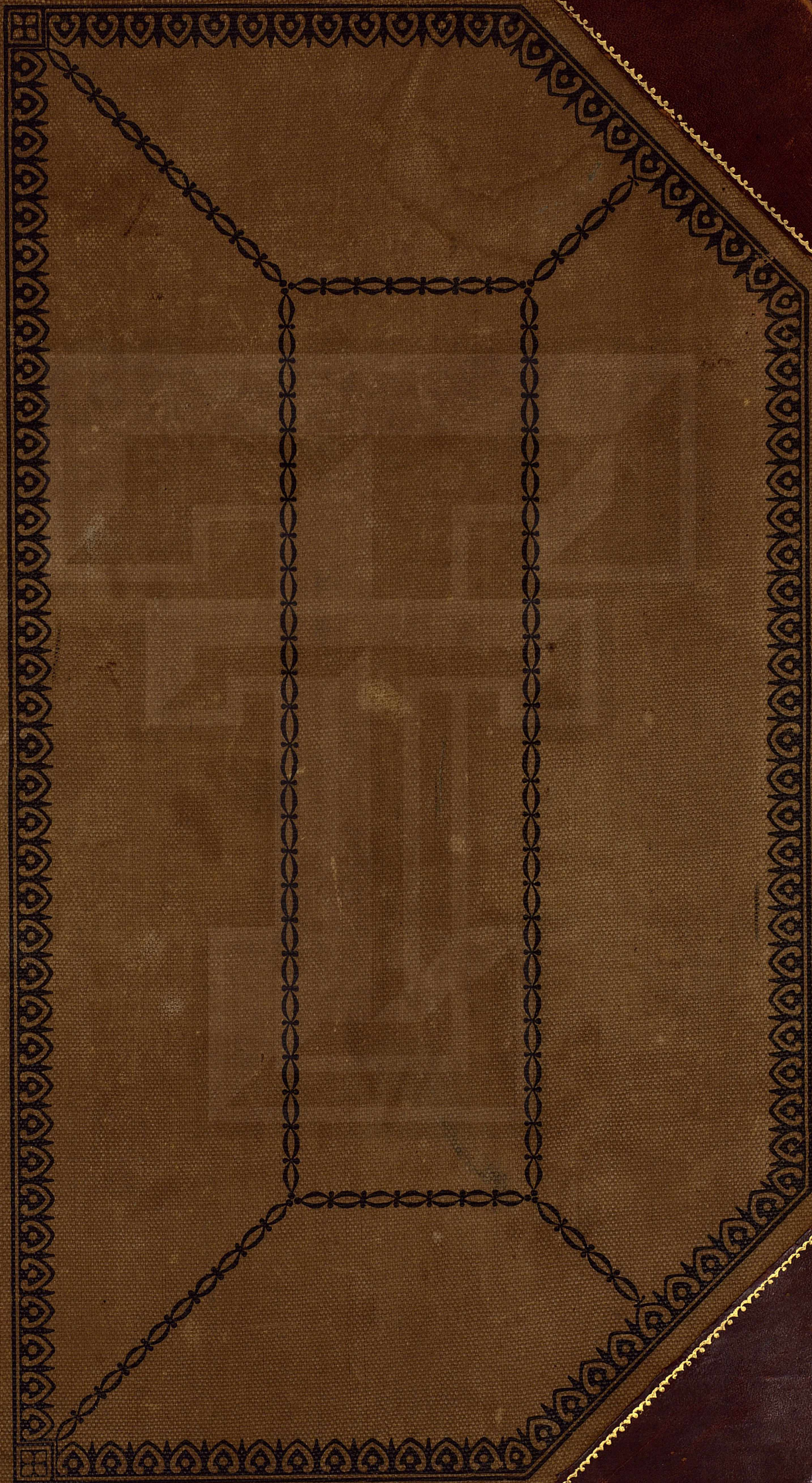




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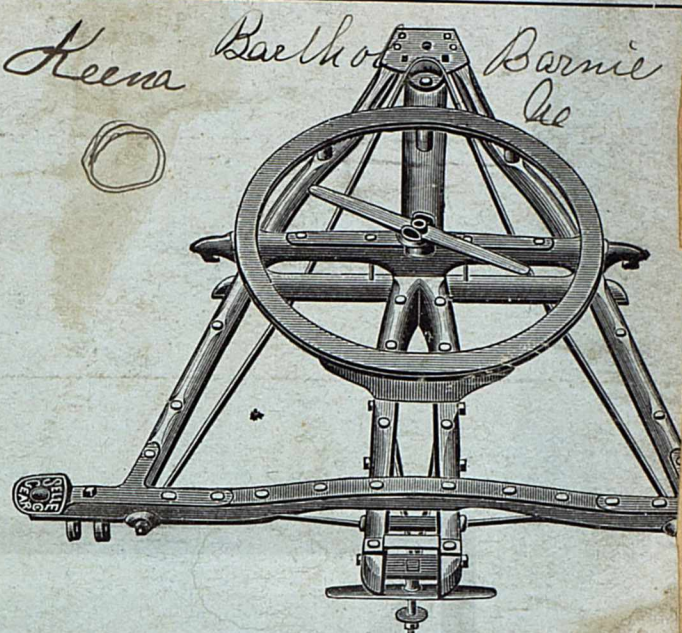


