

May 16 Thursday, Wind, wind, wind, till there

is no rest. I do not feel a bit good. I get so perplexed with my help, that I do not know what to do next. I talk until I am worn out, and it does no good. I even intend to get the dinner myself. I would not have said another word, if she had not put her head into the kitchen again today. I was just foolish ^{enough} to cry, and get a headache. If I could possibly do the work, I would never have a hired girl about me. She is good enough, and good natured, but ^{that} does not do the work. Mrs. Russell's baby was buried today.

May 17 Friday, Mr Burns' brother died last night, rather unexpectedly, although he has been sick a long time. I spent the afternoon there.

Mrs Burns is almost prostrated with the shock.

She is very nervous anyway. Mr. B. will start tomorrow with the remains for his home, in Ohio.

Ma came over this morning evening to get some clothing. She is at Will's now. They are out of help.

The wind is in the north, and rather cool to night.

Our hired man is sick, and he says his wife is sick also. Poor folks, I don't know what they will do. Mr. B. had to go back to the bank to night.

May 18 Saturday I went to see Mrs Burns this morning, found another and Mrs Benson there. I came home and carried Mr B's dinner to him. From there I went to see Mrs. Boyle, and heard that Mr. Boyle was sick in bed. He will just about work himself to death, if he is looked after.

I called on Susie and Mrs Givens, and then came home. I found Mrs. Heamond here, and Pearl Co. and Miss Williams came in.

We had three different views of the place taken yesterday, and they are real good.
 J. A. Matthews came in last night, and stayed with us. We went home today.

May 19 Sunday, Very cool today. Mr. Adams is at Baird, and I went to the Methodist church. Heard a good sermon, but I was very tired when I came back.
 Bernie and I took a drive about six o'clock. Stopped a few minutes at Boyle's to see if we could hear from him. Vallie telegraphed yesterday, but had not heard from it. She is going to the "Beautiful Indian Country" tomorrow, to see after him. We drove out to Gleasonings, and made quite a call. No one there but Mrs. G. & children, and Miss Parker.

May 20 Monday, I went to see Vallie off this morning and found Phil aboard, bound for the cattle ranch in the Ind. Ter. I called at Joe McComb's, to see his mother and sister, and to talk a few minutes.

When I took dinner up, Bernie told me that a message came, saying Boyle was at work again.

Mr. Herross is cutting the wheat today. It has been very hot part of the time, but the wind is in the north again now 5 P.M. and is much cooler. The artists was over again, and got a picture while they are harvesting.

May 21 Tuesday, We have been using a shotgun on the turn Hogs today. They are determined to destroy our wheat, and we are going to mix it with them.

We had Mrs. Joe McComb, Mrs. John Gibson, and two children, and grandma McComb to tea with us to night, yes and mother. It was very hot in the middle of the day, but the nights are cool.

Mom told me that Augustia Reynolds had a baby girl.

May 22 Wednesday Cloudy and cool to day. Ma

and I went to Coffee's a little while to see Sallie Reynolds. Ma went back to Mills. I am watering the plants to day. Not much hope of rain.

Something bit me on the shoulder two days ago, and it has been troubling me some.

May 23 Thursday It has been very warm again to day. Will and his family were over and took tea with us. The little folks seem to enjoy coming over and playing on the creek. They run nearly all the time.

I had a basket of young turkeys (15) that amused them some. Sallie Reynolds and Georgia Coffee staid here last night, and till afternoon.

May 24 Friday. Carrie Hoover and Ella spent the night with May. And went home this morning. I watered plants all the morning, and left it to May this afternoon. I took Barnie's dinner to him and staid a while. Then I visited Mrs Best and the girls Miss Robinson and Hovigan. From there I went to Campbells, and then I called at Mrs. Burns.

We had a lovely rain about 7 o'clock, and quite a lot of hail. Every thing looks so fresh and nice.

I will not have to turn the water on to morrow, for which I am duly thankful.

May 25 Saturday. Another shower to day early, and the rest of the day hot. I was quite busy this morning, with house work, and looking after turkeys, and then I went out and shot two doves for Barnie's dinner. This afternoon I did some sewing for May. Ma came over this afternoon.

Mr. Council took some money for us, and a great many her with it.

May 26 Sunday It has been very warm today, &

went to Sabbath school and church, but did not enjoy anything, because I had on the wrong shoes, and they pinched. Ma went back to Will's.

We had a little shower this afternoon, and a good prospect for more to night. I hope it will come. We will not venture to church any way.

May 27. Monday. All the shower came and a hard wind with it, which made the room sick as usual. We had to take another room last night. This morning I found six of my fine chickens drowned.

I went in the field this afternoon to shoot some birds, and shot a skunk. About dark I saw a lot of birds sailing around, and I took one on the wing. He had a large head, long wings, and a very small body. I have felt very unwell today, but have done a lot of work, and tramping.

My better half had to go back to the bank to work to night. I am afraid that work is going to be too much for him. Georgia Coffey came over this afternoon to recite her lessons with Mag. I think it will be an advantage to Mag to have some one to work with her.

May 28 Tuesday Did some sewing, and finishing up of some garments. My Ma was over awhile, this afternoon, and Mary Hammond came for flowers to decorate the church for a marriage. Miss Coperton and Will Lynch.

May 29 Wednesday We had a good hard rain last night, that drowned some more of my chicks.

Sallie R. stayed with us last night. I went to George's, and Will's this afternoon, ate dinner at the bank with Bonnie. We have a good stiff weather up to night. I shot a dove today, and Bonnie shot two.

May 31 Friday. Weather very pleasant. Mrs.

Hoover and children spent the day with us. The boys had a fine time playing on the creek.

Miss Adams and Crofton called this afternoon.

Susette M. came in with Mrs. Crozier and Johnson. Game 1 Saturday. Ma and I put in another quilt to day, day before yesterday, and spent yesterday and last night with us. They went home to day.

Game 2 Saturday. Mother and I put in a quilt to day, and all hands of us quilted it about half out. It is a worsted quilt - that Mother Bartholomew made. I walked up with Bernies dinner, and then after sundown I walked to Mr. Connells on a little errand, and I am very tired to night.

Game 2 Sunday. It has looked very much like rain again to day. It rained a little, and blew quite hard last night, broke a little tree in the yard.

I did not feel like going to Sabbath school to day but went to church. I am a little weary to day.

Ma took a long walk since dinner to look at the turkeys, they range a long way from the house.

Game 3 Monday. Nellie had headache, and I did an unusual amount of work this morning. Afternoon I quilted some, and took cousin Sallie up to Myers and Georges, and heard that Mrs. Shank was dying, and help hard to get.

Game 4 Tuesday. Last night after supper, Nellie and I went to Hanks, and staid till two o'clock. Mrs. Will Manning, Mrs. Myer and Mrs. Howsley were there.

She died at 12, and we dressed her. She had quite a hard blow and rain while there. The clouds looked very ugly indeed. Callum brought us nearly home

on his float, we managed to get here by the flashes of lightning. I am feeling very much worn out to day. Mr. & Mrs. Connell and Shrum robbed our bus to day and got a good lot of berries, but most of it was very dark. It looks very much like rain again to day.

June 5 Wednesday. I was busy all the morning. ~~At~~ Afternoon I took mother to the dressmakers, and to Hills, came back and finished a skirt for May, and attended E. P. Barbers wedding at 7 P. M. at the baptist church. Mont Shumer was here for supper, and I got up from the table at just 15 minutes before 7 dressed myself and helped May dress, and got to the church just in time, about ten minutes past.

June 6 Thursday. Bernie had to work in the bank till ten last night. I'm getting tired of this night and day business. It will wear him out if he don't think so. I went to prayer meeting after the wedding, and I feel this ~~evening~~ to day very much like I had done some work yesterday. I took a horse back ride this afternoon. Went to see Mrs. Adams and Dave Lee this morning.

June 7 Friday. Very warm. Sallie R. came over to day. I picked about a quart of black berries to day, and have had some several times. Mr. Clark sent me a basket of peaches yesterday, they are very nice for the season.

June 8 Saturday. May, Nellie and I, went to an ice cream supper last night, given for the benefit of the Christian church. The wind blew very hard last night, and I think there must have been a storm somewhere. I did not sleep till after midnight. It was unusually warm. Bernie has been suffering from a spider bite for a week. His hand is very red and swollen.

June 9 Sunday. This is Childrens day and the entire

services were conducted by the children and Sabbath School.
 Bernie did not go out, as he is not feeling at all well.

Sister Sallie and May are over. The weather is much cooler than yesterday was. The wind is in the north west, and cool enough for winter clothes.

June 10 Monday. Sallie came home with me from church last night. The childrens exercises last night were very good indeed. I have been running around with Sallie nearly all day. It is still very cool. Mrs. Benson and Maide Campbell went to Walnut Springs to day. Bernie had to work again to night so I went up to the bank with him.

June 11 Tuesday. We had some rain last night and a fine shower this morning 4 PM. It has been raining nearly all day. I have been copying an old journal, written in 1864 by Sam Wacoomb, on a trip to the San Saba River. I thought it would be interesting to Gus. I have done a little snowding, and killed two doves at one shot, and shot twice without killing anything.

June 12 Wednesday. It rained nearly all night, and some this morning. I ~~He~~^{He} went out early looking after the turkeys, and hunting birds. I got so wet and muddy, that I had to change all of my clothes, but I have killed ⁽¹⁴⁾ fourteen birds to day, five at one shot. I have tramped after them until I am quite tired. I starched the clothes, and got dinner besides. We had a bird pie for dinner. It has fared off and is very hot. Sallie went home to day. She must have had a muddy drive. Yesterday was our missionary day, but it was too wet to go. This is prayer meeting night and I am too tired to go. At least I feel that way now.

I got enough peaches for supper last night out of our garden.

June 13 Thursday I went to hunt a dressmaker this morning, but found every body busy, so I went to Ozcas and got some patterns, and cut and fit two dresses for May. I spent the day there, but did not expect to when I went, I went in to see Susie and the new boy. He is just like little Willie, and weighs 11 lbs, born the 11th. Both doing nicely. It has been very warm this afternoon. I killed one dove George, Bettie, Leola & and May M. left to day for Han-

June 14 Friday, I finished the dresses, except buttons on one, and took two long tramps after birds. Killed nine. Sent two to Bernie for dinner, two to Susie, two to Miss Lee, and gave two to Georgia Coffee. The other was a chapparel, that I killed for Bettie to look at. She started for the cows, and the horse threw her off. Then she wanted me to ride him, so I galloped up to Will's and back, and gave him a sweat, and myself to. I feel like I had been exercising the day.

June 15 I packed a little to day for our anticipated trip to the Spring Palace, late this afternoon. I killed two birds, and after supper I rode up to Will's. We concluded to go down to North tomorrow, as it would give Bernie one more day down there, so I finished packing after I got home. May does not want to know whether she is in her head or her feet. She is excited at the idea of going.

June 16 Friday Last Sunday morning, we got a livery team, and drove to Baird 28 miles. Got a little shabby dinner there, and took the train at 12 little after 12. With a little trouble we got seated, the train was very much crowded, but we finally got settled on a sleeper, and arrived in the fort at half past six, and took a hack to J. B. Bartholomeas, found them in on the porch, taking the evening air. They did not get our telegram, so they were a little surprised.

Monday the 17 we took in the Palace, which I think is a perfect marvel of beauty, in the afternoon we rested. Tuesday the 18 Barrie May and myself went downtown and had some pictures taken, Flora B. was with us but she said she did not want any pictures, she wanted to go to "Bap," that is her father, so on there we went to the Ellis Hotel to call on Mrs. McDonald, Moore, Leonard, and the all went out to look at the new Baptist church, which is very pretty. Afternoon Nathan, John, Flora, May & I went to the palace again, to hear the famous Edgier Baird, We heard it last night and it is splendid, indeed. May and I took in the Cyclorama after the concert was over. She and Nathan went yesterday also.

Wednesday 19 Barrie and I went home, I started over to show May a little of the city, but we did not get around much. May was so pleased with the palace, that she did not want to come home.

Thursday 20 We came home, the day was very warm, as well as the day before, the train was literally packed.

Barrie met us at the train with the pheasant, and we got in feeling first rate, found everything alright, and the wheat thrashed, 304 1/2 bushels.

June 21 Friday. To day I was busy cleaning the house a little unpacking and putting away clothes, and shooting birds. I killed eight.

