

## Diary of Louisiana Moore Ricker—1880

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**Thursday, January 1, 1880.** Weather damp, cloudy and not at all cold, the streets are very muddy and as our drains have been up for two or three days our yard is in bad condition, however the rain finished this evening. I brought the wire stand to the parlor today and filled it with plants which look green and thrifty though there are no blooms. We are all about as well as usual and still where we were one year ago today, that is my own family, the brothers & sisters are widely scattered at the beginning of this year. Mary being in New York with the boys and Jennie at her home near Logan O. Uncle Jimmie Wood, Mary Ellen Moore & her father and Ma were my only callers today.

**Friday, January 2, 1880.** Cloudy all day with indications of more rain which were realized later in the day. In the forenoon Lizzie, who is at home with Ma & Pa during Mary's absence, came over to see me and tell about her calls yesterday which she received at her own home on 3rd street, with Bertha Miller and Nora Franklin as assistants. Ma came over some after and they were both here when Dr. Kline came to treat my throat which is not sore buy my frequent colds in the head threaten catanh {sp} and I am undergoing treatment to prevent it. I went in the afternoon and paid several bills, Aunt Maria is in town, I met her on the street today.

**Saturday, January 3, 1880.** Very, very foggy in the morning but it cleared away finally and the sun shone beautifully the rest of the day. Sarah left about 10 ½ o'clock for a visit home and I have had the work to do today and may possibly have to do it until her return. Aunt Maria McCall, Ma and Lizzie were here in the afternoon. Aunt Maria has been in town several days but I've not been to see her. Was down to the office this morning for Ma and while out paid the bills against us at Knittles, Wheelings and Miss Gossine's. Have settled nearly every thing I owed now for the year just closed.

**Sunday, January 4, 1880.** Rained again most of the day. Not having anyone to leave at home I was not out at all today but Jimmie & the children went both to S.S. and church in the morning. Willie began learning the shorter catechisms today having finished the other one.

**Monday, January 5, 1880.** Cloudy and wet. The woman came and washed but could not hang anything out of doors. A letter from Jennie this morning decided Ma to go to her at once so she and Mary Coleman left on the noon train & Mrs. McF who was left will go tomorrow. Katie Galorin {sp} came to see me today and promised to come tonight and stay until Sarah came so I am relieved of the work again. Had a letter from Mary and answered it.

**Tuesday, January 6, 1880.** Bright, sunny and warm. We had to allow some of our fires to die out and then kept some of the windows and doors open all day. I have had to show Katie around a little today but she does very nicely and I am free to attend my own work. Have been getting some pants ready to make over for Willie, after which I sat down to work on baby's skirt. Will Lamplin called during the afternoon and made a pleasant little visit. He is looking well and seems like the same Will with when I used to go to school year ago.

**Wednesday, January 7, 1880.** Cloudy with rain part of the day. Was busy most of the day making over a pair of pants for Willie. After they were done I put away the ironing. Lizzie & Jno were here awhile then I took leave and went to see Mrs. Prescott & her baby a few minutes. Lizzie & I went to prayer meeting. I had a telegram from Bart telling of the arrival of their first daughter this morning about 5 o'clock.

**Thursday, January 8, 1880.** Sun shine a little while then the clouds gathered again and it rained hard the rest of the day. Mrs. Tewksbury came to show me a letter from Aunt Betsey about Aunt Jennie Ricker. Prepared the fruit for a cake. Wrote to Jennie & Mother Ricker. Jimmie went to prayer meeting. I am very, very tired.

**Friday, January 9, 1880.** Weather quite warm for the season and somewhat windy and cloudy. In the afternoon it seemed a little colder. I intended calling upon Mary E's friends this afternoon but they called here before I got started which I thought very kind of them. Lizzie came over this morning and helped me mix my fruit cake which was very kind of her. After dinner I took Carl and went to see Jennie P, Todd and Sallie Peebles, called to see Mrs. Carter on my way home. Went to prayer meeting in the evening. Matters in our church stand about as still as they did a year ago, if there can really be such a state of affairs, no progress is usually indication of a falling back. The meetings closed this evening, there will be no further special services. Mrs. Brown was here today.

**Saturday, January 10, 1880.** Lovely day, just like late spring time, doors and windows open and fires nearly out. I was busy all day but took time to go over and

see Lizzie three times today as she was not at all well. Ma and Mary both being away at once makes it rather hard on Lizzie and lonely for all the family that remain at home. Mrs. Peters called but I did not see her being over home at the time.

**Sunday, January 11, 1880.** Delightful day so pleasant that some ladies who wore seal skin saques & heavy cloaks to church in the morning but not in the evening. Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath School as usual but Maggie stayed at home from church on account of having hurt her knee. Went over home to see Lizzie and found her feeling better.

**Monday, January 12, 1880.** Rain in the morning which changed to snow and continued to fall all day making the first deep snow we've had this year. Sewed all day on baby's skirts. Did not go out at all.

**Tuesday, January 13, 1880.** Cold and snowy but late in the day the sun began to melt the snow and it is dripping and freezing. Sarah came back today and I was delighted to see her, she feels better than when she went home. Katie went over to stay with Lizzie in place of the girl who has been there.

**Wednesday, January 14, 1880.** Weather bright and a little cold, I was out to do some errands and found the walking bad, in the shade it was icy and in the sun, it was sloppy. Called to see Mrs. Prescott. Came home and cut out flannel shirts of the two boys. Dr. Kline was here in the afternoon. I was not out in the evening but Jimmie went to church.

**Thursday, January 15, 1880.** Weather moderating again with mud and dirt everywhere with some remains of the snow. Rich & Lizzie took dinner at Sallie Peebles today and Pa dined with us. I was down to the office in the evening and consequently did not sew any but by night had finished the flannel shirts that I had commenced. The children had letters from their Grandparents today. I wrote to them this evening and now feel quite tired.

**Friday, January 16, 1880.** Not very cold nor very clear though the sun shone a little in the afternoon. I went down street on an errand this morning and Jimmie came after me to say that he expected to go on the noon train to St. Louis hoping to meet his father so I came home and had our early dinner ready for him and before I could realize it he was gone. Ma came home on the 2 o'clock train from her visit to Jennie. We were very glad to see her.

**Saturday, January 17, 1880.** Rained again, the sun shone a few minutes in the morning after which a rain set in which lasted all day. I made two red flannel skirts for Maggie. We miss Jimmie greatly, I can scarcely tell when I miss him most.

**Sunday, January 18, 1880.** A lovely day, sunny and pleasant. The children went alone to S.S. which has rarely been the case. I went with them to church in the morning but remained at home all the rest of the day. Had lessons as usual. Ma came over in the afternoon.

**Monday, January 19, 1880.** An unusually bright, pleasant day, we've not had such a Monday for a long time. Pa went up the river today and Lizzie and her family went to their own home so Ma was left quite alone again. She dined with Lizzie and took tea with us. No word from Jimmie yet and I feel very lonesome tonight notwithstanding the children make so much noise and are a great deal of company for me. Wrote to brother John. Cut & basted 1 doz white pattern table bibs.

**Tuesday, January 20, 1880.** Last night about midnight I woke feeling badly and grew worse in spite of all the remedies that I tried so I had to send for Ma and she sent Pa after the doctor who came and stayed about an hour. The trouble proved to be another attack of neuralgia of the stomach such as I've had several times before and Ma had helped me a good deal before the doctor came. I was in bed all day of course and Ma was here much of the time. Mrs. Connolley called to see me. It rained just as she was leaving. Mrs. Prescott brought me a P.C. from Jimmie who has gone to see his mother and will not be home until Friday.

**Wednesday, January 21, 1880.** Weather mild and damp. I was up at 6 ½ o'clock this morning as usual and have been going all day, not feeling very strong of course but still able to go about. Ma was here several times but having no girl she can not be away from home long at a time. Carrie Stearnes was in with her trimmings and before she left Mrs. Tewksbury came. I have been chain stitching a little on baby's skirt but did not get much done. Wrote to Mother Ricker as usual. Rec'd cards to the wedding next week, Lillie Kinney and Walter Cissna.

**Thursday, January 22, 1880.** Very pleasant out of doors. I did not feel so well and did not get up quite so early today. I do not seem to get well as fast as usual. Have sat around and worked on baby's skirt most of the day. I have been rejoicing all day that it is so near time for Jimmie to come home. Pa and Ma took dinner with us today as Ma had got fastened out of the cellar and could not get her own dinner. I wrote to Jennie before dinner.

**Friday, January 23, 1880.** Jimmie came home soon after 2 o'clock this morning and I was glad to see him but not well enough to get up to breakfast with him though I was up in time for dinner. Have done some chain stitching but not much. Miss Fanny Switzer, Mary & Ralph were here, also Lizzie for a few minutes.

**Saturday, January 24, 1880.** I am not well yet but am up and around most of the time. The doctor seems to think that the most I need is rest, fresh air and plenty to eat. Mr. & Mrs. Tewksbury spent the evening with us. They expect to go to Kirkwood next week and then Mr. T will go on to Texas with Sallie & Mattie to meet the Peebles family.

**Sunday, January 25, 1880.** Weather still very pleasant. Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath School as usual but I did not go out at all today not being at all well. We had our lessons in the afternoon as usual.

**Monday, January 26, 1880.** Very pleasant for the season Ma's girl came home today and she also has a small one so she had leisure to spend most of the day with me and we enjoyed it very much. I almost finished off the flannel skirt I had on hands for baby.

**Tuesday, January 27, 1880.** Quite bright and pleasant. Ma was over here most all the forenoon and after dinner as she had to go to a meeting at the church. I went out, called to see Maggie Peebles, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Tewsbury {line drawn through names on entry} Lizzie but she was not at home as I awaited her return and when she came Flo McConnell and Hettie Mussey came with her. Nora Franklin came there in search of Ma while I was waiting and I made an engagement with her for Ma for tomorrow afternoon. Lizzie wanted me to go up to her house to tea tomorrow evening but as I am not well at all I preferred waiting until some other time.

**Wednesday, January 28, 1880.** Weather rather pleasant especially in the afternoon. I was up to Lizzies after dinner and sat quite a while, we were expecting Ma to come there after her visit to the hotel but she was not able we afterwards learned. She was over here a little while after I came home. Lizzie & I were down to the boat to see Sallie Peebles off for Texas. {The following was written over top of original entry} Called to see Maggie Nickles, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Tewksbury but none of them were at home.

**Thursday, January 29, 1880.** Weather not very bright still not wet or cold. Have done very little today but get things together for the wedding this evening. We did not go to the church to see the ceremony but went to the reception at Mrs. Sam

Reed's and there saw the bride and groom, Walther A. Cissna & Lillie C. Kinney. It was a very pleasant affair. The doctor was in today.

**Friday, January 30, 1880.** Have been over home as much as possible today for company for Ma, there is nothing I can do for her though but be company. I told her all I could about the wedding last night. After dinner Mrs. C-y made her a long visit and I went to see Maggie Peebles & also to make a farewell call on Miss Emma Mumper at Uncle Enos'. This week I got the last of a ½ doz bibs finished.

**Saturday, January 31, 1880.** Weather rather cloud and the atmosphere damp. I went over and eat awhile with Ma who is still in bed. Just before I was ready to go after dinner Mary came walking in having come home from her long Eastern trip on the 2pm train. Lizzie and Mattie Meredith were here a few minutes. Finished the skirts. Mrs. Jones & Mrs. Gharky called while I was away.

**Sunday, February 1, 1880.** Quite bright and pleasant but growing colder. Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath School as usual after which Willie went with us to church both morning and afternoon. It was communion day and five or six persons were received into the church.

**Monday, February 2, 1880.** Rather cloudy most of the day though we had some gleams of sunshine. I was at home all day. Mary was over awhile both forenoon & afternoon. In the afternoon Mary Murphy and her little girl come and sat for a while, Mrs. Elden was here also and later the doctor came in.

**Tuesday, February 3, 1880.** This morning there were several inches of snow on the ground and very soon the sleigh bells were merrily jingling. Some people get a little pleasure out of it but for the most of us it only makes trouble. The children had their sled out a little while and came in with very wet feet. I went over home about 3 ½ o'clock and sat awhile. Bound ½ doz bibs on the machine before going.

**Wednesday, February 4, 1880.** Much colder and about 9 o'clock there was a brisk snow storm but before noon the sun came out very bright. The sleighing is very good. Ma is still in bed but much better and hopes to be up soon. Wrote to Mother Ricker as usual.

**Thursday, February 5, 1880.** Weather bright and cold. Ma surprised me very much by coming over today with her work. She made me a good long visit while Mary went to stay with John and Lizzie. Neither Ma nor I being enough to go out. Ma had some Jany work and I worked on a skirt for baby.

**Friday, February 6, 1880.** Went over to see Ma this morning and found her in bed having been up all last night with John as they sent for her. I afterwards went up there and found him better. Got a piece of good of Lizzie to make long sleeves to Lizzie's dartsed sines dress, want to get her ready for baptism Sunday. Mary & I went down street together. Lizzie paid Katie Galin off again today.

**Saturday, February 7, 1880.** Bright and sunny. Little John is quite sick and Ma had to go and sit up with him one night though she was not really able to be up herself, so she is not doing as well herself as we hoped she would. I fixed baby's things for Sunday but Mrs. Pratt came at noon to tell me the Dr was sick & there would be no service tomorrow. Was over home with Ma most of the afternoon she had several other callers too.

**Sunday, February 8, 1880.** Weather very pleasant for the season. As Dr. Pratt is sick there were no services at our church consequently I was not out at all, was not feeling well enough to go any way.

**Monday, February 9, 1880.** Bright and pleasant. Carl & I were going out and met Cousins Duvall & Will Young coming in so after a short call from them we went on down street and made a few purchases. I got some prices of muslin for pillow cases and sheets. Went to see Maggie Peebles and little John who is a little better but not well yet.

**Tuesday, February 10, 1880.** Bright and pleasant though quite cold. Am not feeling at all well today. After dinner Mary & I went out for a walk and did some errands then I went up to see Mattie Wood who came to Mr Peebles today and from there in search of a sewing girl, only succeeded in getting Mary Timmonds who is quite young but may do very well.

**Wednesday, February 11, 1880.** Weather very warm and close. Mattie Wood and Mattie Meredith were here this afternoon and I invited them to take tea with us tomorrow and promised to go with Mattie Wood to visit the schools in the afternoon but some after they left I was taken with another attack of neuralgia of the stomach and had to go to bed and send for Ma. It began to rain this evening. Made 8 sheets.