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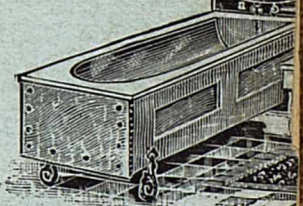
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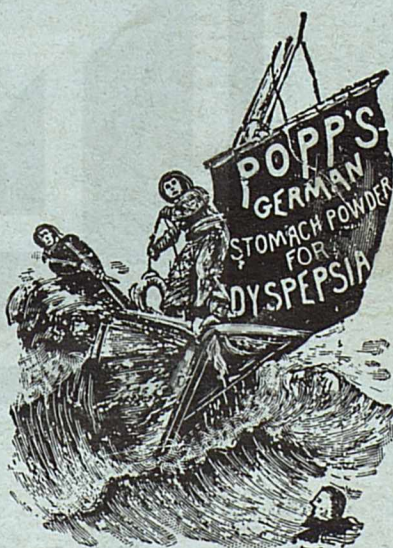
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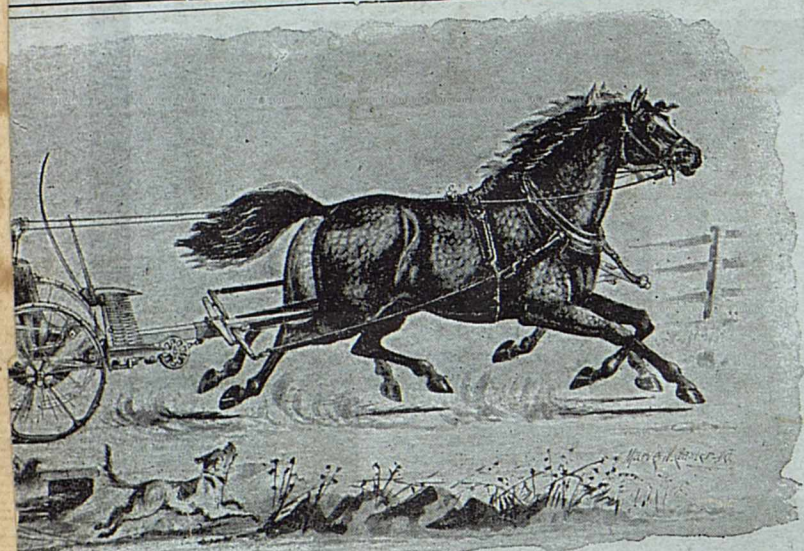
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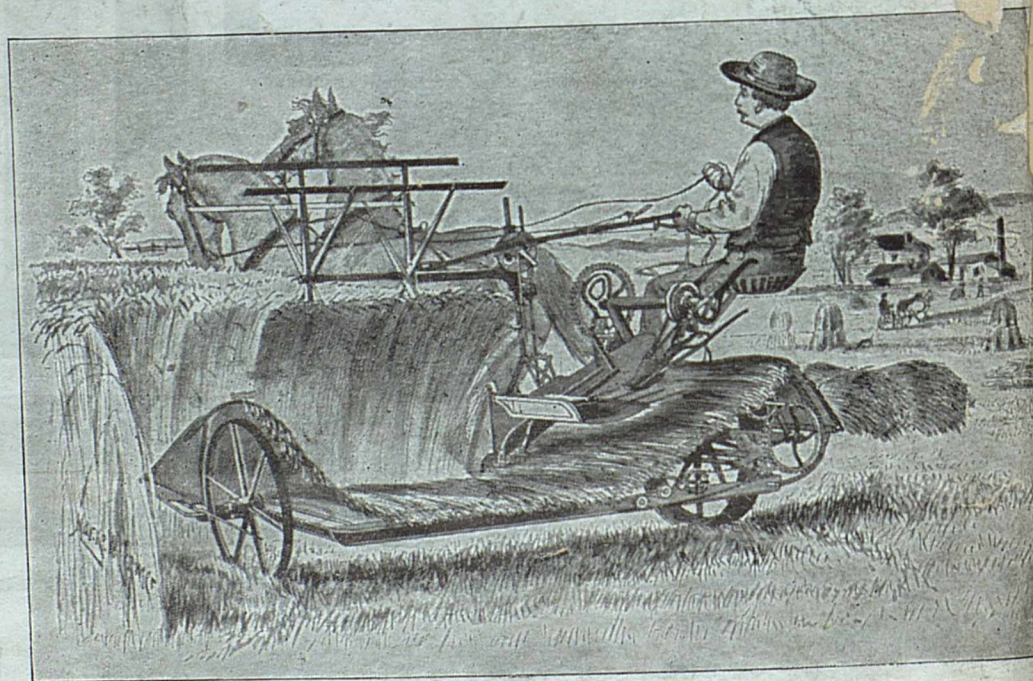
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Jan 1st

"Do the work that's next you,
Though it's dull at times;
Helping when you meet them,
Lame dogs over stiles."