June 22 Saturday. It has been real cool and pleasant in doors today, but rather hot walking in the field. I bagged eighteen birds to day. Sent two to Susie, four to Mrs. Bradley, six to Mrs. Gates, and six to Campbell. I feel rather tired to night, I did most of my tramping after five o'clock. I spent the afternoon with Susie and Olga, Susie and the baby are doing nicely.

June 23 Sunday. Went to church and Sabbath school today but did not feel like going to night. Mr Coons called this afternoon. It has been very warm.

June 24 Monday. Myra came over this morning and brought mother. she is going to the ranch Wednesday. Davie L. is not well. Mrs. Thompson and Miss Parker were over this afternoon, and I had a pleasant call. I killed 15 birds today. I have more fun shooting than I've had in long time.

June 25 Tuesday. We had a little weather last night, and it rained nearly all night. The creek got up some.

Mother took a long walk after turkeys. and got her feet wet and I went after birds, and got mine wet. but I got 16 sixteen with six shots, and twice I missed, which made 8

Eanna Coffee came over this afternoon and staid to tea. it is the first time in a great while.

June 26 Wednesday. Mother went to Sollis today. Shamm & McConnell robbed some more hives today got some splendid honey. I got 14 birds today. I saw a pure white dove today, the first I ever saw. I would like to get it. I finished a dress for myself today.

June 27 Thursday. It has been very warm today. We were surprised to see Dr. Little at meeting last night. He made a very good talk on temperance, as that is the subject of our next Sabbath School lesson. I took Bernie his dinner, and took Mrs Adams four birds. (I killed six) and spent the afternoon with her. I got a basket of peaches out of George's garden.

June 28 Friday. I went out before breakfast and got six birds. I and got very wet besides. after breakfast I got nine more and among them was the white one. Mrs Adams and I made five calls this afternoon.

June 29 Saturday Mrs. Campbell and I made some

baguets, and her two girls with Ella B. and our May, sold them to get missionary money. They made 35 cents each, pretty good for a beginning. It was quite warm all the morning but was cloudy in the afternoon and rained some. The little girls were here until four o'clock, then I took them home in the rain. I killed 28 birds to day.

June 30 Sunday. We brought Mr. & Mrs. Thompson home with us to eat birds. Bernice broiled them. It has showered some to day. I fear we can not get out to night. Mr. Farnus is to preach to night.

July 1st Monday. There was a good crowd out to hear the young man last night, and he did first-rate. I have done a lot of trotting around to day, and am real tired to night. I killed 25 birds to day, and took a horse backride since supper. Mr. E. P. Davis took supper with us to night.

July 2nd Tuesday. This morning I washed a couple of dresses and a shawl, and did a lot of stirring around. I took the dinner up to my better half, and went to see Mrs. Bradley. She leaves for San Antonio tomorrow, to join her husband who has been there for some weeks under the doctors care. Dear brave little woman, I hope she may have the pleasure of seeing her husband restored to health again, but I am fearful that she will not.

I was picking some honey suckles this morning, and got stung by a half dozen wasps, and my hand is still badly swollen, and painful. I killed nine birds at three shots late this evening.

July 3 Wednesday. It rained all night and most all the morning, and has been real cool to day. I have been doing some more tramping after birds to day, got 23, and killed

some that I could not find. I think it is too muddy to go to meeting to night. Mr. B. had to go back to work to night.

July 4 Thursday. May and I drove out to Glennings this morning to see the new baby, and I left May out there. The wind was in the north, and I felt like I needed a wrap. It has been a hazy, Indian Summer looking day, real queer looking weather for the fourth of July. I took fourteen doves to Mrs. J. and she gave me a basket of peaches, and a jar of jam.

I killed 10 doves, and a whip-poor-will to day. Poor little whip-poor-will flew in the yard, and I did not know what it was, so I shot it to find out.

I am almost sick to see any children, but do not know when I can go.

July 5 Friday. I pared peaches and made preserves, and had the blues besides. I am so worried some time at the way things are done, or rather not done, that I feel like I would never have help again, if I cannot have better. I have tried ever since March to have an earlier breakfast, but I presume that if we ever have it earlier, that I shall have to cook it myself and if I do that, I had just as soon do all the housework of the week. I called Mrs. attention to the silo to day, and remarked that no one would know what it was made of, it was not polished. "O well we can tell them," was the reply. One day I told her that it did no good to talk to her. "No," she said, "it does not seem like it, for you have talked enough to run a mill already. That's just it, and I shall quit talking and do the work myself. There will be more satisfaction in it."

I called on Mrs. James this afternoon, had a pleasant call and brought the young minister home with me, and kept him till after tea. He is very entertaining.

I had just one cartridge, and I killed one bird to day.

July 6 Saturday, I got up and got most of the break-

fast this morning, and kept right on until nearly noon cleaning the back porch and various other things, and I got quite tired. I fixed a white wrapper and put it on to take Bernie's dinner to him, and just as I started I caught in the door, and tore it. I pinned it up as I was in a hurry, and went on, but I felt a little put out.

Soon after bank I went to see Mrs. Adams, as I heard she was sick. She said if she did not have dengue, it was something very much like it. Soon there I went to see Mrs. Gucker, and took her in the buggy and drove to Mrs. Gleanings' store awhile and got May (she had been making much fuss, and looked dreadfully dirty) and drove to Hamb's to see the baby, it is the least one I ever saw. I brought

Mrs. J. in home and kept her till after tea. Gardner Given and Frank Leonard were over shooting, so I called them in to supper also. I caught them on the wing, so to speak.

~~I have just~~ Since supper I took Mrs. J. home. I called and took in Mrs. Gates, and drove her up to see the small baby, we called at Will's also, and Givings, to see the babies.

There is so much high water that we have had but very little eastern mail this week.

July 7 Sunday. It is quite warm and cloudy to day. This was communion day, but we had a very slim attendance. But there are a goodly number of our members away, and more going. Our church is getting quite small. I am feeling a little unwell to day.

We had a pleasant call from Mr & Mrs. Burns, this afternoon.

July 8 Monday I just about worked myself down this morning in the kitchen. I am tired of the way things are carried on in there, and I presume that if they are done right I shall have to do it. Things went cranky at noon and I walked up with the dinner. I met

Campbell children with the team, and I went home with them, and laid down all the while I was there. Myra brought one home, and Mrs. Given rode over with us for a few minutes, and we had some nice peaches out of our garden. I killed five birds after I got home.

July 9 Tuesday. I shot a bird this morning and the gun kicked so hard it gave me the headache. I gathered five large bogus this morning to take up home, thought I would sell them if I could, it some thing I never did in my life, and I hardly know how to get at it. Just as I got Mr. B's dinner ready, I found that my horse was out in the big pasture. So I rode up on the float with Johnson (our hired man) he is hauling wood from the depot. And I got laughed at but I don't care. I got there without walking, if I did get a good shaking up. I sold some of my flowers, 70 cents worth, and gave the rest away. I am watering flowers today as much rain as we have had. It is cloudy and threatening now.

I made a little pillow of dove feathers today, it is very soft and nice, and I presume it is ~~very rare~~ the only one ever made in the country.

July 10 Wednesday This morning about nine o'clock Nellie, May and I started to uncle Joe Matthews ranch to see Alice Lyons married. Two miles out of town we overtook Mr. Gifford's family in a heavy wagon, we had a spare seat and we invited the grandmother Mrs. Storer, in with us. We arrived at Mr. M.'s at 12 o'clock without any trouble except to go a mile on the wrong road. There were quite a number there. Grace wife of Paul M. and Sallie among the number, every thing passed very pleasantly. Had a nice dinner and plenty of it. Nellie went up to the ranch with Sallie and I brought Gus Powell and Florence Spars

and little Joe Hoover in with me, Got here at

7 P. M., in time as I thought to get Bernie supper, but he had cooked it and was eating, The ride home was quite hot and tiresome.

July 11 Thursday, It has been very hot to day, but May and I have managed to get through with work alright. I got up tired from my long ride and have been tired all day, besides having a bad headache all the afternoon. May has been to Miss Brown's music room, to practice for an entertainment to be given next week.

Blake Barber took tea with us to night, The first time in several years. I killed one bird to day. The shocks have been taken out of the field, and I will not get so many now, for the gun is too heavy with out a rest.

July 12 Friday, I am well right worn out, made some plum jam and jelly to day, and had two hares for dinner. Killed three birds, and sewed some on a dress, May sold 45 cents worth of flowers to day.

July 13 Saturday Mrs. Adams and Crofton called late yesterday about dark, I think I have been on my feet all day nearly, and of course I feel the effects of it. May sold 90 cents worth of flowers to day.

July 14 Sunday, We had a slim audience at church to day, some sick, and so many gone. Campbell's family left Wednesday for Rockport. Mr. Davis and Tucker Baker called this afternoon. I have felt very weary all day, did not get to Sabbath school. Bernie helped clean up this morning or I should not have gotten through.

July 15 Monday. I was silly enough to walk to church

last night, and I got up very tired, and my house work and cooking up the balance of my plums kept me on my feet till 3 o'clock, with all the help that May could give me. Uncle Joe was here for dinner, and Barnie came with him, the first time except Sunday in so long a time. I watered the flowers Friday Saturday, and to day, that takes a great many steps.

I sold 50 lbs. of honey to day. May is on again with a basket of flowers. I had a very pleasant call this afternoon from young James.

May has returned all smiles, with a big new dollar she is quite enthusiastic over her missionary work.

July 16 Tuesday. Been making jelly and jam to day and watering the yard so I am quite weary to night. May and I walked over to Mrs. Chisom's since tea.

Billie came in this afternoon, just bubbling over with things to tell about the good times she had at the ranch. Sallie and John came in to go north.

July 17 Wednesday. Sallie and John took dinner with us to day, and Sallie looks and feels miserable. Hope she will come home feeling better. I am not feeling well myself.

July 18 Thursday. Mrs. J. B. Matthews and Mrs. Lemenet started to Gall River Mass. to day, and Sallie and J. A. started to Ham. Cal. and other places.

May sold \$2.30 two dollars and thirty cents worth of flowers to day. I have about run myself down to day, and am in no good condition to go to the River tomorrow. The concert was real good, a full house and every one seemed to enjoy it.

Rested gun on man's head

Wingsville Ranch, Grockmorton Co.

July ¹⁹ 22, May and I left Albany at 4:30 A.M. and got here at 3 o'clock P.M. after a very hard hot ride. Broke the buggy tongue trying to cross the river at a place where no one else has crossed in months, I did not cross either, I found the right place after a hard hot time of it, and got knocked down with a wire gate. I drove up and got out, and into the house before any one knew I was on the place. I walked in with a bloody nose, a very red face and a shot gun, and scared Minnie, and no wonder, and I almost too tired for anything. I killed four owls on the road, and five birds since I came. I found Gus in the field eating grass, and Minnie was alone.

July 20 Saturday I feel better to day, but am tired and sore, I have black spots nearly all over me, but I am thankful that I have no broken bones.

Mrs. Dixon and Kilhi Gough came yesterday eve and spent the day night, yesterday and to day have been the hottest of the season, or it seems so to me.

May and I took a tramp in the field, and I got some birds by resting the gun on May's head, I think it is just as comfortable at work as doing nothing, for we can't keep cool any way.

July 21 Sunday. We have tried all day to rest, and read a little. It is very very warm.

Dixon and his boy were over and spent the day. Ben and his family are in Grockmorton attending meeting, and Dixon says he thinks Ben will "join the church, and if he does I'll have to go over and join too. Jennie Matthews went to Albany to day and left two of her girls here, Essie and Alice.

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July 22 Monday. There were two men by name of

Smith came last night to help haul hay, and Dixon came this morning. He brought two fine watermelons. May and I ironed for Minnie while she got dinner. I went out about five o'clock and brought in sixteen birds.

Stone Ranch

July 23 Tuesday. He came over here last evening. Found Ethel sick, but she met me at the gate eating a peach. This is a regular ranch of women. Mother Mrs. Carson, Mrs. Johnson, and Mrs. Overton. Mr. O, and a little darker, are all the men in the place. Florence and Lucy Barber came over this afternoon. Alice and Mrs. O. went to the Pleasant View ranch today.

Dunkham Bend.