**Thursday, February 12, 1880.** Rained last night but cleared off a while today and though I was in bed and unable to get up I had preparations made for Mattie Wood & Mattie Meredith to take tea with us but another hard rain in the afternoon spoiled all their plans. Mary was here nearly all day with her work, a pin cushion for the boy's room where they came home. Did not write.

**Friday, February 13, 1880.** Rained hard all day and a great quantity of water has fallen since night before last. After breakfast I got up and stayed up most of the day, doing quite a reasonable day's work of odd jobs and chain-stitching on baby's skirt. Mary was here as usual and had a little work with her.

**Saturday, February 14, 1880.** Bright again today after the heavy rains which have begun to make the river rise very fast. I was not out anywhere today, not even over home, not having sufficiently recovered to risk going out in the damp. After dinner I attended to the children which was a good half-day's work. After tea Jimmie & Willie went to the office and got 6 bible cards done up as Valentines for the children. {written across entry} Rivers were at 8 feet last night.

**Sunday, February 15, 1880.** Weather bright and lonely though the air is quite cool. Dr. Pratt being still sick we had no service and as I am not very well I did not go with Jimmie and Mary to Bigelow. After dinner Ma came and wanted me to go wither to see Lizzie so I went. She is in bed and almost without help.

**Monday, February 16, 1880.** Was at home nearly all morning waiting for the Dr. who did not come. Then Mary & I went down street, I wanted a piece of my wedding dress to the Tribune office to have a little lettering done on it in silver. After dinner I went up to see Lizzie who is still in bed but better than yesterday. I also went to look at the river which is very high. Mr. Sherman Johnson was buried today and after the funeral Ma came home sick with cold. {written across entry} Worked on the grade---(not readable) 50 feet 2 inches in the river this evening and watched -- --- (not readable).

**Tuesday, February 17, 1880.** Lovely, spring like day. Was at home all the forenoon and basted up a little dress for Lizzie. Mary was here but Ma is in bed with a cold. At noon Mrs. Elick sent home the piece of silk with silver printing on it which I am trying to work up into a little token for Mr & Mrs Rumsey's 25th wedding anniversary next Sunday the 22nd. Was out most of the afternoon.

**Wednesday, February 18, 1880.** Rain fell in the night and all this forenoon, hard and fast. I went up to ask Julia Tewksbury to paint a spray of flowers on the token for Mrs. Rumsey and she did so cheerfully. I was sick all the afternoon and did nothing but lie on the bed. Wrote to Mother Ricker during the day but that was all.

**Thursday, February 19, 1880.** Weather clears again and considerably cooler. Was at home sewing most of the day. Just before dinner Mattie Wood came in and promised to come and take tea with us this evening, which promise she kept and we



had a very pleasant visit though she was rather late getting here. Mary was here awhile and Lizzie came and invited us to take tea with her tomorrow evening. After dinner Julia Tewksbury sent me the picture, if such it might be called, and it looks very pretty without pretending to be very much. A piece of my white silk wedding dress with the monogram of Rumsey & Gaffy, 1856 & 1880 in the center, Feb 22nd across the top & a quotation across the bottom, the sprays of blue forget me nots painted by Julia, all framed in a velvet frame.

**Friday, February 20, 1880.** Bright and rather cold. I finished the baby's dress soon after dinner and then we got ready and went up to Lizzie's about 3 o'clock with a little work. Later in the day Maggie Peebles & Mattie Wood came in and then Jimmie who completed the little tea party. We came home about 9 ½ o'clock.

**Saturday, February 21, 1880.** Day was pleasant but Maggie is sick and I've not been out anywhere. She has not been well for some time but never gave up until after dinner today. My sewing today has been mending and very little else.

**Sunday, February 22, 1880.** Very pleasant but I was not feeling well and as Maggie was sick in bed, I did not go to church. Dr. Pratt preached in the morning but not at night. This is Mr & Mrs Jas M Rumsey's 25th Anniversary as well as Washington's birthday.

**Monday, February 23, 1880.** Clear and pleasant. Mary Timmonds came this morning to sew a while and although she was not accustomed to the machine she made 4 pairs of sheets & 4 pairs of tucked pillow cases and began a gingham apron for me. Late in the afternoon Ma & I went up to see Grandma and afterwards to Mrs. Tewksbury's who has just returned from Kirkwood. Mrs T had been to Texas with Sallie Peebles.

**Tuesday, February 24, 1880.** Beautiful day, warm and bright. All the forenoon I cut out and prepared sewing for Mary T and after dinner sister Mary and I went and made some calls together after which she went to the dentist & I finished alone. Called upon Mary McC Kehoe, Ida V. Williams, Mrs Sam Reed, Lou McFarland, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs Stewart, Mrs Gharky, Mrs Louis, Hattie Scudder, Ella Smith, Clara Pursell, Carrie Donahu, Mrs Meyer, Clara Waller, Lettie Kinney & Mary Murphy. 2 aprons, 3 prs pillow cases, fixed 3 small skirts.

**Wednesday, February 25, 1880.** Warm weather brought rain this evening. Have been busy at home today except when Mary broke a needle and as I had to go after

others, I called to inquire about the sick at Mrs Peebles and to see how Lizzie was getting along. Put new bands on 8 shirts for Willie.

**Thursday, February 26, 1880.** The rain was over this morning and the day quite pleasant. We cut out and made 3 prs of night drawers for Willie today and it kept us busy. Willie is not very well but is trying hard to regain his place in school. Mary is about sick from the effects of her visit to the dentist Tuesday.

**Friday, February 27, 1880.** Made 3 night dresses for Maggie today and had little time for anything else. Willie came home at recess this afternoon sick, but had finished his examinations and had good reports. He has a very severe cold, with fever and headache. I gave him some of Dr McDowell's powders and hope he will soon be well.

**Saturday, February 28, 1880.** Rain again today which continued most of the day. Willie was quite sick during the night but was better today so that he got up before dinner. Mary and I made two night shirts for Jimmie and in all have made 32 new pieces and fixed over 11 old garments

**Sunday, February 29, 1880.** Bright and somewhat cooler. We had service this morning and I attended with Jimmie after an absence of several weeks. The rest of the day passed much the same as usual except that Rich & Lizzie and Uncle Sam were here.

**Monday, March 1, 1880.** Bright, pleasant day but I've felt very badly all day. Willie had the satisfaction of telling us today that he had more than regained his seat, his average entitling him to the seat vacated by Johnny Morelle who was head boy when he left school. Made up 2 skirts for baby and 2 for myself today. Letter from Mr. Rumsey.

**Tuesday, March 2, 1880.** Beautiful day. Sewed nearly all day and together we almost made 5 prs drawers for Maggie. I went down street after 3 o'clock. Jimmie went to Ironton.

**Wednesday, March 3, 1880.** Rainy all day and lonely even though we were busy. Finished the 5 pairs, made 5 prs for Carl one waist for baby, 1 pair for baby and cut 9 more pairs. Jimmie came home tonight.

**Thursday, March 4, 1880.** Did not rain today. Mary finished one waist for Maggie and made another for her and two more for baby. Worked most of the day on

panties for baby. Have made her 10 prs in all. Went this morning to see Maggie Mason. Mary Moore gave me a nice lot of emb. for the children.

**Friday, March 5, 1880.** Not so bright this morning still it did not rain. Maggie Mason, Leaneer, and Emma Jones were here before dinner. Mary made a sunbonnet for Maggie and finished off the last of the waists. Also made a pair of fancy pillow cases for small pillows which I had commenced soon after she came.

**Saturday, March 6, 1880.** Weather very pleasant. Put in our last day of sewing very faithfully until nearly 5 o'clock when I paid Mary and let her go. We have made 79 or 80 articles in the two weeks that she has been here and I am left with a host of button holes to do at my leisure. I made 19 in Maggie's bonnet today and finished it. It has 31 in all. We made four little dresses for Lizzie.

**Sunday, March 7, 1880.** Very pleasant day and the little folks went to S.S. as usual after which Willie went with us to church. There was no service in the evening. Pa gave me a set of Irving's Life of Washington which had been presented to him many years ago by his friend Mr. Mann of Vicksburg.

**Monday, March 8, 1880.** Very pleasant. Have not felt at all well but intended going to get Maggie some shoes, Mary Moore and afterwards Mattie Wood came in and sat until noon so I went after dinner. Called to see Maggie Mason who was out, then went up to Lizzie's but met her just leaving home so went on to get Maggie's shoes and then to see Mrs. Prescott a few minutes and finally home again.

**Tuesday, March 9, 1880.** Rained quite hard all the forenoon but cleared off about noon. I had to go down street and then went to see Lizzie awhile, also up to Lloyd's shoe store to exchange a pair of shoes for baby and then came home.

**Wednesday, March 10, 1880.** No rain today for a wonder as it has not failed to rain on Wed. for several weeks past. Lizzie and John came down early to spend the day and Rich came to dinner. Ma and Mary were each here awhile and we had a very pleasant day. I made button holes in one little dress and finished those in 1 pr pillow cases 14 in all. Wrote to Mother R.

**Thursday, March 11, 1880.** Rather cloudy in the morning but bright later in the day. Spent most of the forenoon reading and trying to rest. Went down street on an errand just before dinner. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bart and Jennie's wedding, I'm sorry I've nothing ready to send them.

**Friday, March 12, 1880.** Quite a snowstorm prevailed today but the snow was very wet and much of it melted on reaching the ground. The fruit is again in danger. Jimmie was out all day and will doubtless suffer for it. The children went to school as usual but I did not venture out except to try to shake the snow off the fruit trees. Planted pansy seed in the pit.

**Saturday, March 13, 1880.** Weather cold and wet. Jimmie has been troubled all day with a sore tooth and swelling face, has taken cold probably from exposure yesterday and today. This is anniversary of sister Anna's death.

**Sunday, March 14, 1880.** Weather wet and disagreeable. Jimmie suffered all day with his face and spent most of the time in bed. The two children went alone to S.S. and church, also to children's meeting in the after noon. We could not take our baby to be baptized so were again disappointed. Uncle Enos and wife were here this evening.

**Monday, March 15, 1880.** Rainy and disagreeable. Jimmie tried to go about business as usual but had to give up and finally went to Dr. Dennis and had his tooth which had gathered, taken out then had sick headache the rest of the day. I was not at all well but Carl seemed a little better. We spent rather a dismal kind of day. I went over home but found no one there and came back to lie down again.

**Tuesday, March 16, 1880.** Weather somewhat better but still far from pleasant. Jimmie seems like himself again and I have felt better but Carl has not been so well. Have made a few button holes and sewed edging on one pr pillow cases. Mrs. Rob't Bell died today.

**Wednesday, March 17, 1880.** St. Patrick's Day this year is quite pleasant though a little windy. Went this morning to call upon Mrs. Peebles who returned Saturday from Texas. Then went to see Lizzie awhile before coming home. Bought cashmere and satin this morning and after dinner I put a plaited front on my blk cashmere dress skirt but it was then still lacking a row around the skirt so I went and got the goods before supper and after supper I went to prayer meeting.

**Thursday, March 18, 1880.** A bright warm day with signs of rain which were realized by night. Sewed or rather cut and fixed the plaiting for my dress in the morning and after dinner dressed and started to Mrs. Bell's funeral but at Ma's heard that we would have a long part of the way to walk so decided to take my work over home and visit as Lizzie was there spending the day.

**Friday, March 19, 1880.** Bright and somewhat windy. Worked on my dress today until it was finished and think it much improved. Should have called upon Mrs. Shirges today but Sarah was out all the afternoon. Mrs. Crichton and her daughter Mrs. Chas Glidden called, so it was fortunate that I was at home.

**Saturday, March 20, 1880.** Bright and quite pleasant. Maggie and Willie accepted our invitation to dine with Mr. and Mrs. Towne and a few of their friends today, the other guests being Mrs. Tomlinson, Mrs. Benjamin, Mrs. Struges (Mrs. Towne's sister) and a gentleman. Mattie Meredith was here to spend most of the afternoon with the children.

**Sunday, March 21, 1880.** Just after breakfast Ma came in to say that Mr. and Mrs. Prescott's baby died last night. I was much surprised not knowing it was sick. It took cold several days ago and after several changes for better and worse, died. It will be a great loss to them as it is the third or fourth they've lost and are again left without any. We were up to see them two or three times today.

**Monday, March 22, 1880.** Very bright and pleasant but rather cold. I did not do much in the forenoon as I am taking cold and feel badly. After dinner Jimmie and I went up to Mrs. Prescott's to the funeral but I did not go to the cemetery. Mary and I went afterwards to Willie's school then I came home and she and Ma went up to see Mrs. Johnson and Miss Savage.

**Tuesday, March 23, 1880.** Very, very windy, dusty and disagreeable. Ma, Carl and I went in the evening to Maggie's school examination and at noon Fannie Moore came to ask us to attend Miss Switzer's in the afternoon which we did. After leaving there Ma went to Lizzie's and I came home. Miss Fannie called to see me just before supper.

**Wednesday, March 24, 1880.** Somewhat windy and cold for the season. I've not gotten over my cold yet and today the doctor came in but only prescribed quinine. When I began taking a sure cold it must run its course in spite of any remedy I can try. Ma came over this afternoon and helped me make button holes in the children's waists. This forenoon I did not do anything but read and felt very little like that even.

**Thursday, March 25, 1880.** Weather still rather cold and a little windy. Have not been feeling well and stayed at home all day. Ma came in the afternoon and helped me make button holes. Jimmie made a trip to the farm today which also included a

trip across the river in a skiff and kept him away until after 1 o'clock P.M. Wrote to Mother Ricker.

**Friday, March 26, 1880.** A rainy unpleasant day for the school exercises. I am so under the influence of cold that I could not go out any way so stayed home and took care of my self, not doing much else. The children came home early from school and are now out for a week. Mounted Maggie's picture on the glass but after it dried found that it would have to be taken off and put up again.

**Saturday, March 27, 1880.** Quite pleasant again. Lizzie came down home to spend the day and work on John's pictures so I worked on Maggie's and went over there to work also. Spent most of the day at it, though I only had tho me but we were delayed sometime waiting for oil. *[Transcriber's note: all of preceding text marked out by author, then replaced with the following:]* Was at home all day except a few minutes when I went over home on an errand. Mounted Maggie's picture again, ready to paint.