Friday

I would like to make the above my motto, and hope that I shall not make an entire failure this year.

We had a very sudden storm last night - just at dark, a hard wind and rain. So day has been clear, cold and windy. I spent the morning up town, shopping with my sister, and called on my brothers, P. W. and G. J. Reynolds. Their families rather as they were out. In the afternoon I called on Mrs. Burns. she is trying to have Sagarippe.

The young folks are getting up a leap year party for to night. I hope they will make no leaps in the wrong direction.

Sat. 2

The day has been very calm and pleasant. I put in the day trying to put things to rights, after the holiday frolics. I forgot to say that Mr. Gerrard, and uncle Joe. Matthews dined with us yesterday.

Sun 3

The wind was cold and raw to day, and as I have a cold, I thought best to stay at home, for fear of Grip.

Mon 4

This has been a lovely day, and I wanted to get out but was so busy with housework, that I had no time. until nearly night. May and I drove around to Mrs. Lee's on an errand. Mrs. Armstrong & Bettie made us a call this afternoon.

Tues. 5

I walked up town this morning, found Mrs. Burns in bed. In the afternoon, I took my work and visited Susie & Bettie R. Sue Myra and I went to see Bettie and Mother, and had a good visit.

Wed 6

This morning I commenced pasting in a scrap book that I intend to fill with a bit of frontier history, and little little family letters, and such things as I think

Jan

will interest the coming generations of the Reynolds, Matthews and Bartholomew families.

I called on the Vandervoorts this afternoon, they are going to leave town next week, and we are sorry to lose them. I stopped in to see my friend, Mrs. Burns, and found her up. Weather pretty cold again to day.

Thurs. 7

I put in the whole morning on the scrap book and part of the afternoon. I was tired of the house thought I would walk over to Prices. I shot a large blue heron as I went over. I had to come back for my gun, and that gave ^{me} a little more exercise than I bargained for.

Lou, (my girl) was with me, and I left her to watch it while I was away. I broke one wing and leg, and ^{the} thing was on the fight, it took a quarter of a yard of lace off of my bonnet. The bird measured exactly six feet from tip to tip.

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It is just eight years to day since we came to Albany. How time has flown, and how many sad changes since then. But time waits for none of us, and the gray hairs come, and the children will grow, and before we are hardly aware of the fact we have grown sons and daughters. and some little toddler is lisping "gran ma, Mam ma" as my little Fern says. bless her heart.

This has been a pleasant day, and I thought I thought that I would call on some of the new comers this afternoon, but concluded not to, as ^{my} dresses fit me closer than usual this winter, since I have been in such good health, and I have had no new ones yet, but am afraid I'll have to.

I put in the most of the day with my scrap book, and am getting on quite well with it.

Jan

Sat 9 This morning I swept, dusted, covered a wood box, and scolded May about darning her stockings that was the hardest job of all.

I went shopping this afternoon, and called on Mrs. Rye, and Mrs. Ball. Mrs B. was out, and Emma said (when I went to start) O. Mrs Bartholomew-dint go, we are alone. Emma is such a little woman.

It has been real cold and raw to day, cloudy all day.

Sun 10

This morning opened up cloudy and ugly, but fair'd off, bright and pleasant. I went to Sunday School and stayed to Episcopal services, which always tire me, because of their length. May went home with Jessie Vandervoort, and Elmer B. came home with me.

Mon 11

This morning was freezing, and grew colder all day. It is 24 now. I fasted again this morning, and this afternoon. I faced the weather to tell the Vandervoorts good by, and stopped a few moments at Phineas. Uncle Ben was there, had struggled out in the cold, and could ^{not} go back home.

Poor old man, he is very weak, and certainly cannot stand the storms much longer.

Tues 12

Colder than ever to day, mercury at 17, but I do not seem to feel it as much as I did yesterday, the wind has not blown so hard, and then I have been doing the housework to day. Lou is sick, and I don't feel very well myself, but the work has to go on all the same. I have sewed a little to day.

Wed 13

This has been a very nice day but quite cold. I sewed most of the day.

Thurs 14

I stayed at the Methodist parsonage last night. Nettie Armstrong married this morning at 6:30 or rather that was the time set, but Mr. Kindell overslept, and was

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a little late, and then he forgot his license and had to go back. Nettie got up at four, and made fires, and made beds, and swept and I think she helped about breakfast, and made our breakfast at leisure.

Mrs. Q. held up bravely, until they got off and then she broke down and had a cry.

I know that they will miss her very much.

I came home at half past eight, and helped some about the house work, as it is washing day, it was too cold the first of the week and the girl was sick besides.

I felt a little tired and sleepy this afternoon. Loula Matthews and Stella Coulman were here a bit ago to see if they could have a party here tomorrow night.