July 24 Wednesday. I came over with Florence yesterday. Ben took Lucy and Mrs. Dixon to Shrockmorton this afternoon. I killed 20 birds last evening and today. Joe and Jack watches for them at the lot, and tells me when they are there. Jack says you will sure get 'em, if you get a lick at 'em every day. They are at my heels all the time when I am out with gun.

Stone Ranch

July 25 Thursday. Mrs. Gentry brought me over yesterday evening. I left Florence looking lonely, but I left May with her, and May came over today. I have been a little sick, but I must go home tomorrow. The river is up a little. We had a good shower last night.

Albany Tex.

July 26 Friday. We got home at 2:30 P. M. Had a hot ride. Minnie was coming with me, but she was afraid to cross the river. I was real disappointed. I killed two plovers and a rabbit on the way that makes sixty five birds since I left home.

Johnson is sick, and Herbert Gilledge is here doing the chores, but he is not much force.

July 27 I have been trying to rest today, but the weather is too warm for comfort. I had Herbert tending the water. May sold a dollar and fifteen cents worth of flowers today. I killed 3 birds today.

July 28 Sunday. I did not try to go to Sabbath School. The weather is so oppressive, but perhaps I ought to have gone. Sam Butler stepped in very unexpectedly this morning. He is right from Kassimie Fla.

July 29 Monday. Hot as ever. I killed a rabbit: did some mending, made a pillow of chicken feathers, and got dinner. Since dinner I went in the bath tub, and am trying to keep cool, which is impossible this weather. Mr. Davis, and Jacker Baker were over last evening, and Sam Diller took tea with us. The wind has been blowing from the north all day, and tonight is more comfortable.

July 30 Tuesday Last night was very pleasant. The air is full of smoke like there might be prairie fires. Mrs. Gagg and Mrs. Duffie called this afternoon, and a drawing master was here, trying to get up a class. Elgin Wolfe came tonight to do the work. I killed four birds today, and a rabbit yesterday. May went back to the ranch today, with Overton and Alice.

July 31 Wednesday. I commenced taking lessons in drawing today, and commenced some table linen. I have had some shelves put in the end of a closet for table and bed linen, and been arranging it today.

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Mr. and Mrs. Adams called last night. The weather is just awful warm, and I head ^{aching} ~~ache~~ to bad to go to prayer ^{to night}. The weather is very oppressive.

August 4 Sunday. I have been too hard at work to write the past three days. Five hours at art lessons, and it is so extremely warm, that I am thoroughly exhausted when I get home, that I do not feel like doing a thing, although I have made myself a mother husband between times. Our ergoanthemums are about to die for water. We had a sprinkle this morning, but all signs have vanished now. I went to see Mrs. Coffee as I went to Sunday school, she is in bed, and has been the last two weeks, but I did not know it. The old dutchman Strodler and Dr. Garner were buried Friday.

Barnie's Portrait

Aug 6 Tuesday. I finished Barnie's portrait today. Don't know whether he likes it or not, for he did not say a word. Mrs. and Mrs. Smith from Round Rock spent last evening with us, and she nearly went ballistic with her talk. I went to call on Mrs. Wilson yesterday at noon, as it is the only spare time I have.

Aug 7 Wednesday. Sallie and her family came in last night, and I went to Will's again today to visit her. She has a very sore throat. After I got through with lessons I went up and brought her over, and found our husbands and J. C. Lynch here waiting for supper. May Joe & Ella were here also.

Aug 8 Thursday. Sallie and I and the children went to Coffee's last evening to see the sick. Poor old much Ben is having a hard time with his eyes.

Sallie went home today. She is anxious to see the little one. Joe was sick last night. One squirrel

carried her little ones away two days ago. they had just opened their eyes, and I suppose she thought, it time for them to run their own boat.

Aug 9 Friday I finished a picture of myself to day to day. I have been almost sick all day, and nearly worn out. The work is about as much as I can stand, sticking to it so closely, but I like it very much.

The committee for getting up an exhibit for the Dallas fair, met to day at the bank, but few came and very little was done. The nights are very much pleasanter now.

Aug 10 Saturday. I killed two rabbits this morning before breakfast. they were playing in the road like a pair of kittens. We had them for dinner, and they were very nice and tender. I have been worried almost sick to day with hellie. I feel like I could not stand it much longer. It is a perfect shame, to pay a good wages for help, and have the work just half way done, and that is the way mine pans out. I just had to cry. It was either that or have a regular row, and of all things I detest rows. May got home to day.

Aug 11 Sunday I went to church and Sabbath School and church, but got awfully tired. I certainly am getting worn out. Dixon and Sealie staid here last night.

Hellie has gone to 3 o'clock Sabbath School with the Wolfe family.

Aug 12 Sunday. I worked too hard last week to look at my journal. Finished my drawing lessons Wednesday, and was thoroughly tired out. Have done some at home, and have got Hellie sketching one place for her first, and I think it will be rather hard as it takes in a lot of the town.

Yesterday was much cooler than usual, and today is quite pleasant. Mrs. Moody and the Campbells were here yesterday. Byron Barber also. I killed six nice fat doves yesterday, and they tasted real good. We have a man building brick flues to the house. Mrs. Campbell and children came over from church with us, and spent the afternoon. Nellie was sick this morning but is able to visit the Holmes this afternoon. I have been under the weather the last two days. I do hope it will rain, every thing is so dry.

Aug 19 Monday I worked on mother's picture today until I tired my eyes. The man is still at work on the flues. I went to see uncle Ben this afternoon and took him some birds, but he said he could not eat a ^{coring dove}.

Aug 20 Tuesday I spent the day at Campbells & Hills, called on Mrs. Given and Horrell. I walked and am very tired to night.

Aug 21 Wednesday I went to see Mrs. Stanstone this morning she is in bed sick, called on Lee Streight and Mrs. Stone, and went to Campbells on an errand, and got home at noon all worn out with a headache besides. Grand Jiffon and Leola Moody were here while I was away. Mrs. Sears, Mrs. Powell, Gertie Burns & and young James called this afternoon.

This is my son's twentyfourth birth day. How time flies, and how soon little ones grow up, and grow old, almost before we are aware of it.

Aug 22 Thursday Mr. Adams is at campmeeting, and we had no prayer meeting last. The weather is so warm and so few people in town, it is hard to get a congregation. I have been almost sick to day, but have done a little work. It is cloudy, and I hope it is fixing to rain.

It is seventeen years to day since Mr. B. and I were married, and that is quite a good little while ituff, I wanted to take his dinner up and eat with him but was feeling too miserable. I had a letter from brother

Glenon to day and he is feeling blue at the outlook, I hope things will brighten up and be better for all who are in trouble in any way.

I had a pleasant call to day from Mrs Thompson and her sister, Miss Lettie Mc Millan.

Aug 23 Friday. I am still feeling quite miserable but have done a little work, bundling some on brother's picture, and helping Lettie with hers, and shooting some. I killed four young quails yesterday at one shot, and they were very nice. Shot six doves to day.

Aug 24 Saturday. I've been lopping around all day, don't feel like doing anything much. Sallie Wolfe came over to see Nell, and seemed very anxious to have her go to ride, and she went, her brother Davis is at home, and I suspect that he is going with them.

Aug 25 Sunday. Didn't go to church to day, hardly been able to be up just dragging around, and feeling like I had fever. May has gone over to see Mrs Thompson, her S. D. teacher. Mrs. I is going away next week. I am very sorry to have them go.

Nellie had a call from Sallie W. and her bro, and they have all gone over to the park. I should not wonder if she wonder if she should clean up with the Wolfes some day, and leave me to do the work myself.

Aug 26 Monday. Early this morning Mrs. Crow

came in to see if I would give art lessons to her daughter Mattie. I told her that I would do the best that I could for her. So we commenced right off.

After a while Dr. King came over with his wife to see me to get all the information they could concerning the art system, and then Mrs. Coffey called for a parrot. Mattie is taking hold right well.

Aug 27 Tuesday, I walked over last evening to bid Mrs. Thompson good by. She was thoroughly worn out from packing. I regret very much to have them go.

I am feeling my little walk this morning, as I lack a good deal of being strong yet. Nell is about sick to day. I killed a quail to day.

Aug 28 Wednesday My pupil finished her land scape to day. Mr. W. Lee was here to day hunting a place to board his little sister Bessie this winter as the family will be at the ranch. I promised to take her. Mrs. Coffey was over this afternoon.

Aug 29 Thursday. Mattie commenced on a portrait to day, and the model is the poorest of the poor. I am sure that none of us will be satisfied with it. Weather very hot.

Aug 30 Friday. May went at five o'clock to Ella Reynolds party, and I went up at the same time to see Mrs. Mattheas, she has just returned from her trip east. I went to one children played on the lawn, and in doors and ate ice cream, cake and melons to their hearts content. Ten ladies went in and enjoyed cream and cake after the children were through. It tasted unusually good to me, as I was just in the humor for it.

I sold a dozen chickens to day Mr. B. says we must get rid of all, but the light-brahmas, but I do not

quite like the idea.

Aug 31 Saturday. We just about finished up that awful looking picture to day. The whole crew family and Mary Gage came in to see. Sallie Wolfe and Doug Goffe were here also. Nellie has been sick to day. I drove up to see how Mrs. Stone and Annie Vandervoort were getting on with their class.

Sep 1 Sunday. Mr. Leveaux the banker of Chico came here last night. We all went to church but I did not attempt to go to Sabbath school. The day has been very warm. May went to visit Mr. L. to Grinde Gleanings this afternoon. L. P. Barber and wife made us a short call to day.

Sep 2 Monday. This usually my hardest day. Things go cranky on weekdays very often. And I am thoroughly tired to night. Mr. L. left this morning. I killed nine birds, and got Mattie started on another picture. She is doing Mr. Bartholomew's, as she had no good one of her family to copy. The mission band met this afternoon at Mrs. Burns' and arranged for an ice cream supper Friday night. Annie Vandervoort was over this morning.

Sep 3 Tuesday. It is some cooler to day and tried to rain some. I am rather under the weather. Mr. B. is late getting home this afternoon, but he is very often late on Tuesdays especially when I can see that the windows of the lodge room is open. He thinks that I take it for granted that business is pressing, at least I suspect he does. I don't ask any questions about it. Chick goes the gate. I hear his welcome foot step, and here he is. He says, we almost got buried in the dust up town to day. And it took you a great deal longer to get out of it says I. I stopped about an hour at

The hall, was the reply, and he went to framing pictures, so I will get up and help.

Sep 4 Wednesday, Bernie was quite sick today, and I had to go over after him. Go day has been very hot.

Sep 5 Thursday. We had a little shower last night, and it is quite cool today. I had Nellie and Edzie take up carpets in the two front rooms, and begin cleaning up, and we have not got a place fit to sit in now, as every thing is piled around in the other rooms.

Mattie finished her last picture today, and I am glad, for I am so tired. I killed nine doves and a rabbit today.

Sep 6 Friday. Mr. Gullelge has been fixing places for stove pipes today, been having them changed, and Bernie wants to paint the ceiling, before the carpets goes down again, and he has no time except after bank hours, and this afternoon we had company. Susie & Mrs. Wilson, Uncle Ben and Mr. Clark called, but they did not get out of the buggy, as it is rather hard for Mr. Clark to get in and out. Clark said they were a combination of the halt and blind, and they were really a pitiful looking combination. And the worst of all was an odor of bad whiskey from Mr. C.

Nellie baked a cake for the childrens supper to night.

Sep 7 Saturday. There were not many out last night, but the children seemed to enjoy themselves. They took in \$18⁰⁰ and there expenses were \$7, not much for the weather, but they had a good time. I am pretty well tired out. May went over to help clear up, and she came in rather tired at noon, and said that Mrs Campbell was sick, so this

This afternoon I went up to see her. I called at

Burns and Adams, and took Mrs. I along with me. She had a hard spell of cholera morbus, but was better. I stopped at Will's to see Jennie Matthews. She is quite sick and has been for a week or two. Then I went and took uncle Ben for a short drive, but it is very dusty and bad for his eyes. Mr. Adams went to Stephensville today, and his son will preach for us tomorrow.

Sep 8 Sunday. I was too near sick to go to Sabbath school. May is sick too, in fact we are a puny family lately. Crofton A gave us quite a good sermon today. But he had a slim audience there are so many sick. I drove up to Campbell's from church and left Chubbie there to help them a little. Myra is better, but quite weak. It looks very much like rain tonight.