**Sunday, March 28, 1880.** Rainy and disagreeable. I was not over my cold and did not go to church, thinking it would not be prudent. Miss Savage went home to dinner with Mary and she sent for baby and me in the afternoon so we went over for awhile. She and Mrs. Johnson leave Wednesday for the East.

**Monday, March 29, 1880.** Bright and pleasant. Went over home and spent the forenoon at work on Maggie's picture. Lizzie was there with hers of John's and we worked together. After dinner I went again and we put on the first coat of paint. Had the baby with me. The other children are having their vacation. My cold is better but I'm not rid of it yet.

**Tuesday, March 30, 1880.** Bright again. Went over home and stayed until noon working on Maggie's picture which is almost done now. Ma was out and Mary was down stairs with Mrs. Draper so I had the place to myself. After dinner we all three went down street together to Mr. Reilly's after which the others went on another errand and I made a call at Mrs. Spry's before coming home.

**Wednesday, March 31, 1880.** Bright and pleasant though a little windy. Decided early to go and have the baby's photo taken so Mary and I got her ready and went as soon as we could. Got some very good negatives but do not know how they will do when finished. After leaving there Mary went to Lizzie's and I stopped at Mr. Peebles to see Mrs. Crossley but she was out. Met Mary at Lizzie's and we went together to see Miss Fannie Switzer and after that to call on Gussie Halderman who

is at her mother's. Mrs. Sherman Johnson and fam. Left today for Cin. and then to Meridian Conn. to live. Made button holes as usual. Willie had some tin types taken and I sent one to Grandpa Ricker in my letter.

**Thursday, April 1, 1880.** Bright and pleasant, only for the dust and wind which were very disagreeable. Ma and I went up to call on Mrs. Crossley after taking the baby for another trial at the photograph gallery. Then I came home and sent Mrs. Crossley, Mame, Hattie and Mattie Meredith an invitation to tea which they accepted and we had a pleasant visit from them.

**Friday, April 2, 1880.** Rained most of the day so I stayed at home and made button holes and darned and took care of the children. Ma had Mrs. Crossley and the children over there to tea and invited Maggie to visit them which she did. Willie cleaned up the yard nicely for me and then I allowed him to go down to the shop. His father bought him a nice new double slate.

**Saturday, April 3, 1880.** Rained all the forenoon. After dinner I cleared off and I went over home awhile then down street to order the baby's pictures. The new fire alarm was ready for trial today. It was very warm in the afternoon, so warm that my cloak was offensive. Maggie's picture was brought home today and I like it—better than those with a light background.

**Sunday, April 4, 1880.** Bright, clear and pleasant since the rain with not even a cloud to fulfill the old saying in regard to even rainy Sundays, succeeding a rainy Easter. I went to church in the morning but was at home the rest of the day. We had quite a thunderstorm tonight after bedtime.

**Monday, April 5, 1880.** School began again. Very bright and pleasant, so warm that fires seemed too warm for comfort. Was at home all day long and made 38 button holes besides doing other things. Maggie Peebles and Mrs. Stewart called in the afternoon. After supper we heard a fire alarm and upon looking out saw the Steel Furnace in flames. It burned down but the fire fortunately spread no further.

**Tuesday, April 6, 1880.** Quite windy and dusty again though it is only a day or two since we had rain. Sewed on edging all forenoon and after dinner I took some button holes and went up to Lizzie's, Ma was there also and we all had a visit together. Went to Mr. Brodbeck's and Mr. Hathaway's on errands. It is growing much colder.

**Wednesday, April 7, 1880.** Bright and cheerful but rather cool. Began looking for some papers this morning which led to straightening up my bureau drawer, then the

closet and finally ended in my sorting and marking all the bills and papers which have accumulated over the past 10 years or nearly that long. Was too tired to write my usual letter.

**Thursday, April 8, 1880.** Bright and cold for the season. Made button holes in the forenoon and after dinner went with Jimmie and Carl to the farm but came home thoroughly chilled. The ride was not as pleasant as we had anticipated. Miss Fanny Switzer was here after we came home. Wrote to Mother Ricker.

**Friday, April 9, 1880.** Still bright, windy and dusty. Have been at home most of the day. Went this morning to see about a washwoman and get the meat for dinner then spent the rest of the day making button holes. Have made 98 this week. Mrs. Prescott was here this afternoon.

**Saturday, April 10, 1880.** Willie went early this morning to get one of baby's pictures for Mary and they gave him all four of them so she and I spent all day at work on them. Mary's is on a glass 10 x 12 and mine on an 8 x 10 and by night we had them almost done, they are as good as can be. I am also making cabinet sizes for Ma and Mother Ricker.

**Sunday, April 11, 1880.** Weather quite pleasant and I went to church in the morning but was not out again during the day. Had the usual lessons with the children.

**Monday, April 12, 1880.** Mary was finishing up her picture this morning ready for the frame which has come, so I went over and finished mine. They are entirely satisfactory and as pretty as they could be. Have been taking cold all day and am about sick. Mrs. Tewksbury was here a few minutes to tell me that Aunt Ad Ricker and Bessie Hosford are coming to the meeting of Presbytery and will stay with her. Mary Ellen came tonight to ask me to call on her cousin Mrs. Kingsley.

**Tuesday, April 13, 1880.** Was pleasantly surprised today by Lizzie and John coming to spend the day. They had gone to Ma's but found a delegation of guests from Manchester come to Presbytery, so she came here. I was feeling so badly that I should have spent most of the day on the bed had she not been here. I made trimming all day and then sewed it on to Carl's panties.

**Wednesday, April 14, 1880.** Notwithstanding my cold and the high wind, I went up to see the folks at Mrs. Tewksbury's this morning and was just in time for when I left they went out to the 2<sup>nd</sup> church to the meeting and stayed all day as there was a lunch served there by the ladies. Mrs. McCann from Manchester came to Ma's this



morning and everybody from over home went to church and stayed to dinner except Pa.

**Thursday, April 15, 1880.** Have not been at all well lately and as it rained nearly all day I was not out of the house. Read most of the forenoon. Had ripped and washed my everyday dress, intending to make it over but it was too far gone so I laid it away and got out the stocking to make over for Maggie this summer. Found I could make over mine very nicely for her. Ma and Mrs. McCain were here. Letter from Jennie.

**Friday, April 16, 1880.** Very windy with hard showers and some hail, the sun shining brightly most of the day. I went to see about goods for Willie's Sunday suit and also did some errands for Lizzie. Called to see Mrs. Kingsley at Uncle Enos'.

**Saturday, April 17, 1880.** Pleasant and warm. Charlie Murphy came this morning to invite the children over to a party at their home this afternoon. Lizzie was over home spending the day so I went over awhile in the forenoon, helped Ma a little with a dress she was fixing. After dinner washed and dressed the children and felt too worn out to do anything more except begin a little trimming.

**Sunday, April 18, 1880.** Weather warm and beautiful. Went to church in the morning with Jimmie and Willie but was not out of the house again. Am not at all well and feel obliged to keep very quiet.

**Monday, April 19, 1880.** Showery but not unpleasant. Ma wanted me to go to Ironton with her today but I was not able and baby was sick all night and is no better today. I've done nothing today but take care of her and myself.

**Tuesday, April 20, 1880.** Pleasant and bright again. Ma went on the early boat this morning to Ironton and came back on the Dugan in the evening. She went to see the stockholders in reference to removing the bars from the line boats and met with a good deal of encouragement. Baby seems much better this evening. Maggie Bell, Mary Glidden, Mary Ellen and Mrs. Kingsley were here.

**Wednesday, April 21, 1880.** Weather very pleasant but rather warm for winter clothes. Went down street to see about cloth for a suit for Willie. I also got luster for a dress for myself, rather than to make over one, and a new black straw bonnet for myself. Went up to see Lizzie awhile and found Mary there. Ma was here in the afternoon. Carrie Stearnes was here.

**Thursday, April 22, 1880.** Still very pleasant. Sarah cleaned the parlor today and I was busy in the afternoon making unbleached muslin shades for the parlor intending to use the dark ones in my room to replace those worn out. Mary has asked me a number of times to send for her organ and use it as she is using the piano so today I did so and hope to enjoy it very much this summer.

**Friday, April 23, 1880.** Bright and very sultry as if a storm was near. Thought I would go down to Mrs. Nickell's after tea but just before I was ready, Maggie and Mattie Meredith called and spent most of the evening.

**Saturday, April 24, 1880.** The rain, thunder and all came today as anticipated and kept the children in the house all day. I have mended stockings as usual. Lizzie was over home to spend the day but did not get over here, not feeling able to come. I saw her this morning. Went to see about my bonnet this morning.

**Sunday, April 25, 1880.** Just after breakfast Mary and John came over to see us. He came home last night on the late train from Hoboken and I had not heard of his arrival until this morning. Just before S.S. a very heavy rain began to fall which continued most of the day with very short intermissions. The children and Jimmie went to S.S. and he to church twice but I did not get out at all. Hail fell during the storm.

**Monday, April 26, 1880.** Commenced on Willie's summer suit of blue cheviot<sup>1</sup> this morning and only succeeded in getting one pocket in the coat. It is troublesome work for me. Maggie Meredith was here this morning. Mary went to Cin. to attend the Woman's F. M. Meeting. There was a circus in town and the weather was fine except a strong wind in the afternoon.

**Tuesday, April 27, 1880.** Bright and pleasant though somewhat cool. Worked hard at the coat most of the day. After dinner Jimmie came to say that we had an invitation to Mr. Tewksbury's 72 Birthday party which we gladly accepted and enjoyed it ever so much. Jimmie Todd is at home, but Sallie has not come yet and Ella has not gone as she expects to do in a few days.

**Wednesday, April 28, 1880.** Bright and pleasant. Mr. Woodley came today and sodded the front yard and all along the stone walk at the side making a very great improvement in the looks of the place. I have put in another hard day's work on the

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<sup>1</sup> *Cheviot*: a woolen fabric in a coarse twill weave, for coats, suits, etc.

coat and now it is all done except the hand work, finishing off. Sent baby's picture to the folks.

**Thursday, April 29, 1880.** A slow, drizzling rain was falling this morning which changed our plans for housecleaning. The carpet could not be taken up so Sarah cleaned the hall and put down the new stair linen which improved the looks of the hall very much. The rain was good for the sod anyway and Jimmie planted the Madeira vines<sup>2</sup> out this evening.

**Friday, April 30, 1880.** Rainy in the morning but later it cleared off bright and pleasant. Jane came and by encouragement and diligence she and Sarah took up the carpets and cleaned my room and the dining room. I took six shade off the spring rollers and turned them upside down making them as good as new. I also hung all the pictures and curtains. Jennie and her two children came this afternoon.

**Saturday, May 1, 1880.** Much cooler, we need a good fire to be comfortable. Went to see Jennie awhile and as she was going to see Lizzie who is sick, I came home and spent the forenoon finishing off Willie's suit. After dinner I dressed and went to sit with Lizzie until time for preparatory lecture and then went there and from there home again. Mary came home this morning from Cincinnati where she has been visiting Mrs. Harry Greene during the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society.

**Sunday, May 2, 1880.** Lovely day, so warm and bright. I went to church both in the morning and afternoon to Communion service. The rest of the day was spent as usual, Lizzie is better today but I have not seen her.

**Monday, May 3, 1880.** Another beautiful day. I spent most of the forenoon visiting over home with the folks but after dinner went to work on my black luster dress which I am fixing up for summer. Was rather late getting started but made a good beginning. Wrote for flower seeds and roses.

**Tuesday, May 4, 1880.** Bright and warm. Sewed busily all day and as Ma came over just in time to help me drape my overskirt, I got that done and cut out and basted the back which seems as though it would fit nicely. Mollie Murray was here today.

**Wednesday, May 5, 1880.** Very bright and warm. This is Father and Mother's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I wrote to her as usual though I was completely tired out trying to help Sarah get the house in order and bake some cakes. Jennie will be down from Mr.

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<sup>2</sup> *Medeira vines*: a herbaceous tropical vine, *Anredera cordifolia*, having shiny leaves and small, fragrant, white flowers.

Greene's tomorrow, she has been trying today to get pictures of the children but did not succeed very well.

**Thursday, May 6, 1880.** Very pleasant. Sarah and I were busy all day getting ready for our tea party which came off notwithstanding so many of our guests had to send regrets. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Greene, Miss Switzer and Fannie and Mary Moore, with our house folks including Jennie and her children were here. Mr. and Mrs. Towne, Mrs. Sturges, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Reed, Mr. Tewksbury's family, and Uncle Jimmie failed to get here.

**Friday, May 7, 1880.** Very warm and bright. I had to see about getting the linings for Mother Ricker's dress so I took everything to Miss Gossin and hope it will prove satisfactory when done. Went up to Lizzie's in the morning and after dinner Ma and I went to make a few calls and went there again, Ma helped her sew her carpet for the room up stairs. Ma made calls at Mr. Peebles', Mrs. Tewksbury's, Ella Murray's, Sallie Peebles', and Aunt Mary Moore's to see her new baby boy.

**Saturday, May 8, 1880.** Very bright and warm. Have been busy all day, spent the forenoon packing away the furs and winter coats and cloaks. After dinner I washed and dressed the children and did some mending. Willie has had fever and been quite unwell all day and we think perhaps he is taking the measles as they are in the school he attends, he has had one or two slight attacks but there may be another kind that he can take.

**Sunday, May 9, 1880.** Bright and pleasant. Willie insisted that he would go to S.S. and hurried us to get ready for breakfast but when it was ready he felt too badly to eat so he concluded to lie down again. Jimmie went after the doctor who came and said that more than likely I was correct in my surmise that it might be measles. Put away the winter cloaks and furs.

**Monday, May 10, 1880.** Weather still dry and pleasant. Willie dressed as usual this morning but spent the day in bed after all. Jimmie sat up all night at the shop last night waiting for some work to be finished for the Potomac which he had to have hauled to the river as soon as completed. He did not get home until after six o'clock this morning. Set out pansies and planted about 15 kinds of flower seeds, also potted some rose slips. Rose sent to pasture.

**Tuesday, May 11, 1880.** Weather unchanged. Willie's measles developed unmistakably this morning and we shall probably have to take the four children through it before we are done. The schools have been invaded by it and as it comes

at a favorable season and in a mild form it is not to be regretted as circumstances might not be so favorable another time. Bartie came down today.