May went home with one of her mates from school. Mr. B. is out eating oysters with his companions at the lodge room, having a good ^{time} ^I presume, and I, well I, ^{am} going right off to bed, and dream, if I can, that there are no lodges of a secret order, in the land beyond, where I hope to go, some day in the "Sweet by and by," when my final farewell, "this earth I have said,"

Jan 15 I made two cakes this morning, and brushed up a little for the young folks, and have had a headache all day too, looking over as I always do when I am a little sick. Myra and her boys were over yesterday, and J. A. M. dined with us.

Jan 16 Well, the people came last night, but it was nine o'clock, I think that is altogether too late to meet for a good evening's fun, but they all seemed to have a good time. There ^{very} fifteen, besides Laura Dodson, who was spending the night with May. Leon Center was playing his pranks as usual, and making lots of fun. He did not get to bed until twelve o'clock, but I have felt real well all day.

I went to see Mother and Susie. Ma has another touch of the Grip. Susie is in bed with it, and George is trying to be. She just got in yesterday from a two weeks trip, in the cold country, and was in snow and ice all Summer.

I finished up two night dresses this week, and am making an old fashioned dress for May to wear in a concert. She is not well to day, hope she will not have the grip.

It is not near so cold as usual to day. Cloudy this afternoon. Son is off to spend the night with a friend.

Jan 17

Drizzling, and raw all day, and something of a snow up to night. I walked to church and Sunday school, and at four o'clock I went to Bro Armstrongs, and went with them to night services. I guess I would have had a bad time getting home, if my little half had not come and brought a lantern.

May is sick to day, and did not get out.

Gusta Regnolds got home to day, from Colorado where she has been nearly four months.

18 Thermometer down to twelve to day, and a snow storm on hand. Sleeted last night, and snowed all day.

Hard weather on stock, and people who are short of fuel and poorly clad. I feel so thankful for the comforts I enjoy. Plenty to eat and wear, and such good warming fires to sit by. I know that I am not half thankful enough. O thou faithful Friend, help me to be more deserving of the many great blessings that I enjoy.

My health is so much better this winter, than it was ever before. It seems so strange for me to be able to work all day, and not feel so tired, that as to be obliged to lie down.

I finished up a grey dress to day, for May to wear in a concert. She is to be an old woman.

Jan 18

To day has been bright and beautiful, but very cold. This morning I let down the beam in one of Mays dresses, and helped Bills (our hired man) get a possum

Bess broke thru the ice
neighbors had put afire

out of a tree, and he killed him with an ax
as he thought and went up town, and when he
got back, old poss, had gone off into the mig-
hans field, he trailed him in the snow.

This afternoon I went to Campbells to see
Gusta, and found her just starting over home
I stayed awhile at C's, and then went to Gustas
Bess was at school, and when she came home
she was dripping wet, had been on the ice, and
broke with her. Some of her clothes were frozen
on her. I wonder that half as many children
live to be grown as I do.

Jan 20 All the snow disappeared to day, or very near
all, quite a difference in the temperature.

I went to Mrs Garrett's to have a wrapper fitted
this morning, went from there to the bank and
wrote a letter, and it was most soon when I
got home. I made a cotton flannel night
gown this afternoon, for Bernie, and he will
think he has on a bed quilt when he gets in it.

We gave the possum to old uncle Sam,
the colored preacher, and he was pleased, Bill
dressed it and it hung out of doors and froze
and it looked real nice. I told the old man
that I might go up and take dinner with him
to morrow.

My better half is about half sick, I hope he
will not have the grip.

Jan 21 Thrus day. I went over the creek, the other side of the
park (about a mile) this morning, to see Mrs Bob
Morning. She has a baby born Monday, a freezing snowy
day, and not a rag of clothes to put on it, not enough
of cover on the (one) bed, I only heard this morning
- The neighbors had been, and fixed her up some, and
I carried a few things. Bob put the heel on fire
with a hot rock yesterday and then poured a bucket
of water on it to put it out, and the bedding froze
to a wonder they are not dead. but I found her

Bess alright after her accident.
May 3 14 yrs. old

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with the snuff bottle in bed with her, looking as cross as an apple. Bob was whistling around happy as a clam, trying to button a pair of shoes on the other little one, less than two years old. Not a chair in the house, just two small boxes.

After dinner I went again, and carried her some dinner, and a chair. Found Bob mixing bread in a small pan, just large enough to get his two hands in. He fried his meat in a stone skillet on the fire, and then baked his bread in it. That skillet, a tea kettle, and a tin pail, were all the cooking utensils that I saw. The bread bed was drawn up near the fire. Bob sat on one box and had his dough pan on the other, right at the head of the bed, and the little kid stood right against it. Ugh, I don't think I could eat anything there.

I went from there to Armstrongs a few minutes and found Mr. A. sick. I also spent part of the afternoon at Gustais. Bess had no bad effects from her cold bath, but Gussie is not well. Platte Russell is grubbing over here.

Jan 22 Friday. This morning I went to Phins to see Florence. She was real busy sewing, and I brought a little dress home with me to make.