Sep 9 Monday. We had some rain last night and it has been raining nearly all day. I have been cleaning some, and various things, killed 16 doves, and sent half of them to the sick over the way. Didn't any of us go to church last night.

Sep 10 Tuesday. We got the carpet down yesterday, and today we put things to rights, but have not quite finished the front room. We had a bird pie for dinner and it was good. It has been raining most all of day and I am thankful, I love to hear it pound down.

We have washed every dirty thing on the place, and still the water is wasting, we have not turned it into the cistern. I am very sore today from my work yesterday, and have been on the go all day again. Mrs. Stone and Dr. King called today. Bettie R. and Saulu got home last night.

Sep 11 Wednesday He cleaned another room to day, and I hope we will see the end of the cleaning soon, for I am about worn out. May and I did some ironing. Bernie came home to dinner to day.

Sep 12 Thursday He oiled the furniture and and put the clean room to rights to day. Nell wanted to tackle another this afternoon, but I vetoed it. Sallie Wolfe spent the afternoon with her, so guess she is glad she is not house cleaning. Uncle Ben came over this morning. The creek was on a boom yesterday.

Friday

Sep 13 Friday. Mr. Meyer has been fixing stove pipes for most of day. Elgie started to plow, but it is to wet. Nell is cleaning the dining room to day. I am trying to let her run that, after I helped to get the things out. Uncle Ben left us this morning. Poor old fellow, he is getting real feeble, but his eyes are better. D. C. Campbell got in last night. I guess they will all return after a while. I have three brothers out yet.

May is spending the day with Mrs. Adams.

Last Wednesday I got stung on the forehead by a bee and it has given me a lot of trouble. Mrs. Worrell called to day.

Sep 14 Saturday I put things in shape in the dining room this morning, and this afternoon I went to see Betty. She and Lulu look tired out. They have been house cleaning ever since they got home. I stopped at Mrs. Stone's to see how they are progressing with their art class.

Sep 15 Sunday. It rained quite hard last night and some this morning, and is real cool. Last

night was too hot for comfort, and to day we have been sitting by the kitchen stove, as we have no other up. I have heard no church bell to day, and it is too muddy to go any way. The day feels like the Sundays we used to feel on the ranch.

Sep 16 Monday. The school bell called in the children this morning, and I am glad of it. Some months is too long a vacation. I have felt real miserable and been in bed most all day.

Mr. Lee and Dave were over to bring Bessie's things. Bessie came from school with May, and Willard called to night. May seems very much pleased to have a companion. It has been cool cloudy and dark most all day.

Sep 17 Tuesday. This morning opened up rather gloomy, and quite chilly, something of a weather on hand. I did not rest well last, and am not well to day. The hardware men are trying to put up a stove for us, but I believe they will be all day about it.

9 P. M. I worked a little at evening to day, and made some progress on a portrait for Mr. Coover.

The train is just getting in, and it seems like it needed help. Emma Coffee was over again to day. She has been better about calling than she used to be.

Sep 18 Wednesday. Early this morning I went up town to see the hack driver, wanted to send some things to Gus. I did a little shopping at Corrad's and got almost chilled sitting in that refrigerator of his, every door open all the way through.

Mrs. C. and Mrs. Priore from Cisco called this morning. Mattie L. has been over to get

get some help on a portrait this afternoon. This is prayer meeting night, and I am real tired again. It has been quite warm since noon. Mr. B is hanging a swing gate at the barn, and Nell is off on horse back. May is calling at Campbells, and it looks like no one was coming home in time for meeting.

Sep 19 Thursday. Went to prayer meeting last night. Bessie and May staid at home to get lessons. Nellie was out riding too late. We had a nice roast Turkey to day yesterday. I tried to find some birds to day but failed. There are so many hawks now, that the birds have been hiding out I presume. Lee Straight and Emma Coffee were over this afternoon. I went to see a dressmaker after they left, on the day, and called on Mrs. Will Matthews, who is sick at Brother Will's.

Sep 20 Friday. I helped clear out Nell's room this morning, and she has been cleaning it to day. Mrs. Lee Straight and Mrs. Coffee were over to day.

Sep 21 Saturday. Bessie and I spent ^{last} the evening very pleasantly with Mrs. Adams. Crofton leaves next Monday. Hugh, Crofton and his mother were over a little while to day. I went to see Miss Hestick the dressmaker again to day. She and her mother is constantly sewing. Don't have time for any recreation at all. Bessie went to take a music lesson, and said she would spend the day with Miss Annie Burns, her teacher.

Sep 22 Sunday. It rained some this morning, and none of us went to church. I am feeling miserable, don't feel like being on my feet much. Nellie and May had a little singing to pass off the morning. We are sitting by a fire to day, and yesterday was quite hot.

Sep 23 Monday. I visited the school this morning.

There were 212 pupils present. I did a little shopping on my way home, and as I am feeling quite miserable, the trip out did not mend matters. Mr. Coons was over yesterday and got the picture that I made for him. He seems to be well pleased with it. Mr. Coats was here also and he complimented, but criticised some of the other pretty severely, for which he has my thanks, I think I can improve them now.

Sep 24 Tuesday. I made a carpet today, with a little help from Nellie, and am quite tired. Doug called a little while today. Will R returned last night.

Sep 25 Wednesday. That carpet got down yesterday with a squeal. Just ^{as} we were ready to go to work, Dr. Morris came, and as Nellie's teeth were aching, she had had three filled, and that set us back. Bernie came home and between us we got down by dark. Bessie came over again this evening, her folks have gone out again.

Sep 26 Thursday. Uncle Joe was over to dinner today, and in the afternoon, I made several short calls, not that I felt like it, but because one must sometimes. I went to see Jennie Matthews, Myra Campbell, and called at Mrs. Wilsons, and invited the Regnolds and Campbells over to dinner tomorrow, as it is my birthday, and Nellie is going to bake a turkey.

Sep 27 Friday. Well the day is over, and I am writing with a beautiful new gold pen, with a pearl handle, a present from brother Will, and I'm wearing a new green chain to my watch a locket from Niagara, a present from brother George.

Beautiful table cloth, Bette gave me a beautiful table cloth and Mrs. Matthews a doz. nice napkins. A nice tray from

20 present for birthday
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Myra, C. I was not expecting anything, and of course was very

pleasantly surprised. I have the very best of friends, and in fact I have more nice things than I deserve. I had my folks over, just to have them together again, after their long summer away.

This afternoon I had another surprise, a very pretty parlor set.

My beloved husband sent over. Was ever any one so fortunate? I should have been very happy if I could have had all of the family together. But I am very thankful to know that they are all alive and well.

I am forty one (41) to day. How fast one grows old, and grey. My hair is very grey in front, and I have been wearing glasses two years. But my health is so much better than it use to be, that I do not feel as old as I did fifteen years ago, although I have been feeling rather miserable lately.

We had twenty here to day besides our family of six.

Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Matthias, Geo. J. R. wife and Salu M. Wall D. R. & wife and six children, D. C. C. wife and four children, and Mrs. Overton, and Pearl Coffey. Some of the school children were rushed with their dinner, for fear they would get a bad mark, and some started without their dinner, but were persuaded to stay. We rushed manfully, and got some there on time, and wrote excuses for the others. The little ones that did not have to go, had a real good time. Little Benson C. said Scow-in-Lane. I had a nice time. It rained some this afternoon, and some of them went home in the drizzle.

I got a nice box of colored crayons, and ¹⁰paper stumps yesterday, from Mr. Geo. Coats, which was more of a surprise than anything else. It was very kind and thoughtful of him.

Sep 28 Saturday. It rained all night, and it rained all day. everything is pretty thoroughly soaked. I have not done much of to do anything to day, but pick up around, and drive flies out, the house seems to be full of them.

Sep 29 Sunday. It is so muddy that we did not try to go to

church, and then it is quite cool, and there is no stove up yet, and I always take cold there such days as this, and I think it best not to go.

This afternoon was fair and bright, and much warmer but I did not go to church again tonight, did not feel like walking.

Sep 30 Monday. The day opened up bright and warm.

It is wash day, and as usual, I have been on my feet all the morning, and am real tired. There are so many steps to be taken in housework, so many things that can't be trusted to a careless servant.

Oct 1st

~~Sep~~ Monday Tuesday. Mrs. Given, Captain & Gardner took dinner with us today, I had nice visit with Mrs. G. and this afternoon I drove around with her to bid her friends good by, as she starts tomorrow for Oklahoma. It has been very warm today.

Oct 2 Wednesday. This morning I put a carpet in in the bathroom; and this afternoon I went to Hills & Campbells, and took Sue to Mrs. Russell's to have a dress fitted, and called at Mrs. Stevens while I was waiting, to see the crayon work.

Bessie had headache and did not go to school today.

Oct 3 Thursday. Another hot day. Mrs. McCombs spent the day with me, and at four o'clock I drove out seven miles with Barnie to look at some cattle. Got home very tired.

Oct 4 Friday. I have been very tired, in fact my back is no account. I commenced sketching

a portrait to day, but did not do much at it

Mr. Lee came for Bessie to day. She is not very well. Mrs. Palmer was over with skirt supporters to day, but I was not in need of any.

Oct 5 Saturday. I went to Will and George, and called with Nizza to see uncle Jack, at Washington. Did a little shopping, and got home at noon. The dentist was over this afternoon, and cleaned and examined my teeth, and did some work for Nellie.

Oct 6 Sunday. This was communion day, and Will & Sue and Mrs. Sauer's had their babies christened. They looked very sweet. I walked over at 4 o'clock to a congregational meeting, and I cannot go to night. The rest of the family are gone. Ella and Rubie came over from church, and spent the afternoon. It has been some colder to day. I am afraid there will be a lot of sickness if the weather does not get colder. Good many are chilling.

Oct 7 Monday. Very pleasant. I went to see Lee Straight this afternoon, found her playing the guitar for pass time. He set up a Windsor folding bed to day, which is very nice and convenient. I worked a bit on my picture.

Oct 8 Tuesday. Worked on picture this morning and went to missionary meeting at 3 o'clock. Got a very good turnout, and we needed them too, as we had business on hand. I called on Mrs. Moore as I came home.

Oct 9 Wednesday. Warm again. I worked on my portrait some to day. Mrs. M. Lamb and Mrs. Stanton were over to day.

Oct 10 Thursday I rode to prayer meeting last

night, and got home and settled, before Bernie came, and ~~the~~ pretty soon I heard him yell, Bring the gun. I got it and run as hard as I could to the bridge, where I found him guarding a possum and I gave him a load of buckshot. Elzie got there by the time I did, almost. The animal fell on the edge of the bank and rolled into the water. Bernie went for a lantern, and Nell came down, as she had never seen one, but they could not find the old chap. I think he sunk. I drove around this morning to straighten up our missionary affairs a little, and ~~brought~~ ^{took} Rosa R and her children up to Camp hills, and this afternoon they came over here. They expect Phin home tonight.

Oct 11 Friday The train was very late last night and it was quite a while after it came, before Phin got here, and we were just about to go to bed when he came. He has been away nearly five months. They went home this afternoon.

Oct 12 Saturday. I worked nearly all the morning on the portrait, and knit while I was resting. I commenced the 2nd of the month to knit a slumber robe and am getting on nicely. Our next blooming cereus is going to open tonight, and Mrs. McCombs is over to see it. He sent word to several to come.

Oct 13 Sunday. That gorgeous flower opened last night, and it was a beauty. Burns & wife & two children came, and Betty. St. Betty and Mrs. McCombs spent the night with us.

Bernie brought in a lovely bouquet of wild flowers this afternoon.

Oct 14 Monday. I have been mending, and knit-

ting, and doing a little house work to day.

Myra & Susie, and the little ones were over this afternoon, to see the flower, it is closed, but pretty yet. Maude came over last evening. Mr. Coors was over to bid me good by. he is bound for Oklahoma to morrow. He paid me \$8.00 dollars for the picture that I made for him. That is the first money that I have taken in, but am expecting more soon, from Miss Cross, for lessons.

Oct 15 Tuesday. It has been raining all day, slowly, and I am enjoying it, for it is needed.

I had a little round this morning with Mary, for being so high strung. Her hat did not suit her, and her nose went up about it, and then I gave her a good talking to and she went off crying, and I was a little inclined to make her stay at home.

