and the nights are much too short to rest me.

Saturday, December 22, 1877

Very pleasant.

Carl seems better today. We received cards to Mr. + Mrs. Thompson's "Tin" wedding but it is not at all probable that we can go. I succeeded in finishing off my three under skirts today.

Sunday, December 23, 1877

Weather very pleasant and spring-like, altogether unlike winter. Carl had a decided chill about noon and when the Dr. saw him, he decided that he had been having slight ones previously. It took all my time during the day and most of the night to take care of him.

Monday, December 24, 1877

Weather bright but warm and indicative of rain soon. I've done nothing but hold Carl all day, he is better than he was yesterday but not able or willing to sit alone even.

In the evening he + Willie were asleep, Jimmie and I fixed up a very unpretentious tree for Willie's benefit.

Tuesday, December 25, 1877

Christmas evening is warm, wet and dreary as regards to weather. Has been cloudy all day. We could not go out or have any company today except Uncle Jimmie owing to Carl's scarlet fever. We had a tree that delighted Willie though no one else cared for it. We miss Maggie more than usual today. Carl is better but far from well yet. Jimmie + Willie went to the S. S. Aim and I have just printed a long letter to Maggie.

Wednesday, December 26, 1877

Weather still rather pleasant. I've not felt very well today but wrote to Jennie this morning and after dinner I concluded to piece the little quilt for Maggie that I planned so long ago. After that I wrote to John, Aunt Betsy and Grandma Ricker. In the evening mail a handsomely embroidered flannel skirt came to Carl from Jimmie, a Christmas present.

Thursday, December 27, 1877

Weather very pleasant + mild. I've not done much today but put the border on Maggie's quilt. Carl feels so fretful that he won't let me do much.

I did manage to hem new square on the machine and not long ago, I made six or seven others.

Friday, December 28, 1877

Weather warm with indications of rain. As Jimmie was to go with the Scioto Valley Excursion to Columbus at 6:30 AM we had to be up early and breakfasted between 5 + 6 o'clock. It was a long lonely day for me but I put in the time finishing the little quilt I've been making for Maggie's doll bed. It is quite a pretty little quilt and the first one I ever made. I think she will like it very much.

Saturday, December 29, 1877

Weather very pleasant until about noon after rain set in. Have been busy all day as usual but Carl requires so much care that I do not accomplish much. Today I made one of his three new canton flannel night dresses, finished it off after he went to bed so it will be ready for him tomorrow. Jimmie came home from the Columbus trip with the sick headache + spent the rest of the day in bed, not able to hold his head up. It was raining very hard when he came about 9 o'clock PM.

Sunday, December 30, 1877

Rain last night and this morning and a dreary prospect outside but Willie called to mind the fact that it was a very bad night when we went to the S. S. celebration and it was no worse to go to the S. S. The argument was a good one so he was allowed to go again after an absence of several weeks. Jimmie felt too badly to go back to church in the morning but went at night and heard a sermon from Mr. Ketchum.

Monday, December 31, 1877

Weather a little colder so that much of my time was occupied in keeping the fires. I kept one in the pit all day, the plants there seem to be thriving nicely and many of them are budding and promise to bloom before a great while. I hope they will when the folks come. The weather has been so mild that all the rose bushes out of doors are putting out new leaves but they will soon suffer. I've not been at all well today but have kept going and done considerable sewing besides. The old year as it goes out leaves nothing but pleasant memories, we have been greatly blessed in health and have no complaints of any kind to make. Carl is over the worst of his whooping cough + scarlet fever and Willi never was better. If Maggie was only home we would have nothing left to wish for.

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