Parson Sam brought us some pease soup and potatoes to day, and they were real nice.

This afternoon I called to see Mrs. Mullins over boy, and went and got Marge to, and we went out to see Mrs. Woods, and when we got back, I run in to see Mother a few minutes. Bettie went to uncle Joes to day.

23 Sat. This morning I was dizzy and sick, and it took me all the forenoon to get warmed up, but have felt much better since dinner. I made a flannel skirt.

May is ~~thirteen~~ ^{fourteen} years old to day, and Maidee, Rubie Ella, Annie Merle, Nettie and Bessie were over in the afternoon and took tea with her, and then she went home with Maidee. She put in all the morning practicing for

the concert. The day has been very pleasant

Jan 24 Sunday. This has been a lovely day. I went to S. School, church, and the Christian endeavor meeting, at half past four.

We were aroused about 3 o'clock this morning by E. P. Davis, and Mr. B. had to go up to the bank to get a paper for him, as he wanted to get off on the train on pressing business.

Bonnie finally sent for the Dr. to day, and took some calomel. There are a great many down with Scrophle and pneumonia. I presume we will have a serious time before the plague quits us.

Jan 25 Monday. The first thing I heard this morning was, that Gustie Reynolds was sick. So as soon as I got my breakfast, I went over, found her in bed with grip. There did not seem to be much that I could do, so picked up the soiled clothes and had Matt bring them over for me, and I went into the woods. The first time in a long while, and I am a little tired to night, although I have written three letters which makes thirteen for me this month.

Jan 26 Another very pleasant day. I went to see Susie B. this afternoon. She is still tossing with the grip and uncle Jack, their general factotum, is down with the same. After supper, May and I went to see Gustie. She is better, but the baby had a hot fever, and she had the Dr. come over

Jan 27 Wed. Calm, warm and sunny to day. Gustie had a hard chill, and was real sick last night and to day. I was over this morning, and this afternoon. Gustie is better. I feel quite weary to night. Mr. King was buried to day.

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Jan 28 Thursday The sick are on the mend. Florence and Ben were over to day, and this afternoon Florence and I went to see Gustä, and from there to Phins, a few minutes, Thermometer reached 40 to day.

Jan 29 Weather to day, in the sun was simply hot, getting ready for a storm & shower.
 mercury 75
 at noon My horse would not be caught, and I walked up to Georges, and got very warm. I called to see Dr Moody, who is quite sick.
 Mr. Pence went through his operation alright and is doing nicely. I finished a night-dress to night, my sewing gets done by little, in these days of La Grippe.

30 Saturday Well, the first thing thing this morning I went to see Mr Armstrong, he is down again. Got home at eleven o'clock. Weather is cloudy and warm, feels very much like Spring.
 I went to the matinee at the three o'clock, given by Mrs Gannup's music class, and it was very good. Mother and Bettie were over a few minutes this afternoon. I finished a school apron for May.

Jan 31 Sunday I have a headache and feel weary this morning, and did not go to Sunday school nor church. It is cloudy, and windy, but not very cold, but looks like it might be fixing for a storm, of some kind, I wish it would rain.

Feb. 1st

The day opened up with a warm drizzle. But the Sun has been shining most of the afternoon. I visited the dressmaker, Mr. Pence. Susie R. Mrs. Hindle, and Annie Lee. She has a boy this morning. I helped in the kitchen a good deal to day as it is our washday, and fixed a dress for May. There seems to be always something to fix.

Feb. 2 The concert last night was quite a success. This morning was rain and misting, but this afternoon was pleasant. I weighed 149 lbs. this morning. I bought some buttons from Piner Moody, and I weighed 151 with them in my hand. It is the first time I ever bought buttons by the lb. He asked what I would give him for a lot of loose ones that were in the box, and I said 25 cents, and he says they go. I went up to George R's this morning, and found them all ailing, and the cook leaving.

Jan 3 Wednesday. The day has been pleasant but cloudy. I painted a little to day, and went to Gaspus this afternoon. And got a little out of patience, at some poachers who were in our field shooting birds. I would like to have the pleasure of shooting the game on our own grounds.

4 Thursday. The wind has blown very hard to day. I walked up to me this morning, and it was very unpleasant. I went to the bank and found that I could of help a little so I was glad to put in an hour or two checking statements. I walked out in the pasture this afternoon, but found no game. I commenced copying an old journal, kept by S. P. Newcomb during a trip down south, in Feb. and Mar 1884. I want it printed. To night I went back to the Bank, and helped Mr. B. mail statements.

Feb 5 Friday, Cloudy and colder to day. I worked at my copying all the morning, and this afternoon, I went to Hills, Myra was there, and we went to the cemetery met at 4 o'clock, from there we went to see Mrs. Lee. I took Myra home, and ran in to George a minute. He and Bettie had just returned from Conrads ranch. O. Geo, I took Bettie Hindells clock to her, a bride present that was behind the time getting in.
We had a nice salt water fish for dinner.