Oct 16 Wednesday. It has been sunshiny and showery all day. I went to Mrs. Streight's this morning, and found Al Barber's family and Mrs. Galley's. The Galley's are on their way to Tennessee. Mrs. S. came over to see my croch work, and said she was quite pleased with it. She has been taking lessons, but was not satisfied with the work, or the teacher. I have been told by a number of persons that mine was the best that they had seen which is quite encouraging to me.

I finished up the night-shirt to day, and did some on my crochet work. O. W. Barber & wife took tea with us.

Oct 17 Thursday. I put in all the morning, and part of the afternoon, tacking a comfort, and have just finished with Nell's help, and it is good job off of hands.

Mary carries her dinner these wet days, and Bernie dined up town yesterday and today. It is very muddy.

Oct 18 Friday Dark and cloudy today. I worked all the forenoon on mother's portrait, and it is nearly finished now. I do not feel much like work today, as I have a headache. The weather looks like we might have a norther soon, and it is getting about time. I have two lovely bouquets of roses in the room, and they smell very sweet.

Oct 19 Saturday. Gus came last night, after a bunch of 20 steers, that his father gave him, which he was very proud of, and which I think was very kind in Bernie. Bro. Geo. made me quite a good visit this afternoon. Gus helped Elgie to bring in a yearling that has been out of the pasture several weeks. Then he made a visit at George's.

Mother and Sissette came in on the back this afternoon, and am glad to see them.

Oct 20 Sunday. Gus and Elgie started with the cattle this morning. I walked to church today, and it about woke me out. My right side seems to be all upset lately, from head to foot. It looked this morning very much like rain, but has been quite a pleasant day. Sallie Gates spent the afternoon with Mary.

Oct 21 Monday. Mother and I tacked a mattress this morning, and this afternoon, we went shopping, and called at Will's and Campbells, and I am tired to night as usual. I am no account at all. Elgie got back today.

I made two lovely bouquets to night, or just before night, to send to Cisco to Miss Wade Richardson. She is to be married Wednesday. I met Phin on the street today.

Oct 22 Tuesday. I worked a little more on the portrait

to day, made a cushion for a chair, and several other little jobs, enough to make my side ache real hard.

Mr Rockwell (the grocer to be) and Mr. W. Lee were over last night, and I gave them the flowers to take down, as they go to morrow. Ella, Rubie, and Susette were here last night, and they had a fine time with uncle Bernie.

He popped corn and romped with them all the time, and that is what they like. Elgie sowed a patch of barley to day, for the benefit of the calves. He and Bernie have gone over (since supper) to Shiltons after some of our turkeys that have taken up their abode over there.

There has been a dark cloud in the north all day, and is a little cooler to night.

Oct 23 Wednesday Mother and I went to hunt a dress maker to day, and could not find one that could do any thing for a week. They are very busy. It has been real cool and raw to day. I stopped a few minutes in town as we came home, and went to see Mrs. McLoon, a minute.

Oct 24 Thursday. It has been real warm to day. Joe R. and Susette were over awhile to day. Susette came to stay all night, but could not, had to go back with Joe. Mera came over and brought Mrs. Camp, with her. It is Mrs. Camp's first visit.

Will worked on her portrait to day. This Minnie's birthday and I must write to her. Dave and Bessie & Lee were over to day.

Oct 25 Friday. I put in most of the day at my slum her robe, have got most together. I went to the creek to get some goldenrod, and went on over to Crows to get some sewing done. Susette came in again to day, and is going to stay to night.

Oct 26 Saturday, I walked up town this morning, and worked most of the afternoon on my robe. Mother and Susette went to George's, this afternoon. Sallie Gates and Annie were over, and Mrs. McComb came to spend the night with Ma, but Missus here.

Oct 27 Sunday, I took Mrs. McComb to George this morning. The day has been lovely. Mr. Burns was over a little tonight.

Oct 28 Monday, Sallie Mr. Mrs. Dixon and Mrs. Johnson came in this morning at half past eleven and after dinner I went up town with them, and stood around until I got all tired out, and Mrs. Leonard brought me home.

Oct 29 Tuesday, Mrs. D. and Mrs. J. Stiel with us last night. Sallie went to Betties. I put the fringe on my robe today, and it looks very pretty.

Oct 30 Wednesday, Sallie and Susette spent last night with us, and we visited the school this morning, and then we went to the dry goods shops for Sallie to finish her shopping, from there I took her to Leonard's, and came home, after dinner I went back and took some of her bundles, that she had left. She got started for home about 3 o'clock, Will and Sue and three youngest children went, I spent the afternoon with Ella. I got a beautiful dress, bonnet, and wrap yesterday from Leon.

Oct 31 Thursday I put a lining in my robe today but it does not look good. I have commenced another one out of red, white & blue, and I don't think it will

be half as pretty as the one that is all colors.

Yesterday was quite cool, but today has been warm

Friday November 1st

It was quite cool last night, and still colder today. We have been close the fire today, and had the stove put up in the dining room. Elzie said he knew it was going to be cold, or some bad weather, by the way his ankles acted yesterday.

Nov. 2 Saturday. Quite cold last night and this morning, but pleasant in the afternoon. May made a pair of flannel drawers for herself today, and put them on. She did very well, made nearly all by hand.

She and Nellie are out tonight helping Elzie husk corn. I moved the lounge in our sitting room and put in a corner near the stove, and it is a real cozy nook now. I took a round for birds today and got only one bird out of nine shots. That is the worst shooting I ever did. Guess the gun and I will have to get better acquainted again.

Nov. 4 Monday. O what a day. Killed by Indians. Will I ever quit hearing it. Yesterday we were a happy family, every thing bright. ~~5.00~~ It has been dark rainy and gloomy, but no gloomier than my heart.

Last night a message came from Globe Arizona telling us that our Darling Brother was murdered by Indians. What a shock it was, I can hardly realize it. Although it is nothing more than we expected to hear, it is so often that a sheriff is killed. If he only could have died naturally and at home, I think it would be so much easier to bear. But God shall wipe away all tears. What a consolation that is.

The brothers are all at the ranch 30 miles away.

we sent Elgie after them last night. What a long long dreary day this has been to me, and O how must it be to her, who is left a widow in in that rough country, among strangers. But she has the blessed assurance that God is just as near her there as any where. If it was not for that how wretched we would be.

Nov 10 Sunday. Killed by Indians, will that never quit ringing in my ears. Eight Indians that he was taking to the penitentiary at Ganua, overpowered him and Holmes the deputy, took their arms and murdered them, at five o'clock in the morning Nov 2nd (Saturday). They had gotten out of the stage, and were walking up a sand wash, as the country is very rough. He was always so good to his prisoners, he took the shackles off of their feet, and was walking in front of them and the deputy behind. The two in front grabbed Glenai, and the two rear ones wheeled and grabbed Holmes. They shot Middleton the driver, and he feigned death and escaped after the Indians left, walked to Riverside, five miles, and gave the alarm, but was badly wounded. A Mexican prisoner, got away after being fired at several times, by the Indians, went to Florence, and gave the alarm, and gave himself up. I hope they will pardon him.

O what a week this has been. Ben started for Globe last Wednesday, what a lonely and sorrowful journey it must be for him. Poor dear mother has had a fearful shock and is very weak, but she is bearing it like a Christian soldier. If it was not for the hope of meeting him again in when we are called to pass through the "Beautiful Gates Ajar", it would be unbearable. But God never gives us more than we can bear, and He doeth all things well.

Went to Danah on 11th
 From Danah on 8th

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 Nov 20 Wednesday. A week ago last Monday, I

went to Shrockmorton, to see my little grand daughter, who arrived the 8th. Found her and Minnie doing very well, but Friday she had a high fever, and we gave her medicine all night and by morning it was gone, but I felt a little scared up about her, the baby of course was a little sick too, nursing the feverish milk.

She is a real pretty little plump, black haired girl, just as sweet as she can be.

I came home yesterday, and left them doing moderately well. Minnie is having trouble with her breast.

It has been quite cold, it started the night I got there. Yesterday I faced a raw wind all day and am very tired and sore to day.

We look for Ben, and Glenn's family to night.

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Nov 26 Tuesday The folks got in Wednesday night. All stood the trip real well. The little boys have not grown very much. The baby is just as sweet and good as can be, and real pretty. Mr. Mezer's baby was buried the next day.

It seemed so sad to have a funeral the first day after they came. Gustie is bearing it like the brave woman that she is.

She came over here Friday with baby and Bessie, and staid till Sunday. The boys went to Uncle Gus's ranch with their uncle Will. Friday, and staid till Sunday.

They are here now, going to school. Mattie is sick to night has fever. Mother has been sick nearly a week with jaundice. Has been real sick some of the time, but is better now.

Phin was here to day. He says Minnie has been quite sick since I left, and of course the baby had to be sick also. I do hope she will not have fever any more. It is so hard on her.

There are a number of cases of fever here in town.

Mother has a bad case of yellow jaundice, but is getting on alright.

Dec 1st Sunday. Four weeks to day since those heart-

rending telegrams came, and it does not seem possible that it has been so long, it seems so fresh in my mind.

But we ought not to grieve, for he has been four weeks in Heaven, and resting from his hard labors. May God help us to be faithful, and ready when the call comes for us, and may we meet him, with all of our loved ones on that Beautiful Shore.

I went to church to day for the first time in four weeks. There were not many out, as most every one was at the other church to see Miss Bailey married.

Gustie and her children, Will's boys, and Ella, and Rubie Campbell spent Thanksgiving with us, Matt, and Elmer stay here all the time and go to school.

Matt has not been well at all, and I had the Dr. see him yesterday. Nellie is down sick to day, with fever. Susie and Gusta were over this afternoon.

Elmer went to Bettie's with his mother to tend the baby while she goes to church to night.

Mr. & Mrs Adams, and Mrs Gatus called Friday, and I visited the sick at Chisens, and Wolfes.

Bettie and Ozra were here yesterday. I took a walk and got three birds yesterday morning, and in the afternoon I went to see Susie, as she had been sick.

She was better and at work.

Dec 2

Dec 2 Monday. I am very tired to night. Had to do the work, and then took a little hunt with the boys after they came from school. Killed three birds.

It has been very warm to day. Am afraid that more of us will be sick if it stays so warm.

We had Tamales for supper. the first I ever tasted

Dec 3 Tuesday. Dr. Powell says that Benson Campbell has scarlet fever. That is bad, hope it will not

spread. Sallie Wolfe came to wash for me today, and

the pump got out of fix before we got any water. At noon Bonnie and Elgie took the whole business out, and we draw with a bucket now, and Sallie and I put the wash out after dinner, and of course I'm worn out again to night.

Dec 4 Wednesday, Sallie came and ironed this morning. Nellie is better and helped do the house work. Mother has been finishing some slippers.

Alfie Clarke came to spend the night with May, the two ~~convict~~ boys and Bessie came for a short stay.

Dec 5 Thursday, I commenced a picture^d day of Dr. Powell, hope I can make a good one.

Dec 6 Friday I went to Hill's and Campbells today and interviewed the fever patients through windows.

Matt and Elmer did not go to school today, on account of the fever raising such an excitement. Some are inclined to think that the boys brought the fever here, I do not believe it, but if they did, the mischief is done now, and I intend to send them to school tomorrow next week.

Dec 7 Saturday, The boys have been helping Elgie make a pig pen today, we have four new pigs, I made a dress skirt for May today, and worked some on my picture.

Dec 8 Sunday, Went to church this morning, and heard a very good sermon by a Cumberland minister.

We drove from church to see the sick, found Rabie in bed, and broke out, but not much sick. Myra was almost sick though.

Dec 9 Monday, This is washday, and as Nellie is not very well, I have been very busy doing the house work, and the old story is all I have to tell, especially as I am complaining myself.

Dec 10 Tuesday, I went to Will's and Campbell's this afternoon, to see the sick. Willie is ~~not~~ so well, is having kidney trouble now. Myra has not been able to get any washing done. Her washer is afraid of the fever. They are having a hard time of it.

Dec 11 Wednesday, This is the day of Jeff Davis funeral, and there is a memorial service at the C. P. Church & School to day. I suppose there was a large turnout, I did not go, had too much to do. I sent Nellie to Campbell's, and May and I did the ironing, and the other work besides, consequently I am very tired to night. I brought Gustie and her girls over yesterday, and they spent the day with us.

Dec 12 Thursday, Phin and family came in to day, this afternoon, and I went with Rosa to hunt a dress maker. Mother went to see Mrs. Spears this afternoon.