**Wednesday, May 12, 1880.** Weather delightful. Willie has at last given up and gone to bed in an orderly manner to facilitate matters. He is so good and so little trouble that I can sew a good deal while caring for him. I was very tired tonight after sewing busily all day and went to bed without writing to Mother Ricker. Miss Fanny Switzer was here. Mrs. Towne and Mrs. Sturges and Uncle Jimmie were here also. Bart was here.

**Thursday, May 13, 1880.** Weather a little cooler but no rain yet. Willie is doing very well and will soon be up. I finished off my black luster suit all except the buttons and holes, not having the former, I couldn't make the latter. Lieut. Jas Jones "Jim Jones" of yore called to see me today. Aunt Maria called at the door but did not come in.

**Friday, May 14, 1880.** Much cooler today, so much so that I had the grate opened and have kept up fire all day. Spent most of my time resting and reading, getting ready to wait upon the next case of measles which promises to be Lizzie, the baby who already shows some of the symptoms. Willie got up and dressed again today but looks thin and badly.

**Saturday, May 15, 1880.** Bright and warm. Bart, Jennie and the children went home on the noon train today, I was over there awhile before they started. In the evening Jimmie set out one bed of Geraniums and a few other things. Baby is not well but has no measles as yet. Our maple sugar came today.

**Sunday, May 16, 1880.** Still dry and bright. Willie was not strong enough to go out today though he was up and dressed. Jimmie and Maggie had to represent the family at church. Baby is not at all well.

**Monday, May 17, 1880.** Bright and sunny. Willie was at home all forenoon by the Dr's directions but went to school in the afternoon. Lizzie does not seem to get much better still she has not broken out any yet.

**Tuesday, May 18, 1880.** We are needing rain greatly with little prospect of having it. The great Biennial May Music Festival opens today in Cin. and how I should enjoy being there but I can't go and must get what satisfaction I can from the newspaper accounts which will be very full and interesting. Willie went to school all day.

**Wednesday, May 19, 1880.** Dry and warm. Baby does not improve much or grow much worse and I devote most of my time to her. Ma came over after dinner and insisted that I should go over and see Lizzie a few minutes so I went. Had a letter from Mother Ricker this evening and answered it with quite a long one, two sheets full.

**Thursday, May 20, 1880.** Weather very dry, dusty, warm and a little windy. Am not doing very much this week aside from taking care of the sick, attending to the flowers, getting them started, and putting away winter clothing. Lizzie was over home spending the day yesterday and I saw her a few minutes. Ma, Mary and I went down street after tea to exchange my hat for a bonnet for Grandma.

**Friday, May 21, 1880.** Cloudy all day with a little rain in the afternoon and more at night, though not as much as we need. I wrote to Jennie in the forenoon and after dinner went down street with Ma and Mary and bought a few things. Maggie has not been well today but managed to go to school all day.

**Saturday, May 22, 1880.** A little cool this morning after the rain and owing to the children, I started a little fire to prevent their taking more cold. Maggie has been in bed all day but the eruption has not appeared yet while Carl has finally become quite red with it. Baby shows no signs of it yet but is not much better than she has been for a week. Have been at home all day waiting upon them and only saw Ma and Mary, Lizzie was over home but did not come here.

**Sunday, May 23, 1880.** Still dry and warm. Maggie began to show some signs of an eruption today and of course was in bed all day. Baby no better but Carl getting along finely. Jimmie and Willie went to S.S. and church. Jas L. Wood and E. B. Greene Sr. were ordained elders in our church today but I was not present.

**Monday, May 24, 1880.** Weather about as it has been for some time. I am still occupied with the sick children there being three on hands now leaving me little time for any thing else. Am reading the Life of Washington when I have a chance to sit down and rest.

**Tuesday, May 25, 1880.** Upon opening the shutters this morning I discovered that the measles had broken out thickly upon the baby and hope now that she will begin to improve within a few days. Miss Gossim sent home Mother Ricker's dress and dolman<sup>3</sup> and Mrs. Nickells sent the bonnet all of which are very satisfactory.

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<sup>3</sup> *Dolman*: a woman's mantle with capelike arm pieces instead of sleeves

**Wednesday, May 26, 1880.** Very warm and dry. It seems as though the grass must die for want of rain. I carried about a barrel of water in buckets to put on some of the new sod. Maggie has been up all day but baby seems to feel very badly and requires a great deal of my attention. I made an organdie<sup>4</sup> tie to send with Mother Ricker's dress, this forenoon. Am very tired today.

**Thursday, May 27, 1880.** Sultry and dry. Maggie and Carl have been out most of the day and seem quite well but the eruption shows plainly on her face yet. Baby still seems to feel very badly but the Dr said he thought they would all get along without further trouble. Lizzie was over home and I saw her a little while this morning.

**Friday, May 28, 1880.** Cloudy with some little showers which I hope will be followed by others. Have spent the day caring for Lizzie and reading the Life of Washington. Managed to crochet trimming enough for one sleeve for Maggie. Am making her a set for neck and sleeves.

**Saturday, May 29, 1880.** Rained most of the day and at times, quite hard. We are very thankful for it because vegetation greatly needs rain. I've done very little today except read and take care of baby who is far from well yet.

**Sunday, May 30, 1880.** The rain seems over for the present and everything is revived by it. Jimmie was so nearly sick that he stayed at home all day and Willie represented the family at church and Sabbath School. Went over home a little while before tea.

**Monday, May 31, 1880.** Quite warm and bright. Maggie O'Connor came this morning to help me awhile with the summer serving. We began making over Maggie's summer silk. Maggie and Willie are both in school again and baby is improving but very fretful for her.

**Tuesday, June 1, 1880.** Cloudy, damp and cool. In the evening a fire was necessary to our comfort. Was busy all day sewing but did not quite finish Maggie's dress. Lizzie seems much better today and was not nearly so fretful.

**Wednesday, June 2, 1880.** Weather still a little cool. Ma came this morning to say that Sister Lizzie has another son who arrived this morning. After the children went to school I went up to see her and her boy. He is a nice large baby and they talk of

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<sup>4</sup> *Organdie*: a fine, thin cotton fabric usually having a durable crisp finish, white, dyed, or printed: used for blouses, dresses, curtains, trimmings, etc.

calling him William. We finished off the silk dress and began a couple of gingham for Maggie. The silk looks like new.

**Thursday, June 3, 1880.** Weather delightful. Sewing went on as usual all day. In the afternoon Mary Alt's sister-in-law came to tell me that she would come whenever I was ready for her. Just as she was leaving Mrs. Tewksbury and Jennie Todd called. The latter expects to go home Saturday. Mother Ricker has reached Kirkwood and is wearing her new things with great satisfaction she says. I wrote her this evening. After tea Jimmie and I went up to see Lizzie and the baby, did not stay there long and then went to say goodbye to Jennie Todd as neither of us expected to see her again before leaving.

**Friday, June 4, 1880.** Weather quite warm again. We have three dresses on hand for Maggie, two ginghams and a blue lawn, the first two are about done and Maggie began cutting out Carl's, we want to make him three ginghams and a couple of white dresses. Did not get up to see Lizzie today.

**Saturday, June 5, 1880.** Rained hard today but not constantly, weather very warm. Willie had his hair cut this morning. After dinner I spent an hour bathing the children and in consequence did not quite finish the work we had on hands. Was very very tired tonight.

**Sunday, June 6, 1880.** Cloudy with a little rain. The children went with their father to Sabbath School and church. I was at house all day, did not even go over home. Ma says Lizzie has not been doing so well lately. I left her so well Thursday and was so busy and tired all the time that I did not go back last week. Miss Wheeler died this morning, after several weeks of suffering, having been injured on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May I think. It is a sad bereavement to her family, she was their chief support.

**Monday, June 7, 1880.** Warm. Miss Wheeler was buried this afternoon and the schools were dismissed to attend the funeral which was very large. Sewed all day then Jimmie and I went to see Lizzie who is a little better again.

**Tuesday, June 8, 1880.** Weather very warm again, everything going on about as usual. The National Republican Convention nominated Gen'l J. A. Garfield for President today at Chicago and the action is greatly applauded by those interested, it is generally thought that no better selection could have been made.

**Wednesday, June 9, 1880.** Quite warm. We were busy all day and made very good progress with the work. Wrote to Mother Ricker tonight but was so tired that the letter was a little shorter than usual. I went down to Mr. Brodbeck's this morning for



some things we needed immediately and came home fit for nothing. Don't think I'll go again soon.

**Thursday, June 10, 1880.** Very warm and oppressive, we seldom have weather more so. Sewed busily and accomplished a good deal. Fanny Moore and little Lucy were here this evening and Aunt Mary Sam was here just before supper.

**Friday, June 11, 1880.** Weather very oppressive and I have been running the machine so steadily that I seem to have exhausted my strength and this afternoon felt as though I must stop even if Maggie had nothing that she could do without my help.

**Saturday, June 12, 1880.** Warm with some rain during the day. I have felt a little better today and besides finishing off Maggie's swiss apron overskirt, and Carl's last white dress we cut and made three night dresses for the baby. Our work for the two weeks when summed up is 20 garments, nearly all dresses, night dresses, and ruffled aprons.

**Sunday, June 13, 1880.** Very hard rains today which were very acceptable though they did not seem to cool us off much. Fannie Moore is twenty years old today. I was not out today except to go over home a few minutes. Carl went with the other children and his father to S.S. and church today for the first time and behaved well.

**Monday, June 14, 1880.** Cloudy with some rain in the forenoon. After dinner Ma and I took our work and went up to sit awhile with Lizzie, taking Carl with us. She dressed and did a little work to keep us company but is still very weak. I came home from there and made a few more button holes. Jimmie and I went in the evening to see Evie Voorhees.

**Tuesday, June 15, 1880.** Very pleasant, quite cool since the rains which were hard storms in some localities. Carl is 4 years old today. Maggie and Mary Peebles called to see me. After they left I went to bid Mrs. Prescott goodbye as she leaves for her eastern home this week. Then went to see how Ralph was getting along with measles.

**Wednesday, June 16, 1880.** Quite cool, most people are wearing shawls this evening. Was over home awhile in the morning. After dinner Ma, Mary and I went to call upon Libbie Field and her children who came home last Thursday but two of the latter were quite sick so she had to be excused. After that we called upon Mrs. Peebles and the girls, Mrs. Jones and Emma, Lizzie and her baby and then I went to get a hat for Maggie at Mrs. Nickell's.

**Thursday, June 17, 1880.** Rather cool yet but delightful. Was over home with work both forenoon and afternoon. Helped Mary a little while on the lace that she was sewing on Mary T. Moore's graduating dress. The home folks are going to have their bathroom filled up at last.

**Friday, June 18, 1880.** Cool in the morning but warm enough by night. We are all well and comfortable. Was engaged all day in doing little things necessary to finish off garments so there is not much to show for the day's work. Uncle Sam and Aunt Mary's baby is so sick that he stopped off the boat this trip. Ma sat up there all last night.

**Saturday, June 19, 1880.** Very warm. Made ice-cream in the morning and set it away to cool ready for freezing then did other little things until time to wash and dress the children after which we froze the ice-cream which was abundant and very good. It was a tiresome day without much to show for the work.

**Sunday, June 20, 1880.** Warm and bright. The three children went with their father to S.S. but Willie did not go to church with them. Nothing unusual occurred during the day.

**Monday, June 21, 1880.** A little cloudy but not enough so to interfere with the washing which went on as usual. Took my sewing and went over home both before and after dinner. The folks are finally having their bath room fitted up in good style after so many years of waiting.

**Tuesday, June 22, 1880.** Very warm. Enos came home from Hoboken this afternoon which ends his school days we suppose though we greatly regret that he cannot go this next year and get his diploma. He looks quite tall, somewhat thinner than when he left and his mustache changes his appearance also, still he is much the same in most respects that he was when he left three years ago. Libbie Field and Anna Burke called this afternoon.

**Wednesday, June 23, 1880.** Very warm. Worked all day with currants and raspberries. Was so tired at night that I forgot what day it was and did not write as I usually do. Miss Fanny Switzer and Lucy were here.

**Thursday, June 24, 1880.** Pleasant but rather warm. Our new girl, Mary Ault who is to take Sarah's place, came today. Mary T. Moore graduated at the Opera House this evening but I was unable to be present. Emma Voorhees and children were here to make a call after tea this evening. Mary sent over ice-cream for the family tonight, some she had made and it was very nice.

**Friday, June 25, 1880.** Very warm, during the afternoon there was a heavy thunder shower with thunder and lightning struck a house not far from us but did no serious harm. The children brought home certificates for grading as it is the last day of school. (Aunt Jennie Ricker died at Orford N.H. her mother's home about noon today.)

**Saturday, June 26, 1880.** Rainy nearly all day, some of the showers being very hard. Sarah left us to go home this morning and though she leaves a very good girl in her place, we feel very sorry to lose her. Sewed some today, am still engaged in finishing off work left undone when Maggie O'Connor left. Sarah Colgrove, Scioto P.O., Scioto Co. Ohio

**Sunday, June 27, 1880.** Cloudy and showery. The three children went with their father as usual but on the way there was a messenger boy handed Jimmie a telegram from Uncle Drew Ricker at Orford N.H. stating that Aunt Jennie was dead and he would leave Monday noon for Ports. with her remains. She only reached her mother's last Wednesday and died Friday noon.

**Monday, June 28, 1880.** Weather cloudy with several showers. A letter from Uncle Drew today gave some particulars about Aunt Jennie's death, a dispatch from Father Ricker stated that he left Sullivan this evening for Portsmouth to attend the funeral. Mrs. Tewksbury came to say that she thought Uncle Drew and family had better stay at her house and have the funeral from there. Jimmie and I went to the farm and saw the thrashing machine at work.

**Tuesday, June 29, 1880.** Some hard rains today about noon. Father Ricker came on the M. C. R. R. at 10 or 11 o'clock. We were glad to see him but feel very sad over the occasion of his coming. Charlie, Jake, Jennie and Mary will be here on the evening boat to meet then father will probably come at noon on S. V. R. R. Uncle Jimmie took tea with us and afterwards Ma and Mary came to see "Grandpa." Baby Bess went right to him today, never having seen him before.

**Wednesday, June 30, 1880.** Weather warm and showery. Uncle Drew's four oldest children came on the morning boat and Jimmie went down to meet them. They are to stay at Mr. Tewksbury's, as the whole family can be together there and the funeral takes place from their house this afternoon. Geo and Bessie Hosford and Addie Ricker came at 11 o'clock and all of us they and Grandpa included took dinner over home. They all, except Addie are to there sleep. Uncle Enos stopped off the boat for his bi-annual vacation.