Feb 6 The first thing I did this morning was to shoot a squirrel, and we had him fried for dinner, he was as tender as a young chicken. I finished my copying to day, and painted a morning glory on a blotter, that is three blotters that I have painted this lately.
Early this morning it got very dark, and the clouds looked like it ^{would} blow broad fully. Then it thundered and began to rain like it was going to be a down pour. But it rained very little, and blew over, and we had a hard sandstorm instead.

Feb 7 Sunday This has been a lovely day. May was a little sick, and took some medicine last night. did not go to Sunday School, but went to see Mrs. Woods this afternoon, with Gustie B. Gussie and myself. We found Mrs. W. quite feeble. The Dr and wife were there, also Mrs. Elliot and a Mrs. Wofford. I feel rather tired after my drive. Ella Reynolds is sick. We drove up there also.

Feb 8 Monday. I put in most of the morning in the kitchen. Lizzie Woods was here a little this morning, and J. A. Matthews, and Fox Jr. came in about noon.
This afternoon I went up town to shop a little for my Sister, and then went to see Ella. Found Mrs. Matthews there, and Rosa and Mrs. Heller (Mrs. Johnson) came in. Ella had a good deal of fever. Quite windy to day.

Feb 9 Tues. I have headache, and feel a little out of tune to day, and have been trying to take things easy. I have commenced to cray on a landscape, and did a little on that, and crocheted some on a

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cape that I have on hand, also hemmed some towel and handkerchiefs. Uncle Joe M. took tea with us and sat a while to night.

Feb 10 Wed. I crayed a little this morning. Rosa & Mrs. Heller were over after some shrubbery.

I went up to Hills this afternoon, to see their new boy, who arrived just in time for breakfast this morning. Ella is improving some, uncle Jack has been up nearly all day. He says there is no use to ask if I am well, looking at me will do. Says I have a front on me like a balloon. Quite complimentary(?) Susie and the boy are doing nicely. He is a fine ten pounder.

Feb 11 Crayed all the morning. Gustie, Leon and my self, went up to see Susie this afternoon. All doing well, but Ella looks thin and bad. Leon is most sick to night. J.A.M. is with us to night. Weather has been rather cold to day.

Feb 12 Friday. J.A. and his son Joe went home to day. Weather looks very much like Spring, but I fear that we will have a cold snap. To Hill family. Gustie and Bessie spent the day. Gustie said that she came to see if I had a little baby. I took her to see her aunt Susie's baby yesterday, and she thinks she ought to find one here too. Been very windy to day.

Feb 13 I almost finished my picture, and finished a night dress that I cut yesterday. Another warm blasty day, and a little rain about sundown.

Feb 14 Sunday Some colder to day. I went to Sunday school and church this morning, and walked over to Phineo this afternoon. Found John Matthews and family there, but Phineo family were out riding. John's wife is on her way to Southern Texas to visit her mother.

Aunt Martha

16 Yesterday morning, I received a note saying that Mrs. Woods was not expected to live but a few hours. So took Mrs. Gulledge down there with me, and we stayed all day. Towards night, Bettie R. and Syra came down. Myra took Mrs. G. home, and Bettie and I stayed. Mrs. W. seems better today. We got home at noon. I brought mother over, and she went to Gastie's this afternoon, and I shall have to go too, or go to sleep.

Feb 17 This morning I went up to Mr. Armstrongs, and Mrs. A. went with me to Bettie's, to hear from Mrs. Woods. She staid with her last, and said she was not so well. We called at Mrs. Shannons to offer a crumb of comfort to the poor old lady who has had a great trial recently in the shape of an illegitimate grand daughter, A beautiful child, but an awkward one of course. Its mother, a young girl about 17 years of age, tall and not more than half clothed, looked very pale and weak, but was sweeping and making beds, and the child only two weeks old. I am very sorry for them, I went to Gastie's a little while also,

Feb 18 Friday, yesterday morning I went to Dr. Powell's, they have a very sick baby, probably will not recover. I went in to Phin's a few minutes. Mother and Gastie and Lizzie were over in the afternoon. This morning I went to Lee's, Powell's, and Hall's. The sick babe seems about the same. It was real raw and damp this morning, but is pleasanter this afternoon. I certainly will be glad when the sick are better, we have had rather a rough time this winter with Grippe

Feb 20 Saturday I sat up with the baby last night, and I thought at 7 o'clock this morning, that it could not live two hours. But it is better this afternoon, but it may choke to death at any time. The main trouble is its throat. It is distressing to see the dear little fellow suffer so, and he looks at us just like he want to have us do something to relieve him. Dr. Stout from Cisco was there. He is a very fine looking well preserved old gentleman 70 years of age. Very entertaining. He sleeps in his chair without any trouble. Mother, Lizzie Price and I, went to see Mrs. Woods this afternoon.

I went to bed very early this morning, and slept until eleven o'clock, but I feel sleepy and tired to night, guess I will go to bed early. I left mother at Powell's. May is out visiting, and it is getting time she was back.