Dec 13 Friday This morning Rosa went to the dress-maker, and I went to Mrs. Best's millinery room and trimmed a hat, with a little assistance from her. I stopped in to see the sick at Chisums. They are on the mend. I found Gustie here when I got home, came to see Rosa, and Rosa had gone up to see her, so I sent the buggy back after her. It is a little damp this morning. The weather has been real warm lately.

I drove over to see the sick this afternoon, and did a little shopping on my return.

Dec 14 Saturday Mercury reached 82 on the porch.

We had doors and windows open all day, and I have been uncomfortably warm. We got our flannels on a little too early, although we have had some cold weather.

Shebogo spent the day at Williams. May went uptown this afternoon to do a little Christmas shopping.

Willie went to coffee, I worked some on mother's dress, finished a cape that I was crocheting, and did a little on my portrait.

Phin went home this morning.

Dec 15 Sunday. Still very warm. I went to church this morning, and went to the elm park this afternoon. At the see Elgie Wolfe baptized, he joined the Christian church last night. Elmer is with his mother to night, and Watt is at coffee. Willie and May went to church with Elgie. I did not feel able to walk. Barone is complaining of his back to day. I guess we are both growing old.

Monday 16 Washing and the usual routine of house work going on today, every body busy and tired.

Dec 17 Tuesday. I finished a cape today. Went uptown this afternoon and did a little Xmas shopping. Watt and Elmer carried a couple of turkeys up town and sold them this morning. I gave them four for Xmas.

Dec 18 Wednesday. I finished my portrait this morning. In the afternoon I drove with mother to Hills and I went back and did a little more shopping. Went back for Ma and we stopped a while at Betty's. George went to Oklahoma today, and Paula went to San Antonio with her brother Gorn. Gusta was making a dress for a colored girl, trying hard to do something.

Dec 19, 89 Thursday, Aunt Melia a (colored woman)

who has known our family a long time, was over to day, among her white kin as she calls us to see what we would do for her Christmas. I gave her a turkey and 50 cents, and mother gave her a half dollar also. She is getting old and feeble. Dr. Powell came over this afternoon for the picture, and seemed to be very well pleased with it.

This is my brother Gleason's thirty sixth birthday, and I trust he is spending it in ^{a better} another country than this. Dear boy he had ^{some} hard battles to fight here, but the last one has been fought now, and I hope he is resting from his hard labors. I am so sorry for his poor little boys, Elmer especially. I often hear him crying after he has gone to bed, I hear him now.

Dec 20 Friday I made another trip up town to day, and called at George's, found Gusta sewing, Betty and her mother were down town. Ma & I went to see Emma Coffey this afternoon, but found no one at home. So we went to see Mrs. Poage, she is sick with fever. I am not feeling very well myself.

Dec 21 Saturday Elmer & Matt staid with their mother last night. I finished a cape for Minnie today, and got together a few more Christmas things.

Mellie made some cakes today, and I did some mending. Mrs. Leonard & Lottie Wilcox were over ~~thru~~ yesterday for some flowers to send to Griffin for an entertainment that will be given by the school tonight.

Gleason Powell came also, to engage a few for his paper's Xmas present. Weather just beautiful,

Dec 22 Sunday, I have been to church twice to day, and up at George, Willo, and Campbells this afternoon. We had a ~~x~~mas sermon to night, a very good one. Sallie Gatus came over with May, and they went to see Lena Wolfe this afternoon.

Dec 22 Monday, I walked up town and just about wore myself out standing and walking. I finally went to the bank and took a rest, and I found Mrs. Leonard on the street and I begged a ride home. I tried to rest all the afternoon.

Elsener Matt. Besore and Berta Legram are here to night they had some games awhile and now they are all asleep. Mr. B. is up town "lodging" and I am going to quit and lodge too, but I'll lodge on the bed. I am not half satisfied with my work to day, in fact I am a very unsatisfactory being any way. Georgia Coffey brought me a nice little card basket to day, I am quite proud of it, for it was quite a little gift for her to make.

Dec 24 Tuesday, I put in most of the morning up town again, and did very little at that. I have been fussing about all day trying to make something, but I made a failure, except a little match scratcher, that I made since supper. We gave these children their presents to night. Elsener and Matt got some games, and they played some. Melbie is at Wolfe's, at a candy pull.

Dec 25 Wednesday, I think this is the warmest Christ-mas that I ever spent, we don't need fires, and sleep with windows up at night. Mr. McCannell took dinner with us. Esther and May went to church this morning. I had so much work to do that I could not go. I got a lot of nice presents, from different parties. One from Cousin Louie, and two from Oklahoma, from Mr. Coombs and Boyle. I went to George's Willo and Adams this afternoon, and brought Gust and the

babies home with me.

Dec 20 Thursday. Gusta opened up her boxes, and put things away to day, every thing came in very good shape. I have been rather blue to day, and cried half the time. I commenced at the breakfast table and had to leave. May said that Logan Coffee went home yesterday and all the boys would be together. That started me and I could not choke it back all day, and then I saw my brother's things unpacked, the ones that he wore in his last struggle. I Uncle Ben took dinner with us. Bettie and Mrs. Wilson called to day.

Dec 21 Friday I took Gusta home to day, and went to Will's and Campbell's. Nellie was at a party last night. May was real sick all day, at least she thought so. She can't bear much pain, and always has to cry over it. I made quite a call this afternoon with Mrs. Spear. She is in very poor health. Sula went out with a lot of young folks to ride. Bessie Gray came over while I was away and got Nellie out fit to take a ride. I put Sallie from old horse.

Dec 22 Saturday. The little boys have been making traps to day, and hunting rats. They have to be busy at something. I have been very much tried for a long time about the way Nellie does her work, and my patience, (what little I have) is just about exhausted to day. I have really been almost sick. I don't know what to do, unless I do the work, all of it. It would be preferable to the worst,

Dec 23 Sunday. Quite a little norther up to day, the wind is real sharp, after such warm weather. Ma did not feel like facing it to church. May spent the afternoon with Sallie Gates, and Sallie came over and took tea with us and went with Nellie and the children to church to night. Mother is 73 years old to day, and is pretty strong yet.

Dec 30 Monday We had our hogs butchered to day

They are monester. It has been a lovely day, and I wanted to make some calls but I always have so much to do on Mondays that I do not feel like going out. Mrs & Mrs Adams, called this afternoon. Mother went to Williams this morning.

Dec 31st Tuesday I went to make some calls this afternoon, but put in all my time with Mrs Barnes. The hogs were cut up to night. And Bernie had our order from J. A. Matthews. to get his horse and buggy from Spencer Smith. So he did that job after supper, and then we went to a Leonora Squire. That was and up the year for us. He came home early, before the performance was over.

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Wednesday, I will take a new page, and begin a new year, and I do no better than I did last year, it will be a very little good that I will do, for myself or any one else.

This is our regular prayer meeting night, and as usual I am not able to go, and I really am sorry but, Elgie, Lillie and I, have busz all day, taking care of the lard, and the weather is so warm that it could not possibly wait. We have about 200 lbs from two hogs, and a big lot of sausage that got two doses of salt and one can eat it.

Jan 2 Thursday, I have been trying to rest some today. Went to Mills and Campbells in the afternoon. Rubie has a stiff swollen neck, from the fever. It is real cool and raw today.

Jan 3rd Friday, We all went to the school house last night, to a lecture, and exposition of spiritualism, and it was pretty good. Today has been very raw and damp. Uncle Ben spent most of the day with us. Davis & Offe came yesterday to take Elgie's plan.

Jan 4 Saturday Today has not been very cold but a little damp. Lillie took a horseback ride today and said that Davis horse was not a very reason. I do not think she will be so anxious to ride here after, if that is her only chance.

I finished Mothers cape and hood this week, but we have not had much weather for such things yet.

Jan 5 Sunday. Nellie and Uncle Ben went to river to day, with Pedlar and the buckboard. It is a very warm day. I have on a calico smother buttoned. all the doors are open, (no not all the wind blows too hard) and no fire. We got on very well at supper children all helped, and we got the work done easily. He had a very nice sermon to day.

Jan 6 Monday. I went to church last night, and it was real warm in doors and raw and damp outside, and my ^{muscles} ~~muscles~~ are sore to day. Sallie Wolf, washed for me this morning. Mr. Will Matthews & wife came in this afternoon. She is a poor weakly woman, coming that long road to see the Dr.

Jan 7 Tuesday. I have had a lot to do to day, and am very tired, with all the help I had from Ma and the children. The Matthews went home this afternoon, and it is real cold too, facing the north. I went up street on an errand, and my ears got pretty cold. Sallie ironed for me to day.

Jan 8 Wednesday. Mother went to Georges to day. It has been real damp and misting this afternoon. I made a cushion for a chair, and wrote some letters. May got breakfast, and I am not as tired as usual.

Jan 9 Thursday. The wind has been blowing very hard to day. Elmer staid with his uncle Geo. last night. We all went to church, and it was a little disagreeable, in the church, and I feel like I had rather stay at home next time.

Jan 10 Friday. I went up town this morning early to do some shopping for Sallie. I drove up to Campbell's

to bring her and the children over, but she thought it was a little ^{too} cold, as they had not been out much. She brought them over this afternoon. I cut a dress for May today and went to see Mrs. Hill late this afternoon. She is indeed sick.

Jan 11 Saturday We had quite a little snow and some rain yesterday about night. Dory Coffey was here and Ma hurried her home for fear her mother would be uneasy, but it did not amount to much.

I went to see Mrs. Hill today she has been sick all the week, and there are quite a number sick in town. Eaton R. spent the day with the boys.

Jan 12 Sunday The Methodist-minister preached at our church today, and it was a real good sermon.

Mr. H. S. Coghill came home with us, to dinner. Poor lonely old bachelor, I should think he would not have a very pleasant day of it going home and cooking his own dinner. He says it is rather lonesome. ^I He gets tired of talking to Jack (his brother) and Jack tired of talking to Jack, therefore there is nothing said. But nearly ruin our eyes reading. Ella R. came home with May.

Jan 13 Monday. Lots of work this morning, but we got through alright. I am getting use to it now. I thought Nellie would be back Saturday, but she didn't come. I presume she is having too good a time. Ma and I went to Straight's this afternoon, but found no one at home. So we made a call at Coffey's.

Jan 14 Tuesday. I had toothache last night, and did not sleep much, consequently I am feeling weary today. Nellie got back today, and in good time too, if I

Keep up this racket very long. Mrs. Johnson came with her on her way down the country. It is rather cold and windy to day. It is our missionary day also, but I dared not go out, for fear of trouble to night. I have not been the last two meetings, and some may think I am shirking, but that is not the case. I fully intended to go to day. But I consider it missionary work to take care of the sick at home.

Influenza

Jan 15 Wednesday. Toothache again last night, worse than ever, and all the morning. Bernie sent me some wigwag oil after dinner, and the first application relieved it very much. I think I will keep wigwag oil in the house all the time now. Nellie came in with a dreadful cold, guess she has Lea Grapp, or influenza as the new disease is called, but she put out the washing, and has been busy all day. Mrs. Johnson went up town and did not return at noon, because she is visiting. It grew cold again in the night, and has been quite cold today.

Jan 16 Thursday Mrs. Johnson came in this afternoon. It is still quite cold. My teeth have been better today.

Jan 17 Friday May is sick to day, with fever, and she makes a dreadful fuss when there is anything the matter with her. Carl Burns was over for butter milk to day for Quatman, he is sick. In fact there are a number of sick folks in town.

Jan 18 Saturday. Last night Ma. Mrs. Johnson & Dave were telling something funny that happened at camp-meeting last summer, and Matt laughed real hearty, for the first time since he has been here. I never saw two boys laugh as little as they do. I went hunting with them this afternoon, took a long walk in the pasture, but we got no game. The boys put in the morning working at the woodpile. I have had a hard day with my teeth again, have had very

little rest. May raised every body in the place last night

to wait upon her. made a big fuss about a pain in her side, so we put mustard on. As soon as it began to burn she raised a row about it, said her side did not hurt any more, but that was blistering and she could not stand it, and she kicked like a bay steer. I told her finally that that plaster was put there to burn, and she had to stand it and had to shut up and keep still, or I would tie her to the bed. That settled her, when she found she had to behave she could do it. When I took the plaster off, Nellie told her she ^{would} put it on and if she raised a row in the night she would put it back on her, and she kept quiet all night. There is no use in letting a child run over a body and keep the whole house awake, just because they think they can, and there are some who will not pay any attention to soft measures, and one is bound to be rough some times or be run over rough shod.