**Thursday, July 1, 1880.** The folks all took dinner at Mr. T's today with Uncle Drew and the children, after that the Ironton folks went home. Charlie and Jake are to stay all night with our boys over home. Uncle Drew and the girls came down to see us after tea and did not leave until 9 o'clock. He feels his loss keenly but will be enabled to manage with the children better than most men would as he has always had a great care over them.

**Friday, July 2, 1880.** Warm. We had an early dinner as the folks all were to leave on the noon train. Uncle Jimmie came down to dinner and see Father Ricker off. The afternoon seemed very long and lonely after so much company leaving. I went over home awhile with a little work. Mrs. Spry was here today.

**Saturday, July 3, 1880.** The 4<sup>th</sup> of July begins today, many people having their picnics to be sure of them though the legal holiday will not be until Monday. We do not expect to celebrate at all, I am not able if there were no other hindrances. Have been busy all day mending and doing little things that had to be done.

**Sunday, July 4, 1880.** Warm and bright. No unusual demonstration except a few fire crackers. Our folks went to S.S. as usual but there being no service in our church, none of them went to church. I was over home a little while in the afternoon.

**Monday, July 5, 1880.** Weather cloudy and changeable with several showers. This being the legal holiday, picnics were the order of the day despite the weather. My girl stayed at home however and washed. Uncle Sam's baby William died this evening but I was not able to go out there at all. Jimmie went and did what he could. The baby has never been real well and it is better for it as it is.

**Tuesday, July 6, 1880.** Still cloudy with showers, which, however, do not seem to cool the air very much. Affairs have gone on today much the same as usual. In the evening the children had their whirligigs burned which were to have been a part of yesterday's celebration. Finished off Maggie's blue dress.

**Wednesday, July 7, 1880.** Warm as ever. Jimmie and the rest of the folks went out to Uncle Sam's to the baby's funeral this forenoon. I was not able to go. While they were gone I wrote to Jennie in answer to a letter I had from her today. Wrote to Mother Ricker in the evening. Lizzie was here and I went over home with her. Miss Fannie Switzer took Maggie and Willie out to the park with Ralph and Lucy.

**Thursday, July 8, 1880.** Still warm and not much to write about. I am not doing much but little odd jobs which are necessary but very insignificant. Put a flannel skirt

on the band and made a new yoke and sleeves for one of Lizzie's night dresses. I am unable to go out and the weather is so warm that few persons come in.

**Friday, July 9, 1880.** Very, very warm. Lizzie was here a few minutes this afternoon, had been to Mr. Peebles spending the day. Expects to go with Rich out to Mr. Robinson's to a Musicale given by Miss Nettleton. When she went over home I went with her and asked her to spend tomorrow with us. Ella Voorhees and Nellie were here this evening and after the children were put to bed, Mrs. Iams and Mrs. Gharley called.

**Saturday, July 10, 1880.** Very hot and sultry. Lizzie with her children and nurse came this afternoon and she kindly trimmed up a hat for Maggie to take the place of the one she had. I disliked it very much and think the new one a great improvement.

**Sunday, July 11, 1880.** Hot with a little shower about noon. The three children went to Sabbath School with their father after which we all remained at home all day. The usual lessons were about all I could manage today. Mary was here in the afternoon and Uncle Jimmie came to tea. Dr. Pratt is away.

**Monday, July 12, 1880.** Hot with a few clouds and a few sprinkles in the morning. Mary had to do the washing herself today and was very busy all day. I helped her all I could but it was not much.

**Tuesday, July 13, 1880.** Weather very hot, do not remember any that was more so. Sewed busily all day on the machine in self-defense. The heat was more than I could endure in idleness so I made two white skirts for Maggie, tucking both of them and finished them about 6 o'clock in the evening. After tea I went over home to remind Pa of the day we spent picnicking at the old deserted gin house in the midst of a deserted cotton field near Yazer City 17 years ago today, the occasion being rendered rather exciting by the bombardment of the town by the Union gunboats.

**Wednesday, July 14, 1880.** Very, very warm. My work yesterday took all ambition out of me for today and the most I could do was make the button holes in the skirts made yesterday. Was over home awhile before supper. Ma and Mary have been visiting and soliciting contributions for the fixing up of the church. They were successful beyond their expectations and went joyfully to give in their report after prayer meeting this evening. This is the French 4<sup>th</sup> of July and it is being celebrated this year with great enthusiasm by the French both in their own country and in the larger cities of this country.

**Thursday, July 15, 1880.** Delightful rains today have cooled the air and made us all more comfortable. I've done a little work today but not very much, made a few button holes, sewed on some buttons and lace edges, was over home awhile. Jimmie's birthday passed off much the same as other days. I've not been able to celebrate it in any other way.

**Friday, July 16, 1880.** Pleasant since the rain. Ma rec'd dispatch from Jennie saying the baby was sick and wanting her to go up so she made ready and taking Maggie with her left on the noon train. Willie was greatly disappointed that he did not get off too. Mrs. J. C. Lewis called this afternoon. Made button holes in a long dress. Wrote to Mother Ricker.

**Saturday, July 17, 1880.** Delightful weather. Spent the forenoon and part of the afternoon making new sleeves and altering a waist for Willie. Washed and dressed the children and cut out a new waist for Willie. Was completely tired out at night. Mrs. E. B. Greene called to inquire about Jennie's baby but we had had no further news. Carrie Stearnes was here. Aunt Mary Ellen Moore has another daughter.

**Sunday, July 18, 1880.** Weather quite pleasant. Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath School as usual and remained at home the rest of the day. I felt so badly that I spent most of the day on the bed. Had a postal from Jennie saying the baby is better.

**Monday, July 19, 1880.** Cloudy all day with some hard showers. Jane did not come to wash so Mary did it alone. Late in the day a girl from the country, Mattie Colburn came with her baggage and wanted to stay—she knows Mary so I engaged her on trial. Made a new waist for Willie.

**Tuesday, July 20, 1880.** Delightfully cool. Some persons have a little fire but we get along without. The folks came home from Winona today bringing Jennie and her children with them. I have been sewing on lace edges and finishing off some garments. Miss Fannie and the children were here this evening.

**Wednesday, July 21, 1880.** Weather just delightful and I am feeling enough better to enjoy it. Cut out a pair of pants for Willie in the forenoon and made them after dinner. Am tired this evening but wrote my usual letter to Mother Ricker.

**Thursday, July 22, 1880.** Most delightful weather for the season though the fog was heavy in the morning. Sarah came to see us. Made the last button holes in Willie's pants and helped make the blackberry jam this forenoon. Did not do much after

dinner. Willie's chicken coop was finished all but hanging the door, his father has spent two evenings on it. The grass was cut.

**Friday, July 23, 1880.** Warm. Was over home as usual to see the folks. Jennie had gone up to see the Greene family before they left for the mountains. Belle and her baby, Mrs. Johnson, Theo and Minnie, Ella and the Capt are going. Jennie and the children are to spend tomorrow with us.

**Saturday, July 24, 1880.** Warm as usual and we had two gallons of blackberries to make into jam. When they were finished it made 19 qts. that are ready for winter. Lizzie with her nurse and two children came down to spend a few days at Pa's so they have a house full of folks over there, Jennie being there with her two children and nurse. Paid Mr. Mitchell Evans \$4.00

**Sunday, July 25, 1880.** Quite warm and as I have felt quite worn out, have spent most of the day on the bed. Immediately after dinner the children learned their lessons quickly and well, more so than usual I thought. Uncle Jimmie was here to tea.

**Monday, July 26, 1880.** Weather quite warm. Began on the four new shirt waists for Willie this morning and by steady work all day succeeded in getting them all ready for the buttons and button holes. Took them over home after dinner and put the sleeves in. After tea Mary and I went up to Uncle Enos' to see the new baby which will soon be two weeks old, not until next Saturday though I believe.

**Tuesday, July 27, 1880.** Very warm and close, oppressive even. Have been busy all day making button holes and sewing on buttons to finish off the four waists made yesterday. There were 28 button holes and 48 buttons on the four. Spent the afternoon over home with my work. In the evening the sky clouded up and we had quite a hard thunder storm which lasted an hour or two and during the night considerable rain fell. This is Rich Peebles' birthday and he is probably in Denver today or near there, taking a trip for his health.

**Wednesday, July 28, 1880.** Weather very pleasant, having a cold I have found it rather too cool to sit in a draught. Mary was over awhile this morning. Made a ruffle for Maggie mended a shirt waist for Willie and then cut out two new ones which I finished, buttons and button holes before night. Went over home in the afternoon and while there saw Maggie and Mary Peebles who called to see the folks. This is Mrs. Hamilton's 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

**Thursday, July 29, 1880.** Pleasant, neither too hot nor too cold for comfort. The double birthday has come again and this time Jennie and her two children are with us. She gave the baby (Lizzie) a cardinal sash in honor of the day. We went over home awhile in the morning to see the folks, great and small then I came home and got engaged making a new yoke and sleeves to a night dress for myself, so I was busy all day. Finished it off before going to bed. Mrs. Draper was here, also Jennie and the children. After 8 o'clock Mrs. Chas Burr called to see me on an errand. I wrote to Mother Ricker.

**Friday, July 30, 1880.** Weather still quite pleasant. Began the day by going over home to visit awhile with the folks. Lizzie and her folks went home this morning. I made a gingham apron for Jimmie to wear when milking. Had a letter from Mother Ricker tonight which was written yesterday.

**Saturday, July 31, 1880.** Delightful day. Did very little in the forenoon and after dinner Jimmie brought a buggy and took me and the three youngest children down to the farm and also to Mr. Evan's to see the calf. While we were gone Mary McD Kreider and Mrs. Helfenstein called. I was sorry to miss the call, though we had a pleasant ride. Jennie and children went up to visit Lizzie awhile.

**Sunday, August 1, 1880.** Quite warm again especially late in the day and evening. There being no church services our folks went to Sabbath School and then remained at home the rest of the day except a little while in the afternoon when Jimmie took the baby up to see the girls and stopped on the way home at Uncle Enos'.

**Monday, August 2, 1880.** Very warm and close again with rain in the afternoon. Have been busy today fixing over a couple of Carl's dresses. Ma and Mary were here during the rain in the afternoon.

**Tuesday, August 3, 1880.** Weather rather more pleasant. Fixed another dress for Carl and kept busy without doing very much. Jennie and the children came back to Pa's today. Bartie is not very well. The folks are talking of going to Esculapia Springs Ky.

**Wednesday, August 4, 1880.** Very pleasant. Crab apple jelly occupied most of my time today and although Mary helped me and I did not do a great deal of work, I became very tired. Wrote to Mother Ricker as usual.

**Thursday, August 5, 1880.** Very pleasant day. I've been busy with Maggie's large doll which has been laid away a long time. Today I finished a suit which I began



before Christmas. It will do for her birthday tomorrow. Was over home awhile in the afternoon with my work.

**Friday, August 6, 1880.** Warm and dry. Maggie is nine years old today and much pleased with the doll which she found sitting in her chair this morning. Ma gave her a book, "Little Foxes" and Mary gave her a pair of gloves. I ordered her twelfth silver teaspoon but did not get it today. Was busy all day with two pairs of pants for Willie. Em Voorhees came to say good bye.

**Saturday, August 7, 1880.** Very warm. Worked on the pants most of the day and finished them all but the button holes. The folks are getting ready for their trip to the springs. There was preparatory lecture at our church this afternoon but I was not there. Mrs. Williams of Buckey F'ce was buried this forenoon and Jimmie was one of the pall bearers. I had rather more than usual to do today and became very tired by night.

**Sunday, August 8, 1880.** Quite warm. Dr. Pratt has returned from his summer trip and after Sabbath School the three children went with their father to service. In the afternoon Maggie went with her father to Communion, the catechism question, rather lesson was on the Sacrament and I thought it might help impress the lesson on her mind to see the service. John Peebles was here with me while the folks went to church in the morning and stayed to dinner. Uncle Sam was here a few minutes today.

**Monday, August 9, 1880.** Bright and pleasant though rather warm. Late in the day it began to rain slowly and steadily. Ma, Jennie her two children and nurse, Lizzie with her two children and nurse and Julia Young left this morning for Esculapia Springs to be gone about two weeks. Mary and I are going to visit each other, try and have a good time without travelling very far. Sallie and Mattie Peebles were here.

**Tuesday, August 10, 1880.** Damp and warm. Weather in which mosquitoes thrive and people suffer accordingly. Helped Mary pare two bushels of tomatoes then came home and finished off the three pairs of drawers I made yesterday in such haste for Bartie but missed getting them to him in time. Maggie and Willie spent the afternoon with Mattie Peebles and after tea went out to the Gypsie Camp.

**Wednesday, August 11, 1880.** Rather warm and the mosquitoes are very troublesome. This is Ma and Pa's 33 Anniversary and she is away. I went over to call on Pa in the evening which was about the only thing that was done in honor of

the day. Mary expected tomatoes for Jennie today but they did not come until night so we devoted ourselves to other work. I finished off Willie's two pairs of pants and felt relieved when they were done.

**Thursday, August 12, 1880.** Warm and dry. Went over home as soon as I had done breakfast and pared tomatoes until the two bushels were done then came home and prepared ½ bushel of plums from Mr. Hancock's which Mary canned for me after dinner then I pared about ½ bushel of cling peaches from our tree, Mary helped me put them up also, six jars.

**Friday, August 13, 1880.** Tomatoes again today, this time two bushels for myself which Mace had ordered left at her house. Then another half bushel for catsup which also proved to be for me though I did not know it at the time. After they were all pared I came home and seeded half a bushel of plums. I scarcely know what I should do without Mary's help. This is Mary Y. Moore's birthday.

**Saturday, August 14, 1880.** Warm as usual. Mary came after my plums this morning and canned them for me while the catsup was boiling down. She has also been doing a few peaches along in the meantime for herself so that she has been quite busy. Finished soon after dinner however and had the afternoon for rest. I mended stockings, sewed buttons on shoes and washed the children.

**Sunday, August 15, 1880.** Quite warm. Have not been at all well today and spent much of the time on the bed. Some company came unexpectedly to stay all night over home a distant relative of Pa's old friend Mr. Hogan from La. with his wife and child so Mary did not go to S.S.