Feb 22 Monday, I went to Woods yesterday afternoon, sat up all night, Mrs. W. slept most of the time, and seemed to rest. I got into town just as the mill whistled, 7 o'clock. I left Lou sick yesterday, and this morning she was broken out like measles, but better. I went to bed at nine, and slept till eleven, but feel very dull and sleepy now. Aunt Gallie (colored!) was over begging today, I gave her all the cold victuals, and my washing to do, as my help is sick.

Feb 23 Tuesday, I attended the funeral of Capt. Larseth's daughter Lottie, this afternoon. She was about 16 years of age I think. It is a hard blow on the family. She used to go to school here, and the school children were all there. A very large attendance. I am very sorry for the family, she will be sadly missed, but ^{we} all have to go through the same sad experience some times. I have been doing the work to day, and feel the effects. Lou and May are both under the weather. Bessie R. and her mother, and the children were over this afternoon. It has been very warm to day.

Feb 28 Sunday, I have been so busy with the sick, that I have had very little time for the journal. Mrs. Woods died Thursday, the 25th at 3.45 P.M. Very easy at the last, and perfectly conscious all the time. She asked to be turned over, then asked the time, and in 15 minutes she was gone.

She was perfectly willing, and anxious to go, said the sky was all clear. On Wednesday she asked us to sing "How firm a foundation." She asked Mr. Camp (her brother-in-law) to pray, and at the conclusion of the prayer, she asked him to turn her over. She did not seem to suffer any more, and died without a struggle. She was buried Friday, and the day was cold and rainy. She leaves seven children.

Friday night we attended a reception at George Reynolds, in honor of Mr. Webb, who is going to leave Albany soon. Mr. B. is almost sick again. May did not go to school.

last week, was a little sick, and I think, is getting a little
lazy about going. I went to Sunday School and church
to day, but do not feel very well. Have not gotten over the
sitting up I guess.

29 Monday I drove over to Hills, Campbells, and
Georges this morning, and did not get back until two
o'clock. Found a water heater for the bathroom, and my
Kodak here, but I have got the headache too bad to read
the instructions to day. Had four callers this afternoon

March 1 Tuesday, I have a dreadful cold, and am almost
sick to day. Mr. B. has taken more cold and coughs very
hard. I guess I will have the grip after all. Mr. Quill
took dinner with us to day. He says he is going to be kin
folks to us, after all. So I guess he has made up with Miss Wilson
but she is not any kin to us. She is a Mattheus relation though,
and they are pretty thick in our family. I did some work
on my silk quilt to day. It seems a little odd not to be
obliged to go some where to see the sick, I was at Sheltons a
while Sunday night. They have a sick baby.
This has been a lovely day.

Mar 2 Wednesday Another pleasant day, no sign of rain
Mr. Quill took dinner with us again to day. We are
on a track with him for a buggy horse, and he brought
one over for me to try. So I drove a little ways out
this afternoon. I did quite a lot on my quilt to day.

Mar 3 Thursday, It has been cloudy and raw all day,
I spent the day at the bank, checking and mailing
statements, and I have had a bad headache all day.
J. A. M. spent last night with us. I killed two
quail yesterday evening, the first time I have had a
hope at anything in a long time. I shot them from
the yard fence, while they were running.
May has gone to to spend the night with Rubie C.
her mother and the other children have gone up on the
Clear Fork to visit.

Mar 5 Sat. we had a pretty good rain last night. it

washed the creek out, and every thing looks much better to day, but I am feeling rather miserable and do not feel like getting out to look at things.

Yesterday I went up to the photo. gallery, and intended to do some work with my Kodak, but I got it out of fix the first thing, and that ended it. Mr. B. tinkered with it last night, but I don't know whether he will be able to fix it or not. I sat for a picture, and I guess it will be a sight as usual. It was rather damp and raw yesterday.

The wind blows a good deal to day.

Mar 6 Sunday. Dr. H. S. Little preached for us to day, and it seemed good to have services in our own dear little church again.

We had a good sermon as we always do from the Dr. and a full house. My best half was unable to go, as he is still in the clutches of Scagrip. Mother is coughing real hard again, and looks

badly, but was out to day. Our Sunday School is getting slim on account of sickness. Mr. Warrell was out with his new bride. Weather is very much cooler to day. The fire is real comfortable. (Price and Gussie were over a little while to day. Gussie is a great hand to come to aunt Sister's.)

Mar 8 Tuesday. Yesterday was rather cold and raw. In the afternoon I went over to see how Mr. Biggs was, and found him still in bed, but able to smoke a pipe. He got thrown from his cart Sunday night, as I went to church and got considerably jammed up. I presume he was drunk as he is usually in that condition. His poor care worn wife was taking the best of care of him. I called in Sunday night, and found her on her knees by the bed, bathing his bleeding face, and he was tossing in a drunken sleep. So many sad things to encounter in this life.

To day I went to the picture gallery and had Mr. Rogers try my Kodak, and I made a couple of snapshots at my horse and buggy, and got him to develop them. I think I will like it when I get the run of it, and my head gets to feeling better. I am not feeling very well lately.