Mrs. Johnson went to Wise Co. this morning for a few weeks visit. We got a game of letters to night in the mail, and Bernice, Dave, Elmer, Watt & myself, had a game since supper. It has been real warm and looked this afternoon like it might rain. We need it. The creek is very low, and everything is dry.

Jan 19 Sunday Watt has almost got croup to night. I have been bathing his feet and giving him wiggard oil. I did not go to church to day. Stayed at home to nurse my sore jaw. I guess I must have Grippe. May is a one-bitter. Mother went to George's from church, and is not here to night. It has been very warm to day.

Jan 20 Monday. We had to work pretty fast last night to keep Watt from having croup. He is quite sick with fever to day. It is very cold to day. we are getting the tail end

of the heavy snow storm that is raging in the west, & imagine, I finished a hood to day for May.

Jan 21 Tuesday. Rev. Mr. Rankin preached at our church last night. Bernice and Nellie went, and I was real sorry that I could not go. Matt had a great deal of fever yesterday but he is better to day, has not been out of bed though, and has been real sick at his stomach all day. Elmer and I killed a small bird apiece, and I made a tiny bit of soup and he relished it. I went hunting but got nothing. We shot the birds here in the yard. Elmer killed his first bird last Saturday, and came in very unconcerned, as if he was an old hand at the business. He is very sober any way. He sneezed last night, and Bernice told him, that it is the beginning of the Grippe. I have sneezed all my life, and never had the Grippe yet. Ma came over to day. Say George has been sick several days.

Wednesday.

Jan 22 Thursday It has been drizzling all day, and is real raw. Matt is much better to day. I killed a bird and made him some soup, and he said it was good.

Jan 23 Sunday. I feel like everything had been crossed to day. I made some calls yesterday, and did not feel well any way, and I drove a horse that about wore me out to hold him, came home tired and got up tired. Bernice thought he would try the horse, so he drove out over the hills away, and out to Glenridge. Glenning had gone to Eastland, and Mrs. H. looked real lonesome. The weather is really hot to day, mercury at 82 on the north side.

Jan 24 Monday Cooler this morning. Mother went to Georges this morning. Elmer came in at noon sick, I thought he would, and expected Matt too, as he was not

well. I got up feeling rather miserable, but am better to night, I kept clear of the kitchen, as it is wash day, ^{as} and I always get provoked at something if I stay around where I can see things going all wrong. I worked a little on a picture that I commenced several days ago. I hope it will be good for I want to send it to Connecticut.

Feb 13 Thursday, I have been laid aside with La Grippe ever since the last entry in this old journal. It is 3 o'clock now, and I have been up all day for the first time. I have been crocheting and darning a little, and am real tired, but I don't mean to lie down as long as I can stay up.

I am tired of the bed, and I presume that every one in the place is tired of seeing me on it. The last I heard of my children they were down, that was here a week ago, and I have no idea how they are now.

There was 7 inches of snow on the ground yesterday morning, it melted some during the day, but it was snowing again this morning and seemed to be as much as ever. How pretty it looked, that Matt & Elmer could not keep out of it. Matt was so elated over that he ate no breakfast, said he never could when it snowed.

The snow is nearly gone now, and it has put a good season in the ground, which was badly needed, and for which we are very thankful, for the prospects had begun to look a little gloomy.

Feb 14 Friday, This is brother George's birth day, and another went over, Barrie and the children took dinner with them. I tried to do a little on my portrait, but not very much, as my hands are not very steady yet. It has been a lovely day.

Feb 15 Saturday, Mother came home this morning and brought some goods for a wrapper, and went right

to work on it, and got it cut and basted,

I told May last night that Mrs. Arnold (her teacher last year) had a little girl. Walt says, "And there is an old hen at the barn that's got eleven little chickens." Dave & Alf went to the Clear Fork today to see his best girl. Bonnie pruned the roses this afternoon. I worked a little more on the picture, and walked to the barn twice, and I'm getting quite an appetite. Presume that I shall get straight after a while.

Feb 16 Sunday. I got up tired this morning. I did just a little too much yesterday, and caught a little cold besides, but I will wear it off.

Geo. and Bettie were over this afternoon, also Ella and Rubie, and Sallie Gato. Elmer was not well and did not go to Sabbath school today. Dave came in tonight & brought Gustie, and the boys have gone over to see her. Dave says the folks on the river have all got St. Grippe.

This has been another lovely day.

Feb 17 Wednesday Very windy and cloudy today. Gusta came home Sunday, and she staid here Monday night, and yesterday she gave part of the house a good scrubbing and dusting, which it needed badly, as it has had very little done to ^{it} since I have been sick. She went back to Geo. in the afternoon to help make ice cream for Leota's birthday party. Ma went to Will's yesterday, and Elmer and Walt were both away last night - so we had a slim family. I am almost discouraged, I do not seem to gain strength any, all I can do is drag around.

Feb 20 Thursday Bonnie took me out to ride a little ^{yesterday} this afternoon, and we drove by Geo. and I got out and ate some ice cream with the children. We had quite a norther last night, and that or the ride gave me

a cold, I have a hard head ache to day.

Gusta came over this morning.

Feb 21 Friday It is dark and cloudy, and has been freezing cold part of the day.

Feb 22 Saturday Sabie Reganolds is here to day.

Feb 23 Sunday I had the horse hooked up to go to church to day, but my head ached too hard to go.

Baronie took me for a little drive in the afternoon and we stopped a little while at Will's.

Feb 24 Wednesday, It is quite cold to day, but I drove up to Will's awhile this afternoon, and found Ben and wife here on my return.

Feb 27 Thursday, Freezing and snowing to day, feels very disagreeable, but cleared up just before night and Ben and Florence drove over to Will's. I had a nice mess of radishes and lettuce to day.

Feb 28 Friday Very cold, 14 above zero, this morning but much pleasanter now, 3 o'clock.

I have done some work on a portrait to day, but I can not get the expression just right. I am happy to say that I am feeling much better. Mr and Mrs Adams were Tuesday evening and staid till nine o'clock.

March 3 Monday, This month opened up cold and windy, yesterday was a little better, but was so raw that I did not dare go to church for fear of more cold. I was almost sick Saturday night, and had a very sore throat. But I really wanted to go to church, I have not been in so long that I feel like I needed it. I am all out of sorts every way since I had La Grippe.

and it does not seem inclined to turn me loose,

Elmer came in at noon, and laid down, said he was sick, and did not go to school this afternoon. But he ate a hearty dinner and was out after the pet squirrels, disturbing them all the afternoon. If his grand ma had been here she would have sent him to school, I suspect that I ought to have sent him, but I do not know how to manage boys ^{as well as} like my mother does. I wish she would come home, I need her, but she has been here until I know that she is tired of hearing me complain so much and it would be selfish to have her come back. I want her to a good rest. Mrs. Joe W. Combs and little daughter were over to day. It has been cloudy and windy. Gusta was here a few minutes this morning.

Mar 4 Tuesday. This has been quite a pleasant day. I walked over to George's to day, and fagged out, had to rest awhile at the bank. Mrs. Leonard brought me home I had a very pleasant day. Mother and Minnie Sterrett were there. I made a short visit with Mrs. Adams. She was making a banner for the childrens entertainment. I have to make a flag of India. Mr. A went to Cisco today.

Mar 9 Sunday I drove up town Friday, and visited the school, and found J. A. Matthews and family here, where I got home yesterday. Sallie and I did some shopping. I went to church to day for the first time in six weeks. Sallie went from church with Susie. The weather has been very dark and damp for several days. If Geo. Hall, and J. A. M. went to North last week, to the cattle convention.

Mar 30 I have had company and been sick so much lately that I have done no writing. Nellie went to Mr. Gentry, on the 13. Sunday the 16, Gus and Minnie came

Mon
 The 17 J. A. and family went home, and another with
 them. Tuesday Gus went back, and home, and back
 again the next on business, and staid two days.
 He came again Friday and took his wife and baby
 home yesterday. They have a very fine little girl.
 Thursday we had a hard sand storm, the worst one
 for years.

Apr 17 Thursday, Last Saturday the 12 May went
 to De Leon visiting. Nathan and I went to Uncle
 Joe Matthews, the same afternoon. Spent the night
 and returned Sunday. It was very warm, and rained
 Sunday night. Monday the 13th Gus went home
 and that night seemed lonesome here without
 the children. I have been over every day this
 week, regardless of mud, because I know that it
 is very lonely for her the first week especially.

They have no cow yet, and the children come over
 twice a day for fresh milk for the baby. Gussie was
 not very well to day. I have been all over the
 Island after turkeys and rabbits to day, got some
 eggs, and two rabbits. That makes 23 this month.
 I have made myself a hunting suit of coarse cotton
 I tear up my clothes.

Apr 19 Saturday It is dark and raining to day and
 I feel a little gloomy, somehow as if something sad
 was going to happen. Little Gussie was quite sick last
 night, and Will's baby has been sick several days.
 Philm Reynolds moved into Albany Thursday
 the 17th

Apr 20 Sunday. It is muddgy and rainy, and as I
 have no horse, and am not well to day, I did not go to
 church. It is dark and dreary, and very quiet and
 lonesome. No one here but Bernie and Lizzie and
 they are reading.

We have a new hired man, he has been here a week and we like him very well. His name is Price, from North Carolina. May did not get home last night as we expected, she would. Hope there is nothing wrong wrong. Elmer came over last night to tell me that the scouts had killed two more Bachmans that makes four of the eight who murdered his father, and escaped. I presume they will get them all in time, but that will not bring my brother back. I can't help wondering sometimes, why such a race of people were ever created. But it will all be made plain in the end by and by.

It is nearly six months now since that awful tragedy, and it seems to me that it was only last Sunday that we were chatting so pleasantly with Gucker Barker and Mr. Davis, when that telegram came that brought us so much sorrow. (I have stood around the graves of my baby, husband, and father, but nothing has ever hurt me like this blow. I have not been able to sing a note since the 3rd of November.

Apr 23 Wednesday. It rained Monday night, and yesterday the creek was up big fashion, rained again last night, it is up again today. Gustie and the little ones spent last night with us. The boys took their hen and chickens home this morning. So far has been bright, but I do not think the rain is over yet.

George Fleming took dinner with us today, his family is in Austin, and he is - of course eating hotel fare now. May has not returned yet. I walked over the pasture yesterday, and shot a number of times, but got nothing, don't know whether it is my fault or the guns, but I am tired today, walked too much.

Apr 24 Thursday, It rains, rains, such a hard one

we had last night, the creek was higher than ever.

I rode horse back up to Hills this afternoon, it is a long time since I was up there. The baby has been quite sick lately, and Bro. Mill is nearly sick. I came back by George and Gustav, and talked at the gate awhile. I am a little tired from the ride.

Apr 25 Friday, More rain last night, and a big stream of water we have again. Every one has to come to our bridge. I went hunting this afternoon and got ~~four~~ rabbits. Killed four birds this morning.

Apr 26 Saturday, We had a heavy shower last evening and then it cleared up, and has been clear nearly all day. I did just a little crazy work today, and a good deal of walking about. Went hunting twice got four rabbits, and five birds. I am getting able to do a good deal of walking.

Apr 27 Sunday Went to the baptist church today. Mr Adams & wife left us last Wednesday, Mr. Adams to General Assembly, and his wife will spend the summer in Indiana.

Apr 28 Monday I worked on my picture this morning until the dew dried off, then I went hunting, took a long walk over the pasture. Killed two rabbits five birds. In the afternoon I walked up town, and just after dinner I sprinkled four long rows of cabbages with kerosine, the bugs are eating them up.

Apr 29 Tuesday, This morning I went to see Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Haggarty, met Mrs. H. driving the children

and she took me in with her, and had a little
dinner. Then I went in to see Mrs. M. and the new
baby. I worked some on the picture, fixed a dress,
and went hunting again, went to Gustie's, and got
the boys, and took a long walk. Got two rabbits & six
birds, and Elmer got one bird. Matt missed his
shot.