**Monday, August 16, 1880.** Weather warm and dry, the river is so low that large boats must soon stop unless we have rain. Have busied myself today altering and fixing up some undergarments for myself. Have now a good supply of such things. Wrote a letter to Lizzie asking her to bring me some wrapper goods from Cin'ti when they go down there from the Springs.

**Tuesday, August 17, 1880.** Very warm. Late in the afternoon quite a rain set in which we very much need. I have been altering some night dresses today, a couple that I had made before I was married, almost ten years ago, one of which has never been washed. Mary has been making ketchup and peach butter today.

**Wednesday, August 18, 1880.** When we awoke this morning the rain was still pouring down but about 8 o'clk it stopped though it remained cloudy most of the day. The folks came back from the Springs today feeling as though they had been

gone all summer. They brought me the wrapper goods for which I sent, a handsome piece of dark wine colored woolen goods.

**Thursday, August 19, 1880.** Very pleasant since the rain. Spent most of my time today cutting out half a dozen brown gingham aprons for Carl. Jennie was over several times, made quite a long stay before dinner. Mr. Greene brought Jennie a letter from Bart.

**Friday, August 20, 1880.** It rained most of last night and for some hours this morning making the atmosphere very pleasant. Jennie and the children went up to Mr. G's to make a short visit. Enos is twenty today. I got two bushels of peaches today, put up the clings and began peach butter of the free stones. Mary helped me most of the afternoon. Began getting 1 qt milk per day from Ma.

**Saturday, August 21, 1880.** A rainy day, so dark most of the time that it seemed gloomy. The children went up to Mr. Greene's twice today on errands for Jennie. Bart came on the late train rather unexpectedly. Willie had his birthday presents, a knife from his father and watermelon from Uncle Jimmie today as tomorrow will be Sunday.

**Sunday, August 22, 1880.** Willie is seven years old today. He went to Sabbath School and church with the others, Carl stayed at home and slept as did the baby and myself. We had our usual lessons after dinner and spent the time about as we usually do.

**Monday, August 23, 1880.** Quite warm. I have begun making Carl's new aprons but as Bart and Jennie came down home again today, have been running over there instead of working all the time. After dinner it became very hot and while Mary and Jennie went out to return calls, Ma took Lizzie Greene down and had her picture taken for Jennie's Christmas present.

**Tuesday, August 24, 1880.** Very hot. As Jennie left on the noon train I took my aprons and ruffles over home and spent most of the time there until they left. It is so very warm that I can't sit and do nothing so I kept busy all day and made very good progress. Mrs. Elden came in this morning to inquire about a girl.

**Wednesday, August 25, 1880.** Very, very hot, I was unable to sit up most of the forenoon but about 11 o'clock I got up off the bed and after a dose of medicine and cup of tea, began on my aprons and kept at them all day finishing the six all but a few stitches around the neck and making button holes.

**Thursday, August 26, 1880.** Weather unusually warm. Sarah Colegrove was here to see me again today. The girls and I put up a bushel of very fine yellow freestone peaches this forenoon. Ma was here most of the afternoon. Mattie Coburn left this evening. I decided Monday to let one of the two go and my final conclusion was to keep and try Mary awhile longer. Aunt Mary Ellen was here to see me but I was over home and missed her.

**Friday, August 27, 1880.** Very, very warm or hot I might say. Have been making button holes and sewing on buttons most of the time today. Was over home several times. Rich Peebles returned from his western trip today. Sallie was here in the evening to invite Jimmie and myself to take tea with Rob and Rich and their wives at her house tomorrow evening but I can't go. Aunt Mary Ellen came again to see me but as I was over home she went there.

**Saturday, August 28, 1880.** Very warm again today. A very little breeze occasionally relieves us and a few clouds give faint hopes of rain. I put the last stitch in Carl's last apron this morning and shall not begin anything more today I think. Later I spent the rest of the day doing almost nothing, between 3 and 4 o'clock Maggie Mason's mother came to see me, hot as it was and was here until almost 6 o'clock. She is such a dear good old lady and I always enjoy seeing her. It has now been about sixteen years since I first became acquainted with her and nothing has ever occurred to interrupt or mar the good feeling between us.

**Sunday, August 29, 1880.** Weather uncomfortably warm, the folks went to S.S. as usual but Dr. Pratt is away, dedicating a church at South Point I believe, so there was no service in our own.

**Monday, August 30, 1880.** Very oppressively warm. Have not felt like doing more than I was obliged to do today. As Mary has no help I sent a part of the washing today and helped a little with the housework myself. Unexpectedly to me Mina Colegrove came this evening instead of Wednesday as she had promised. I was very glad of it.

**Tuesday, August 31, 1880.** Very warm and close. Mina is young and inexperienced but seems willing and may prove quite a help. My work today has been to initiate her and it was quite tiresome, having to go up and down stairs so much.

**Wednesday, September 1, 1880.** Another exceedingly hot day. We were all busy all day and glad when resting time came. I wrote to Mother R. just after dinner as there was a pleasant breeze stirring and no mosquitoes to trouble me.

**Thursday, September 2, 1880.** Still warm and dry. Early this morning word came to Mary that her mother had cut her hand and she must go home which she did about 9 o'clock leaving Maria and me to do as best we could. She seemed very sorry to go and situated as I am, I was sorry to have her do so.

**Friday, September 3, 1880.** Exceedingly hot. Have been as busy as I was able to be all day. While resting from housework, put in the time making towels, have a doz new ones which need the ends overcast to prevent raveling into the fringe. Jimmie went to Mr. Gaylord's funeral this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

**Saturday, September 4, 1880.** Still warm but a little breeze renders it more endurable. Was over home awhile this afternoon and while there Mary Ellen came there and said her new girl has a friend who wants to come to town; the friend is Jennie Jones and I immediately set about trying to get her.

**Sunday, September 5, 1880.** Warm and cloudy in the morning and until almost noon when a hard rain began to fall which continued almost without cessation until bedtime. It was very dark and gloomy, too dark to read easily. The folks went to S. S. and church as usual.

**Monday, September 6, 1880.** The rain has continued all day so far until everything is saturated with dampness even within doors. To my great surprise Mary Ault came thro' all the rain this morning to tell me that she would come back the last of this week if I wanted her. The children started to school again today, Maggie to Miss Fannie Switzer and Willie to Miss Bratt. 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Reader grades.

**Tuesday, September 7, 1880.** Still rainy though the sun peeped out from behind the clouds a few minutes this afternoon. Mina undertook to wash a few things and was all day getting through so I had the work to do all day. The baby is very badly broken out with some kind of an eruption and though not sick or cross is under the doctor's care and gives me a good deal of trouble.

**Wednesday, September 8, 1880.** A bright sunny day is a real treat once more and the weather since the rain is almost too cool for comfort. This afternoon I pared nearly a bushel of apples which were wasting and cooked them for apple butter, it is only begun however. Wrote to Mother R. as usual. Pa brought me a nice book as a birthday present.

**Thursday, September 9, 1880.** Cloudy and cool again with more rain. I was busy all the forenoon finishing up the apple butter and helping get the dinner. After dinner I sat down and spent the entire afternoon paring white cling peaches to put up

tomorrow. Lizzie came and sat awhile with me helping while here. Baby Lizzie seems a little better.

**Friday, September 10, 1880.** Bright, sunny and cool, was most of the day putting up the bushel of peaches and after they were all done I marked the tin cans that were filled ready for winter. Find I have lots of them in the china closet besides the glass and stone jars in the cellar. Mary Y. Moore and Lucy were here this morning.

**Saturday, September 11, 1880.** Weather still cool and pleasant. Busy as usual. A colored girl came today to see me and promised to come Monday and help awhile. Maggie Peebles made me a nice long call in the afternoon.

**Sunday, September 12, 1880.** Pleasant. The folks went to S. S. and church as usual in the forenoon. After dinner Rich, Lizzie, John and little William, John and Enos and Ma were here. Uncle Jimmie was here to tea.

**Monday, September 13, 1880.** Rained last night and this morning quite hard but cleared up by 9 o'clock. Ruth came as she promised and washed regardless of the weather. Soon after breakfast I was surprised with a present of a handsome black walnut writing desk, just such an one as I have wanted for years. It was intended for my birthday present but came today instead of last Wednesday. Thanks are due my husband for the remembrance.

**Tuesday, September 14, 1880.** Quite cool again. We opened our bedroom grate and started a fire this morning. This has been a day of leisure with me, I pared half a bushel of bellflower apples and began making apple butter of them and that was about all. Mrs. Sam Baird was here, also Lizzie with her baby.

**Wednesday, September 15, 1880.** Still cool enough for fire. This is the double birthday. Ma's and Mary's. I wrote to Jennie and Mother Ricker. Pa took Carl and John Peebles to a circus this afternoon. Lizzie was here and brought me some delicious grapes.

**Thursday, September 16, 1880.** Weather as delightful as it can be. Another bushel of bellflower apples came today as we finished up the apple butter and it was very nice when done. I shall be satisfied now even though I do not get any more. Sarah Colegrove was here today and rather disappointed me in regard to coming back this fall. Letters from Jennie today noon.

**Friday, September 17, 1880.** We are still having pleasant weather though it looked a little like rain today. The doctor was here to see Lizzie who is so much better that

he thinks one more bottle of medicine will effect an entire cure. She has had a serious time of it for four weeks. Letter from Mother Ricker this evening. Am not doing much this week. Hemmed two new bedspreads this week.

**Saturday, September 18, 1880.** Much warmer, just as I like it. Have not done much but visit over home, they wanted me to take dinner with them but Mr. Gregory was there and I excused myself. Went after he left.

**Sunday, September 19, 1880.** Lovely weather, the day passed about as usual. Lessons in the afternoon with some reading and resting. Uncle Jimmie was here to tea and said he expected to go to Presbytery this week.

**Monday, September 20, 1880.** Cloudy day with some rain. Early this morning the folks were called up to receive and welcome our new daughter whom we will call Mary. I awakened and got up to attend to Lizzie about half past 4 A.M. and then sent over for Ma who came promptly, followed by Dr. K and Mrs. McFarland. When the children came down to breakfast they were much surprised and delighted to find a little sister.

**Tuesday, September 21, 1880.** Weather more pleasant than it was yesterday. Have had a very quiet day. Ma and Mary were out on church business most of the day and I think no callers were in. I am feeling well, comfortable, happy and thankful to God from whom I receive so many blessings. Maggie has gone over home on a two weeks' visit.

**Wednesday, September 22, 1880.** I sent for Mrs. Graham today to ask her to make a jacket for Carl as I am anxious to have Jimmie take him to St. Louis to see the folks when they move the fifth of Oct. and also attend the St. Louis fair. She came and kindly agreed to do it. Amanda Colegrove was here to see about coming to live here this winter.

**Thursday, September 23, 1880.** Lovely weather but much cooler than it was this time last year. I am having an unusually quiet time. Very few persons coming in but the household is large, including all the help and children so it is probably just as well. Ma and Mary are making Carl three little white waists for which I am thankful, they are also working on a blue calico<sup>5</sup> dress for Maggie. Mrs. Dr. Kline and Mrs. Dr. Dennis called.

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<sup>5</sup> *Calico*: a plain-woven cotton cloth printed with a figured pattern, usually on one side.

**Friday, September 24, 1880.** The river this year is about what it was last Exposition time. The Bonanza is on her last trip and the Andes takes her place. Mrs. Graham came to bring Carl's jacket home that she kindly made for me and then made quite a visit before leaving. I couldn't have asked her to do it only I was in a hurry for it and could not get anyone else to do it.

**Saturday, September 25, 1880.** A lovely day, such weather as I could enjoy being out if well. Julia Young was in this afternoon to see us, but no one else except the home folks who are very very good at come often. All my haste about Carl's clothes was unnecessary as the St. Louis fair will not open until Oct 4<sup>th</sup> which is week after next instead of next week as I thought.

**Sunday, September 26, 1880.** Pleasant weather which I enjoy even though not able to be up. Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath school as usual but Willie did not go to church, he stayed at home and studied. Maggie made us flying visits but seems to prefer being over home. Uncle Jimmie was here as usual.

**Monday, September 27, 1880.** Another cloudy rainy day, the Mondays for weeks past have been rainy making it very hard to dry clothes. Jimmie was to have gone to the farm this afternoon but the rain prevented and Ma who expected to go with him, spent the afternoon here sewing for me. Maggie O'Connor came this morning to sew a week for me. Ma will superintend her and Lizzie lends her machine as Maggie can't run mine.

**Tuesday, September 28, 1880.** A delightfully warm and pleasant day. Jimmie had to go to the farm today and Ma wanted to go with him but felt obliged to attend the Aid Society meeting and vote as she had worked, she did not accomplish what we all desired however, the defeat of the plan to go in debt for new seats for the church. Mary Ellen and Fannie Moore called this evening.

**Wednesday, September 29, 1880.** Weather beautiful but dusty, and rather cool. About 11 o'clock I got up and sat in the large chair until just before supper when I went to bed quite tired. After tea Miss Fannie Switzer and Fannie Moore called on their way to church. Jimmie went to hear Gen'l Rob't Kennedy speak, Lizzie came here and waited for Rich who was up at the library and then he came and stayed awhile.

**Thursday, September 30, 1880.** Arose about 10 o'clock and sat up all the rest of the day. In the afternoon Mattie Wood came to call and I kept her to tea. Mrs. Draper was here a few minutes. Hattie Norton, Mrs. Lodwick, Maggie and Mary Peebles



also called. I went to the tea table in honor of our guest, it being the first time I've ventured to eat in the dining room since I got up.

**Friday, October 1, 1880.** Cooler weather than we had this time last year. I went out to the dining room to take dinner with the family for the first time since I got up. Am feeling very well.

**Saturday, October 2, 1880.** Delightful out in the sun but cool in the house. Mattie Wood called a few minutes this afternoon. Willie took a bath in cold water in a cold room today which resulted in a bad cold for him. Maggie has been at home most of the day in bed with toothache. Ma took her to Dr. Dennis' and had one taken out this morning. Aunt Mary Sam was here.

**Sunday, October 3, 1880.** Weather quite pleasant though cool. Before daylight, this morning, Mr. Hathaway came after Mrs. Mc and so I was again left sooner than I would have liked but will do very well with the help I have. Was out to dinner and supper. Uncle Jimmie was here as usual. Maggie was in bed all day over home and I did not see her at all.

**Monday, October 4, 1880.** Cool, cloudy and raw with a little rain this morning. Jimmie drove to the farm with Uncle Enos and did not get home until after dinner. Maggie came home to dinner but missed her papa. Mary Murphy was here this afternoon, also Ma. Willie is not at all well but went to school as usual. Maggie is not yet well and Ma kept her at home from school. Miss Switzer came at noon to ask about her. Enos went to Cin. Jimmie did not go to St. Louis after all.

**Tuesday, October 5, 1880.** Lovely day, bright and warm. Besides the usual calls from Ma and Mary, Lizzie came with her work and babies, then Mrs. Connolley, Maggie Silcox and little Jeanette, then Ma again and afterwards Clara Pursell called. I managed to finish up and send off Jennie's letter. Amanda Colegrove came today to stay this winter with us.

**Wednesday, October 6, 1880.** Bright but cool. This evening Hon. Stanley Matthews spoke here and there was a large torchlight procession in which Jimmie joined but he came home early with a bad cold and toothache. I had no company today and spent all my spare time writing to Mother Ricker. The doctor came in to see Lizzie who is not well yet. Willie stayed at home this afternoon as he is not well.

**Thursday, October 7, 1880.** A beautiful day, cool enough for a good fire indoors but pleasant in the sun. Very dusty. Mattie Wood came to spend the day with me and then Ma came and asked all of us, Jimmie, Mattie, the little baby and myself to

take tea with them. We went and found Maggie Mason, Emma Jones and Flo McConnell as well as Lizzie there. Rich is gone to Ironton to a speech. Enos is in Cin. but all the rest of the family were at home. We had a very pleasant time. Maggie goes home again tomorrow taking Emma with her. Oliver Lewis put the plants in the pit today which very singularly happens to be just the same day of the month that it was done last year.

**Friday, October 8, 1880.** Very dusty and dry notwithstanding our regular Monday rains. Have watched in vain for Pa today to congratulate him on his birthday, he made his visit to the Exposition earlier this year than last and Enos has just come home today after being gone since Monday to see the sights. Fannie, Mary M. and Puss Tracy went down Wed. and were on the Pittsburg with Enos today coming up. I believe no one was here today except the home folks. I am regaining my strength very rapidly and have already been all over the place, yard, stable and house, upstairs and down. The pit is the only place that remains to be investigated.

**Saturday, October 9, 1880.** Weather bright, dry and quite cool it seems to me. Fires all day are quite necessary to comfort. I found the pit in nice order this morning when I went down. Mattie Wood called this afternoon to say good bye in case she gets off the first of next week as she intends if possible. Republican torch light procession tonight was a grand success.

**Sunday, October 10, 1880.** Dry and dusty, otherwise quite pleasant. Jimmie and the three children went to Sabbath School and church as usual.

**Monday, October 11, 1880.** No rain today, the first Monday for five weeks that is has not rained, but it looks and feels as though it might come by tomorrow. Mrs. Tewksbury was here a few minutes this afternoon and after she left I took some work and went over home. Made a flannel shirt for Lizzie.

**Tuesday, October 12, 1880.** The weather seemed very undecided during the forenoon and was cloudy or bright by turns. I sent for Grandma Moore and she spent the day with us. This being Election day there is very little doing except voting and electioneering. Indications are fair for a Rep. victory.

**Wednesday, October 13, 1880.** Bright and pleasant but very dusty. Election news as good as Reps could wish and much better than there was any reason to hope or expect. Ohio and Indiana both Rep by large maj. The latter elects her Rep Gov the first time in 12 years. Sent Libbie Field a boquet and note of congratulations on the return of her Anniversary. This being her 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Thursday, October 14, 1880.** Rain in the afternoon which wet the dust and made sights of the people who went to the Circus. Pa escorted Maggie, Willie, Carl, Fannie and Ralph Moore and a small friend of Willie's. I took Carl and Lizzie up to Uncle Enos in the morning. Dr. Field brought a note from Libbie. Wrote to Mother Ricker.

**Friday, October 15, 1880.** The rain which commenced yesterday afternoon continued all day making it gloomy out of doors and cheerful and comfortable in the house by a good fire. Mina's cousins who came yesterday to the circus left here this morning bare headed, to go to the train, they carried their hats under their shawls. I sat in the parlor about noon writing up my book on the desk and saw Pa and his friend Mr. R pass on their way to dinner. The latter tried to interview Carl about the circus but he was not disposed to talk so had to be called in and lectured which I hope will not be lost upon him. He has stayed at home so much and been left to his own devices that he has little idea of the proprieties of social life.

**Saturday, October 16, 1880.** Weather quite raw and cold. Very little has transpired out of the ordinary course of events. Mattie and Isabel came to invite Maggie to Mattie's birthday party next Monday. I was over home today and went up to the attic to see Mary's green house. The first time I've been up to see it. She has more than 100 pots of plants which she hopes will furnish her some flowers this winter. I talked of going over to see Gussie Halderman but did not feel like it after I got home so I just stayed here.

**Sunday, October 17, 1880.** Weather very pleasant, but rather cool. The folks attended S. S. and church as usual. We had just finished our lessons in the afternoon when Rich, Lizzie and the baby came over from home where they had been to dinner. John came later with Ma. It was quite cold when they left here for home.

**Monday, October 18, 1880.** Lovely day. Ma and Lizzie had talked of going to Cin this morning but the river is so low that Ma nearly gave up the notion, she went however after all, Lizzie and Mary Ellen went also with their babies to do some shopping. This is Mattie Peebles' birthday and she had her party at her grandfather Peebles' and Maggie went as usual. Willie was not invited as Mattie did not ask any boys except her cousins this time. Mrs. E. B. Greene called to see me.

**Tuesday, October 19, 1880.** Rainy and cool. I cut out aprons for Maggie in the forenoon and after dinner I took my work and went over home to visit Mary. She was sewing and I was trying to get ready to sew.

**Wednesday, October 20, 1880.** Bright and pleasant. We watched nearly all day for Ma and Lizzie before they got home. The boat did not come until after 3 o'clock. The weather was so wet and cold in the city yesterday that Ma did not leave the boat. This afternoon I went to call upon Mrs. Connolley and Gussie, then Mrs. Lodwick and Miss Phoebe Gould, stopping on my way home to see Ma. Misses Caroline and Mary J. Gunn called to see me. Went to 2<sup>nd</sup> St. for the first time since the first week in June.

**Thursday, October 21, 1880.** Weather very pleasant though it looked rather threatening for awhile. The Reps had a grand jollification and torch light procession tonight. I went with the others over home to see the procession pass up 6<sup>th</sup> then I brought Lizzie home, put her to bed and wrote to Mother Ricker while Jimmie took the children up street to see the rest of the performance. The girls washed the lace curtains and cleaned the parlor.

**Friday, October 22, 1880.** Weather cool, we have fire in both stoves as well as the grate. The girls were housecleaning again today, upstairs and in the hall. I finished off a second apron for Maggie, one that Ma commenced. It rained hard this evening but Ma and Mary were here a few minutes, coming through the rain. Jennie sent us her baby buggy today.

**Saturday, October 23, 1880.** Rather cloudy and unpleasant. Was busy all day, finished off Maggie's grey dress, and did a few other little things. She wore it up to Maggie Peebles' and had such a good time that she did not get home until nearly 8 o'clock. Ma was sick today and I took the baby over and sat awhile with her. Lizzie was here also Fannie and Mary Moore.

**Sunday, October 24, 1880.** Weather bright and pleasant, rather cool. The children went with their father to S. S. then came home to stay as Dr. Pratt is gone and we had no service. After dinner Jimmie went to the funeral of Lee and Ella Smith's baby which died yesterday being just a week older than our youngest. Mr. Lampton called to see us.

**Monday, October 25, 1880.** Beautiful day. Was busy all the forenoon mending, and potting the roses which came today from S. H. and Co. After dinner Carl and I went to see Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Prescott, Mrs. Nichols and Uncle Enos who is at home sick.

**Tuesday, October 26, 1880.** Rained quite hard today before noon and was cloudy and wet all the afternoon. I went over home awhile with my work and while Mary stitched for me, I made button holes for Ma. Saw Lizzie over home.

**Wednesday, October 27, 1880.** Cloudy all day and not very cold. After dinner I concluded that it would not rain so Carl and I went up to Lizzie's, John had been over home to dinner so we took him home. I have not been up to Lizzie's since July until today and found that she had moved things around a good deal since then. Was over home a little while before going up street. Wrote to Mother Ricker this evening. Mrs. J. G. Peebles was here while I was out.

**Thursday, October 28, 1880.** Cloudy and dark with a little rain. The Reading Club celebrates the 10<sup>th</sup> year of its existence by a banquet this evening. It is given by the present members and is held at Uncle Enos' residence, his wife being one of the originators of the Club. Pa being an honorary member he and Ma were invited, Mary is also a member and was invited and all three went. I was asked to go and look at the table before the guests assembled but owing to the weather, did not go. Cut out three blue aprons for Lizzie and finished off Maggie's two. Carl found a new calf in the stable to his great delight.

**Friday, October 29, 1880.** Rainy morning and evening but sunny awhile in the afternoon. Carrie Stearnes and Mrs. Colten were here. I sewed on Lizzie's aprons, basting for Mary to stitch.

**Saturday, October 30, 1880.** The rain continued through the night and all day today but the weather is still mild. I went over home this forenoon to sew on the little aprons, and stayed there until 10 ½ o'clock. With Mary's help I got two of them all done and the third is nearly so. The children have been shut up in the house all day and I feel very tired this evening but they are not responsible altogether for I've been busy every minute of the time.

**Sunday, October 31, 1880.** Weather very pleasant. The folks went to S. S. as usual and I went with them to church, it being the first time I've gone since early in the summer. Service is still held in the lecture room as the upper room is undergoing repairs. The Dr preached a very good sermon on "broken cisterns." In the afternoon I taught the children their lessons after which Jimmie took Willie and Carl and went out to see Uncle Sam who is at home with a lame limb caused by falling into a hatchway on a brat. John Peebles is 3 years old today.

**Monday, November 1, 1880.** Lovely day. I've been very much in the notion of celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary but when Ma, Mary, Lizzie and I talked it over this morning I gave it up as unwise owing to my state of health and decided to go out calling with Lizzie in the afternoon. We called on Mrs. Chris Young, and the girls, Mrs. Tewksbury, Libbie Field, Mrs. Grice, Uncle Sam and Aunt Mary, the Misses Gunn, Mrs. D. W. Young, Mrs. Chas Glidden, and I went alone to Dr. Kline's to see his wife.

**Tuesday, November 2, 1880.** Lovely day. Lizzie and I went to see Mrs. Spry and Thyrsa, Mrs. Helfenstein, Mrs. Colten, Ama Ross, Mrs. Elden, Mrs. Gharky and Mrs. Iams, Miss Damarin, Mrs. Lottie Stewart, Mrs. M. B. Ross and Alice and Mrs. J. K. Lodwick and Jennie Carson. Rich went to Cin. I got a new fall hat.

**Wednesday, November 3, 1880.** Weather still very delightful. I sewed or rather basted on the little aprons in the forenoon and after dinner Lizzie and I continued our calling twice. Went to see Mrs. Ella Lloyd, Mrs. Sam Reed, Sallie Peebles, Mrs. Will Green, Mrs. Joe Dunlap a bride, Mrs. Theo Johnson and daughters, Mrs. E. B. Greene and Mrs. Gist, Mrs. Bonsall, Mrs. Peebles and daughters and then I came home and got ready to go over to Pa's to tea. Lizzie was there and we were asked in honor of the day. Our tin wedding day passing with very little extra celebration. We enjoyed our supper with the folks and they gave us some nice tin ware which was very welcome. I wrote to Mother Ricker as usual. Jimmie paid Mr. Broderick and gave me money to pay all the other debts, and have some left. Election returns satisfactory to Republicans. Jas A. Garfield for next President.

**Thursday, November 4, 1880.** Rained very hard this morning nearly all day in fact. Mrs. McFarland came and got the \$9.75 that I owed her. Have sewed and cut out aprons nearly all day. Mary does the machine work and we finished up the last of six for Lizzie all but button holes. I then cut out two prs flannel drawers for Willie. Mrs. Galvin and baby were here.

**Friday, November 5, 1880.** Quite warm and rather cloudy. Ma and I went to Dr. Dennis' this morning and made our engagement for tomorrow then went to Lizzie's, did an errand and I came home. Ma stopped at Mrs. Jones' to attend Molly Fristo's funeral. I finished off the aprons, Dr. Kline was here to see Lizzie. The subject of a trip to Missouri is being agitated.

**Saturday, November 6, 1880.** Rainy and dark. The folks seeming anxious for me to go to Mo, I have been straightening up things and getting plans arranged for the proposed trip. Ma went with me to Dr. Dennis' this morning and I had two teeth

taken out of the left upper jaw, some that have long been too far gone for refilling. I took gas and felt no pain.

**Sunday, November 7, 1880.** The rain is over but it is damp and I did not go to church with the others today. Went over home a little while before supper. Uncle Jimmie was here as usual.

**Monday, November 8, 1880.** Very pleasant. This is brother John's birthday and John and Sallie Peebles' tenth Anniversary. I began in earnest this morning to get ready for the trip, Mary kindly offered to stay with Maggie and Willie and keep house, Ma and Lizzie set to work on a new cloak for little Lizzie and things were progressing finely when a letter from Uncle Drew saying his Willie has Scarlet Fever, put a stop to our preparations as we can not take our little ones out there and risk getting the fever. Rich and Lizzie were here in the evening.

**Tuesday, November 9, 1880.** A most delightful day which I've spent at home working on my black polonaise altering it. Jimmie and I took dinner over home with Ma and Grandma, Aunt Maria and the rest of the family. Pa left on the early train going up near Logan.

**Wednesday, November 10, 1880.** Rainy in the forenoon, pleasant after dinner. Lizzie has not been at all well today and I am glad we were not expecting to go away. Finished fixing my dress and then walked up to Uncle Enos' for the sake of a little sunshine and fresh air.

**Thursday, November 11, 1880.** Very pleasant. Willie was sick all day and did not go to school, he had fever and I gave him powders all the afternoon hoping they would have him all right by tomorrow. Lizzie is better but not well yet.