Apr 30 Wednesday. I went to Couraels this morning
and got Mrs Bradley, and we came back and got the
game, and took a long tramp on the hills. I shot two birds
and a rabbit. Mrs. B. carried the game. We left our house
at Gustie's, and we were quite tired and warm when we
got back, but we had such a nice time. Afternoon I
went back and visited with her till late. She leaves
tomorrow for San Antonio.

May 1 Thursday. Barnie waited till midnight for
the train last night, and then May did not come, &
can't help feeling quite provoked. He asked Mr.
Couraels to get her and send her today, as he was going
to De Leon, and we had a dispatch that she was com-
ing, and he went to meet her to night, but it rained
very hard, and the train was late, so I left instructions
with the Albany hotel man, to take care of her.

May 2 Friday. May came in this morning looking
quite dejected and dilapidated. She has sun burnt
a great deal. It was quite muddy this morning, but
I took a little round with my gun, and got 8 birds
and 3 rabbits. Yesterday I got Gustie and Bess and
baby, and went on the other side, found no one at
home at Campbells and Saries, so we did our visit-
ing at Betties. Little Gusie is a year old today, and Bess
came over and got her a bouquet.

May 3 Saturday I have been pretty hard at work to day on my drawing, have it nearly finished. Bernie May & I, took a stroll after supper and I got two rabbits

May 4 Sunday. This is Brother Ben's birthday, 39 years old, how fast time flies.

May 20 Tuesday. Two weeks ago to day, Myra Campbell and her two little boys, and myself, drove up to the Clear Fork. We did not leave home till after 12 o'clock, stopped an hour on Taylor Creek, shot birds and rabbits on the way, and got to J. A. Grothens just before dark. We came home Friday the 24th. Sallie and her family, Dave Wolfe and wife, and another came as far as Griffing with us. Sallie's folks went to uncle Joe's, and we got home a bright the day was very pleasant.

Thursday the 15th I went with Mrs. Haggarty & Mrs. Gucker Baker to Hubbard Creek tea picnic, we were chaperons to a party of young folks but as Mrs. H. said, they only wanted a chop-around. Had a very nice time, only one break, and that was caused by a bottle of claret brought by Mr. Quill, and I am very sorry to say that Mrs. Haggarty drank of it. That little gave us temperance people a chance to show our colors, and we took advantage of the opportunity. I wished myself at home when I first saw it, and then I thought it might be alright that I was there, I might say something that would be of some use to some one perhaps. I prayed that I might do something for Christ that day. I thought perhaps that was my opportunity.

I shot six squirrels, four ~~rabbits~~ rabbits & prairie dogs, and two birds.

Friday 16 Mrs Bowers & I did a little church work and made some calls.

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Saturday the 17th Mother and I went to see

Mr McLean, Mrs Sam Spears much from Georgie and Ma stopped with George B. he is real sick, with flux, it seems to be all over town.

Sunday the 18 I went to the Methodist church, and Mr. McLean, & Judge Fleming came over to dinner with me, we had a good social talk after dinner, first on the temperance question, and then on the late war.

Yesterday, I took Mrs Gentry and her cousin Miss Preston over to bro Geo. (they spent Sunday night with me), and then I went down town and circulated a paper, soliciting aid for the benefit of the ex-confederate soldiers Home at Austin. Judge Fleming headed the list with ten dollars, and before I ate my dinner I had \$68⁰⁰ and I only worked on one street, but all the business houses are on that one.

Phin went South after cattle last Saturday, and his wife went to Grockmortown yesterday. Elmer went out with Mrs. Gentry.

To day I have spent at home, and finished a dress for May. The wind has been blowing real hard. May went up town with a basket of flowers, and brought home 50 cents, and Mr. Weatherbe came over and got a bogus to take to Grockmortown, and gave her 50 cents more. That is pretty good for one day, but the flowers are nearly all gone for once. I cut two bogus yesterday for Mrs. Webb & Bull, they called on me.

May 21 Tuesday The X outfit had a train of gearings to church today. So Geo. & Sam with their families Will's wife and children, myself and May & Lizzie, went out and spent the day fished and hunted, and took dinner with the cow boys at the tank in the horse pasture, two miles

north of town. It was a fine day, and we enjoyed

it. There were forty one persons 41 at dinner, Two Methodist preachers, Armstrong and Hampton. Susie had Bessie R. and Emma Ball, Emma Rose Georgia Coffey, and Mand Rockwell, Kate Simpson with Sarah Matthers. That was all out side of our families and the cow boys.

Our dinner was fine, and all enjoyed. Bread and meat and coffee. Beans and beans, pickles preserves, cakes, eggs, salad, honey, ice cream and ice lemonade, and the way we ate did justice to it. I took five good long walks with the gun, got three rabbits. Two at one shot, eight birds, and a snake. I got home very tired, for I must have walked a good five miles.

X wreck

May 31 Saturday. One of the X trains was wrecked to day, and four hundred head of cattle killed, and one of them near, Josie Pate, got his arm crushed, and broken in two places, and badly bruised other wise, it is a wonder he was not killed outright.

June 3 Sunday. I took Ben G. Reynolds to the Dr. to day to get medicine for a spider bite. Then I took Florence over to Gustie, and then I went to see Mrs Stinson, and brought her home with me a few minutes. She is going home tomorrow.

June 4 Friday. Bens folks went home to day. They have been in town a week, and the children have been sick and had toothache, and had teeth extracted, and had a bad time generally, poor little fellows.

Maidie will have a birthday party to night

and the older ones and the small fry. went up about five o'clock to eat ice cream and cake, which was very nice.

Sallie Reynolds came in Thursday night to get her wedding outfit. She is going to take a man with ^{five} children. I am surprised.

May Matthews and Susette came in today on the stage.

June 7 Saturday. I kept May in bed today for disobeying, and staying at Campbells last night.

I don't like to punish children, but it has to be done some times. May M. and Ella R. came over but I did not let May come out.

June 10 Sun. Went to missionary meeting this afternoon. Then Buttie Mrs Mager & myself called to see Jesse Pate, who arrived on the belated train that got in this morning instead of last evening. From there we went to the Methodist ministers, Armstrong, and had a very pleasant call. ~~Yesterday~~ I went shopping with cousin Sallie, and helped her select her wedding dress, and a few other necessary articles. I got home a little tired.

June 11 Wednesday Harmonie Barber and Georgia Spears were over this afternoon. I have been a little under the weather today. Mother & Susette went to Rhine this afternoon.

June 13 Friday I made several calls this afternoon.

July 5 We had a telegram stating that-uncle

Archie Campbell died yesterday. He was a good old man, and I know that he was ready to go. I think he had certainly finished his work, and he is reaping the reward of the faithful.

Sister Sallie came down the 19 of June, and the 2nd of this month, her little girl was born. She is stopping with Gusta. Mother is there with her.

July 2-1890 - 51 years old - 1941 Lucille

July 29 Tuesday If I neglect everything like I do you, old journal things would certainly be in a bad shape, but the weather has been so hot, that I have not felt fit for anything. Last week I was nearly sick, and this morning I am worn out. Sallie & the children went home yesterday, Mother and Lizzie went with her, consequently I am cook now, and had to get up at five o'clock to get breakfast for Mr. Adams as he was going away today. He has been with us three weeks, and has taken his leave of Texas now. I did not get up at such an early hour with a very good grace, for I was very weary from yesterday's work, and I really thought that he might have gone to the hotel for breakfast. I am afraid that I will say no the next time a preacher asks to stay, especially when the weather is so hot, and I feel so miserable. I do not feel very charitable at such times. I ought to be ashamed of myself.

Aug 9 Saturday. I have been feeling miserable for several days, and today I had a large tooth taken out, part of it, it broke and left one root in, it just about lifted me out of the chair. Nellie came in yesterday, and May went out with her today.

Will's family left last Saturday. And Bemie and I

went to Uncle Goss the same day, and back the next 225

Aug 10 Sunday. Very hot, I am taking medicine and could not go to church today

Aug 11 Monday. Mrs. Lerow died today, about 2 o'clock P.M. I went over in the morning a little while.

Aug 13 Wednesday. Been sick all day but better in the afternoon. Rev. Willie James and Miss Johnson and Lottie McLean made a short ^{call} about sundown. I drove out last night - after supper. called at Horrells and Campbells. Campbells went to the ranch today. Weather is very hot. We had a nice shower the 9th and Price is plowing.

Aug 31st Sunday. We had a 'night-blooming cereus' time here last night. Six splendid blossoms, and there were fifty people here to see it. It was very beautiful. The young people played games and sang (in the yard) and all seemed to enjoy themselves very much. I felt real tired this morning, and so did not try to go to church, & it was a sickening hot besides.

Susie and her children stayed here Friday night to watch the opening of a night-bloomer.

Sep 2 Tues. Miss Heitich and I went hunting to and got 20 birds and one rabbit. It was very warm when we first went out, did not get back till dark.

Sep 3 Wednesday This afternoon I went to Will's. Gusta was there bulking Suet ready for camp meeting next week, ^{my} at Uncle Goss pasture.

Sep 4 Thursday Last night after I had gone to

bed, I saw a light over at Gustav, and Gussie must be sick, so I tramped over, through the plowed ground and Johnson grass, to find Sue and Gustie sitting up sewing. So I went to bed and staid till morning.

Sep 5 Friday. I went to Heitche this morning to try on a dress, and from there to Campbells.

Gusta was there helping Myra get ready for the meeting. So I cut out two dresses for Gussie to wear and have been making them to day.

Sep 6 Saturday May went with a party of girls to spend the day with Leellie Royle. I have sewed hard all day. I have been making over old dresses, and making new ones for May lately.

Sep 7 Sunday Rev Mr. Murrey preached for us to day, quite a good sermon too. The weather ~~was~~ ^{is} very warm. Mr. Warrell and his two boys took dinner with us to day. His wife has been dead two weeks died suddenly the 25th of August. Clarence is four years old. poor little fellow misses his mother so much. It is so lonely for them.

Sep 8 Monday It rained all last night and some to day, and I am so thankful; it was so much needed. It is cool enough for a fire to day. Quite a change from yesterday. My better half went to Dallas to day, and the day has seemed real long to me. although I have been real busy.

Sep 9 Tuesday I rode over to Gustav yesterday late and brought Bess and the baby over, and the others came after they did the night work. To day we have been busy sewing, and pulling up grass hurs.

Gussie has not been well lately, and she has to be removed soon. She has got real thin.

Sep 10 Wednesday. Still trying to rain, and I hope it will succeed. Gusta and her children went home last evening. I wish it was not quite so far over there it so lonely for them.

Friday night Oct 31st Well I have given my journal a long rest, but I have not rested so very much.

The 12 of Sep. I went to a camp meeting in the Clear Fork, stayed a week in camp, rain, shine, cold and heat but the best meeting I ever attended, conducted by Rev. L. C. Armstrong and J. J. Raymond. More small children and babies than I ever saw at one meeting, but they all got along the best I ever saw. Slipping and sliding in the mud, and wallowing over every thing they got wet, heads caught fire from the red mud, but every one had a good time. About fifty conversions. Services at sunrise, 9 o'clock, 11, 4, sundown and dark, and we were all there babies excepted in the morning.

The last day of the month I went to Brockmont and spent five days. Minnie and baby were both unwell. It was court week and there were a lot of folks in town.

Nov 13 Now George R moved to Oklahoma, ^{10 days} another break in the family.

Finish 1890

Albany Tex Feb. 1st - 1891

Old journal, you have been neglected a long time and lots of things have happened since I recorded any thing. This has been a bad day, and I was sick last week with Sea Grippe, and did not dare go out. The others are all at church to night.

Bro Will has been sick the last ten days but better now. Mother came from there yesterday.

May 26th 1891 Wednesday the 20th we had a reunion of the Reynolds and Matthews families. All present of the Reynolds family except my children. Gus Newcomb and his wife and baby which was a disappointment to me.

Jan 1st 1891 Mrs. Johnson 2149 West Commerce St.

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8 Mrs. Atkinson 1

Gus 1

15 Minnie 1

H. A. B. 1

19 Bette 1

22 Sallie 1

Mrs. G. M. Chiles
1104 Olive Street
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Susan Emily Reynolds - (Newcomb) (Bartholomew)

Born - Sept. 27 - 1848

Died - June 5 - 1921

Nathaniel Luma Bartholomew

Born - Nov. 14 - 1841

Died - Nov. 4 - 1923

Samuel Pierce Newcomb

Born - Nov. 10 - 1839

Died - Apr. 23 - 1870

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