**Friday, November 12, 1880.** Pleasant but quite cool. Willie was much better this forenoon and after dinner went to school. I am working now on a piece of work for Mary, doing fancy work for Christmas. She does a great deal for me and I am glad of a chance to oblige her. Carl and I went up to Lizzie's and out to Clara Pursell's this afternoon.

**Saturday, November 13, 1880.** A light snow fell nearly all day and the weather was about as dismal as it could be. I worked on the cameras all day and at odd times crocheted on the table mats, finishing off the fourth one.

**Sunday, November 14, 1880.** Very bright and pleasant tho' quite cool. The children went to Sabbath School as usual with their father and all of us but Maggie

went to church. Late in the afternoon a little snow fell and the clouds looked as though we might have more.

**Monday, November 15, 1880.** Bright and beautiful. This forenoon I did several little things necessary to be done then took up the canvass again. Went over home with it after dinner and stayed an hour or two. They are all torn up, putting steam heaters all through the house.

**Tuesday, November 16, 1880.** Quite cool and not very clear. Mr. Rossiter called this morning and got his money for the Tract Society. I made, or rather finished up the new cloak which Ma gave Lizzie for a Christmas gift. Mary sewed up the seams. In the afternoon Mr. Bodie began laying the stone steps in front of the porch. I was out awhile doing errands and just as I reached home, met Mrs. Spry at our door, she sat quite awhile.

**Wednesday, November 17, 1880.** Rather cold for the season. The work of putting steam heaters in goes on over home. I was there awhile today with the canvas work I am doing for Mary. Wrote to Mother Ricker as usual. Was up to Lizzie's.

**Thursday, November 18, 1880.** Quite cold with an inch or two of snow on the ground when we awoke and more fell during the day. We intended taking up a carpet today but, of course did not do it. The calf was taken away this afternoon and we hope to have plenty of milk now. Spent most of my time on the canvas work.

**Friday, November 19, 1880.** Very cold, a real bit of mid winter such as calls for large fires and all the extra clothes and wraps that we have. I have been fixing over Willie's old overcoat for Carl, had it all cleaned and have new sleeves, collar and pockets cut out of the scraps left when I made it four years ago.

**Saturday, November 20, 1880.** Still cold but clear. Took the entire day for me to finish rebinding and fixing up Carl's overcoat but it amply repays me for my trouble when done. Ma was over early this morning and went from here up to Lizzie's. The children went up awhile before supper and took a pitcher of cream. We are having all the milk and cream that we can use, and some to spare.

**Sunday, November 21, 1880.** Real cold and clear. Maggie did not feel well this morning, so did not get up until after we had gone to church. Carl is not very well either but went to S. School. I was over home a little while before tea.

**Monday, November 22, 1880.** Cold and clear. We are all pretty well except Pa who is in bed today. He hurt his side while away week before last and has not yet



recovered from it. No one was here today and I was not out except to go and see Pa a few minutes, am devoting myself assiduously to the canvas work with very slow progress and poor encouragement. Began furnishing some milk for the boat.

**Tuesday, November 23, 1880.** Cold with signs of more snow. Worked on the canvas a little this morning and found the new zephyr<sup>6</sup> was not the right shade so put it away and ripped up Maggie's waterproof to alter and clean. Went over home awhile and later in the day Carl and I went up to see Lizzie and get more zephyr.

**Wednesday, November 24, 1880.** It snowed all day today, which the children enjoyed more than we older ones. Pa is still laid up so I went over to see him and took my waterproof to work on while waiting to see the steam turned on to try the new heaters. Of course there were some leaks to be stopped. John left today for New Orleans. I wrote to Mother Ricker this even. Finished Maggie's waterproof.

**Thursday, November 25, 1880.** Thanksgiving day looks very much like itself with snow three or four inches deep. The children enjoy it greatly and have been out with their sled most of the day. Jimmie and I went over home to dine with Uncle Enos' folks, Aunt Mary Sam was sick and couldn't be there. Aunt Mary Ellen very kindly asked Maggie, Willie and Carl to dine with Ralph, Lucy, Arthur and Beatrice.

**Friday, November 26, 1880.** No school today but more snow and more fun for the little folks. We had our Thanksgiving turkey at home today and as Lizzie just happened in about noon, we sent for Rich and had them eat dinner with us. I spent all of my time on the canvas work today and did not go out anywhere I believe, yes I did too just before dark I ran up to see Maggie O'Connor at Uncle Enos' and then to see Belle Smith a few minutes.

**Saturday, November 27, 1880.** The snow still covers the ground and is very dry, where the walks are swept clean they are as dry as before the snow fell. Went over home a little while before supper to see Pa who is still confined to the house. By diligent work I succeeded in finishing Mary's canvas work about 9 o'clock this evening.

**Sunday, November 28, 1880.** Rained nearly all day long which is proof that the weather is moderating. I got all ready for church but Jimmie advised me to stay at home as it rained steadily and water stood in pools all around. In the afternoon we went over to see Pa a little while.

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<sup>6</sup> *Zephyr*: a fine cotton gingham.

**Monday, November 29, 1880.** Snow is disappearing quite rapidly where the sun shines upon it but in the shade it freezes again, making slippery walking. Had several little odd jobs to do this morning and after dinner I got out Maggie's velvet bonnet and tried to make it over. Did not finish it but hope it can be made to do her. Was over home awhile of course.

**Tuesday, November 30, 1880.** Cloudy all day indicating snow or rain and rain it proved to be by evening. I have spent much of this day over home helping make elephants, we want a herd of them for Christmas and it is quite an undertaking. I laughed until I cried when Ma stuffed the first one. They take an incredible amount of stuffing and are funny looking objects during the process of making.

**Wednesday, December 1, 1880.** Wet and disagreeable. There was some ice on the walks last night but it is not as bad today as we expected. I went over home again today to make elephants and was there most of the day. Pa is still at home though improving. Wrote the usual letter to Mother Ricker.

**Thursday, December 2, 1880.** Weather not so cold as it has been. Elephants are still occupying most of my time. I've made four new ones and put a new cover on Carl's Pompey and now have thin blankets to make. Attended to making mincemeat this afternoon. Have been fixing over Maggie's bonnet. Lillie Johnson was here today.

**Friday, December 3, 1880.** Weather very fair and pleasant. Lizzie was over home most of the day making rabbits and I made elephant blankets from about 9 AM until 11 ½ PM working busily all the time that the children were at school and after they went to bed. Letter from Jennie.

**Saturday, December 4, 1880.** Weather quite mild with signs of rain which were fulfilled in the evening. The hardest rain we have had for a long time fell tonight. Have been doing various things today finished off Maggie's bonnet for one thing. Went to preparatory lecture in the afternoon. The walking is very bad and it grew colder towards night.

**Sunday, December 5, 1880.** The rain poured in torrents nearly all night, flooding the streets and accompanied by hard thunder, this morning it cleared off beautifully and was like spring all day. We went to the usual morning service, all five of us and then Jimmie and I went to Communion in the afternoon.

**Monday, December 6, 1880.** Growing colder again, bright all day but a little snow fell in the evening. Lizzie spent the day over home at work for the Christmas Tree

and I put in most of the day making tusks for my herd of elephants. After we went to bed this evening the fire alarm sounded and Jimmie went out and heard that a car was burned.

**Tuesday, December 7, 1880.** Bright and growing very cold again. I can scarcely keep comfortable in the house by a good fire. Have been making over my velvet bonnet today, having three girls and myself to provide with bonnets and hats I must practice the millinery art a little.

**Wednesday, December 8, 1880.** Snowy and cold. While I was doing some mending this morning Uncle Sam came in, he came to see about an errand I wanted him to do for me. After dinner I went up to Lizzie's where Fannie and Mary Moore, sister Mary and Ma soon followed. After I came home the girls and Mary came to make a short call and I treated them to some ice-cream. I did not accomplish much today.

**Thursday, December 9, 1880.** Weather quite cold and unpleasant. I devoted this day to embroidering a pair of pink merino stocking for Lizzie Greene and finished them off notwithstanding calls. Aunt Mary Ellen and Ralph called and later Dr. Field and Libbie came and sat quite awhile.

**Friday, December 10, 1880.** Pretty cold still but not nearly so much as it has been. Lizzie and her folks spent the day over home and John made us a visit. I have been doing a little at my bonnet but not very much. Was up to Uncle Enos' a few minutes this morning.

**Saturday, December 11, 1880.** Bright over head but very sloppy and slippery under foot. After dinner Ma and I went out to see Aunt Mary who is sick and then I stopped to inquire about Earl Pursell who dislocated his shoulder a week ago. I finished off my bonnet this forenoon and think it will do very well considering I used what I had except the frame and ties.

**Sunday, December 12, 1880.** Rainy and disagreeable. I had such a cold today that I did not venture out of the house. Jimmie and the children went as usual. Willie went with his father in the evening, the first time he has ever gone after dark.

**Monday, December 13, 1880.** Very disagreeable under foot but quite moderate and pleasant over head. Jimmie went to the city today and I've done nothing much except go down street this afternoon with Lizzie. My cold seems much better. My Christmas preparations progress rather slowly.

**Tuesday, December 14, 1880.** Cold is somewhat better but not all gone. Have been busy today with a cradle side board cover for Lizzie. Am trimming it with turkey red calico and briar stitching the stripes fringing the front side.

**Wednesday, December 15, 1880.** Quite cold. Jimmie was up soon after breakfast this morning but the children had been out looking for him ever since daylight. I am almost sick again with cold but went down street with Mary nevertheless to see what we could find. Met Uncles Enos and Sam, Mary Ellen, and Will Young on the street. Jennie and children came.

**Thursday, December 16, 1880.** Bright and cold. I wanted Jennie to spend the day with me but Lizzie had asked her first so she went up there. Was over home a time or two during the day. When at home was busy with the toilette set. Have spent a good deal of time trying to get the right things to make them up with.

**Friday, December 17, 1880.** Weather quite cold. I went down street to do some errands and took Carl to see the sights. Jennie and her children took dinner with us and helped finish up the turkey we commenced on yesterday, she also helped me some with my work. Run the blue ribbon in two of the drab mats.

**Saturday, December 18, 1880.** Rather cloudy. Have been at home all day working busily on a Christmas present for Mother Ricker. Mrs. Towne made me quite a nice call this afternoon. This is the 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her marriage.

**Sunday, December 19, 1880.** Not very cold, indications of rain or snow. Went to church in the morning and spent the day as usual.

**Monday, December 20, 1880.** Quite a deep snow lay on the ground this morning and a little has continued to fall all day. Finished off the sideboard cover for Lizzie and the toilette mats or covers for Mother Ricker. Was over home a few minutes.

**Tuesday, December 21, 1880.** Snowy and disagreeable to be out. Had intended covering Jimmie's foot rest this morning but as I had to go and get some more scraps, I put in the forenoon doing errands. Went over home after dinner again. We do a great deal of running back and forth. Made a pincushion for Mother Ricker to match the toilette set in drab and blue.

**Wednesday, December 22, 1880.** Cold and snowy. Made the cover for the foot rest, of scraps of red and black terry with black satin and velvet stripe. This evening we packed the box for Missouri, I sent Lizzie's large picture to Father Ricker, set of toilette covers to Mother Ricker, silk hdkf to Mat, Ma and Mary sent a handsome

pair of pillow shams and Jennie sent a majolien tea pot, cream pitcher, bowl and sugar B. Wrote a short letter to them.

**Thursday, December 23, 1880.** Quite cold. The box left on the morning train. I went down street this forenoon and paid off most of my bills, all that was outstanding except Mr. Brodbeck's I think. Went to see Lizzie a few minutes. She is about sick, hardly able to be up at all.

**Friday, December 24, 1880.** Cold and clear. The children were home from school early and we dressed them to go to the S. S. celebration then the rest of us got ready and about 5 o'clock we all went over home to Christmas Eve dinner. Mrs. Theo Johnson and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Greene, Dr. and Mrs. Kline, Mr. and Mrs. Ketchum and our own families were there. After we got through supper the doors were opened and the children's Tree displayed. I was down street this forenoon with Carl.

**Saturday, December 25, 1880.** Cold and still trying to snow more. As soon as we could all get ready this morning we went over home to see the tree again. This time it was loaded with gifts for the grown folks and we had a merry time robbing it, great and small seemed in great glee and we each had a number of nice presents. Mary gave me an elegant afghan made of brown (gold brown) satin and crimson plush. Jennie gave me a hairpin cushion in a little basket, Lizzie a wall pocket and a pair of fine towels. We had our dinner at home with Uncle Jimmie for a guest. In the afternoon Willie and Carl went out to Uncle Sam's on an errand and Maggie went up to Uncle Enos' to see their tree. Ella Greene sent for Mary to sit up all night with her tonight.

**Sunday, December 26, 1880.** Clear and very cold. The children went to S. S. as usual but only Carl went with us to church. Lizzie is sick again and William spent most of the day at our house. He has to go wherever he can get anything to eat.

**Monday, December 27, 1880.** Cold and growing colder fast. Sleighing has been good for a week with a prospect of plenty more of it. Ma is sick in bed today something unusual for her, a severe cold being the cause of it. Bart, Jennie, and the children went up to Mrs. Johnson's to dinner but returned early in the afternoon. I was over home three times today.

**Tuesday, December 28, 1880.** Cold, thermometer 8 degrees above zero this morning. Maggie and Willie went out to spend the day with Uncle Sam's children, Carl was invited but as he was sick last night, I kept him at home. Carrie Dunham

and Mr. Brookes were married this morning but the walk to the 2<sup>nd</sup> church was so long and cold that I dared not risk it. Was sorry to miss it. Jennie and family dined with us. Later, we went to see Grandma.

**Wednesday, December 29, 1880.** Whistling cold. Jennie and children Mary, Ralph and Lucy Moore, Arthur and Beatrice Moore came to spend the day with us and we had a live time, no body hurt though and I guess they all had a good time.

**Thursday, December 30, 1880.** Very, very cold, our thermometer was down to 5 degrees below zero this morning. Ma is still in bed with a cold and I was over to see her. We have little time for anything but attending the fires and trying to keep warm. Had a letter from Mother Ricker today and answered it this evening.

**Friday, December 31, 1880.** Weather still very cold with a good deal of snow on the ground yet. Amanda went home today to make a short visit, Mina expects to go when Amanda returns. We have been cleaning up all day in order to begin the new year aright. One more year is added to the past, one that has been very pleasant, and besides having all of the members of our family spared in health since the beginning of the year we are blessed with a new member who we trust will long be a comfort to us.