I went up to Campbell's this afternoon. She and the children have been up to the Clear Fork. I asked Archie if he had a good time. He said "yes, but I stuck off of

a hay stack and hurt me.)

Mar 9 Wednesday. To day has been real windy and cold too, but I called on the Webbs and Armstrongs, and met Mr. Boyle and family at the train, and went with them up to George B's. Mr. B looks like he needed a rest, and his wife looks very thin, but that is not surprising, as she has two small children to look after.

Mar 10 Thurs. Boyle took dinner with us to day. He seems to be the same as of old, but he says that he has got meaner than thunder since he went to Oklahoma, because he has to deal with so many mean people. We had a little garden planted to day, and the corn is just in the ground.

Mar 11 Gastie and Bess were over last evening, and Lizzie and Gossie were here awhile this morning. Gus saw Lou making pins, and she said she was going to stay till after dinner. I spent the afternoon at Georges. Susie was there spending the day. Will got in from North to day. Mother came home with me. She is coughing real hard again.

Mar 12 Sat. Myra was over this afternoon, and I went with her as far as Mrs Hills as she went home. Emma Rose was having a candy pull, with about a dozen little girls. Mr. Webb came over to bid us good by while I was away, but I sent him at Hills, and he brought me home, B. He is very pleasant, but very hard of hearing.

Mar 13 Sun. This has been a beautiful day, warm and bright most of the day. May and Lou drove to Chisum Springs this afternoon, and when they came back May and I went to see Mrs. Bust. She has a babe two months old, and has something the matter with her back, and can't walk. It must be very trying for her. Cannot dress herself, nor lift her baby. She has a very sweet babe. She sits in her chair and rocks it.

Mar 14 Mon. It was real warm last night, but the wind is in the north and is much cooler to day, and rather disagreeable. I worked a little bit at the photograph gallery this morning, and cut a dress for myself and May this afternoon. May was not at school this afternoon.

Nov. 15 Wet, cold and sleeting. The trees are covered with

ice. Our creeping willows look like they would break. This will give things a general setback, and the poor cattle will die. Thermometer at 31. Sunday it was 74.

Have been busy with dresses to day. May did the machine work. weather too bad for her to go to school.

Mar 16 Wednesday. Sleeted and rained all night and all day and snowed between times, looks like mid winter, icicles hanging every where, and it keeps the man busy making fire. Mother has been busy this week cross stitching a dress for Maide Campbell. J. A. M. took dinner with us to day. He has not been at home since he went to North. I finished the dresses to day except the buttons and holes on mine. I finished my silk quilt Saturday, that is, it is ready for the lining.

Mar 17 Thursday Snowed off and on all day, and thawed a little. Icicles on the north side a foot long.

I had a nice black suit come last night. The waist was a little too large and I fixed it, and did odd jobs to day.

May has been at home all the week, and been doing some sewing.

Mar 18 Fri. Last night I had a chill, from some cause, and I feel weak to day. Ice nearly all vanished to day.

Mar 19 Sat. This afternoon I went to the photo gallery, but did not do much as usual. Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Hendell and Lizzie Woods called while I was away. I got home real tired.

Mar 20 Sunday. I have a class of six small boys in Sunday School. Joe Reynolds, Price Milton, Alford Stamtore Frank Cook, Benson & Archie Campbell. Price won't be still a minute, and Frank always has something to say. I talked some about wine drinking to day. Frank says my papa drinks wine when he has the headache. Archie shrugged his shoulders and said. My ^{papa} don't drink it when he has got the headache, and cousin Bernie don't either, does he cousin Irie?

May, Leon, Mother and I walked over to Price's this afternoon. It has been tolerably pleasant to day.

Mar 21 Monday. Went to the Gallery this afternoon, and

tried to retouch a negative. Went from there to George's a little while. Found Mrs. Joe Matthews there, and Susie. Vallie Boyle's children are sick, Mr. Boyle, Will R and Mr. Sam Webb went hunting to day.

I called a few moments at Phine's, found Rosa in the wash tub. I tried to get Emma Grang to come and help me with house work, as Leon is going away soon, but failed.

Mar 22. We had a hard rain last night, and it was dark all the morning, but clear this afternoon. I took some pictures of the horse and jersey. don't know what kind of objects they will be until they are developed. will do that tomorrow, if weather is good. Mr. B. didn't come home to dinner to day, and it is lonesome without him. May went to School this afternoon.

Mar 23 Tuesday. This morning I went up to the gallery and developed my negatives. The cows were alright, but the horse was a little too close. It was real cold all day, and rained some. I knit this afternoon, am knitting a quilt pattern, from directions in the Free Press Household and think it will be real pretty, but tedious.

Mother is very busy cross stitching a dress for May. Gassie spent the day with us.

Mar 24 Thursday. It rained, and rained last night, all night

I think. The creek is up big, and I tried my Kodak on it, don't know how it will pan out, as it is my first in cloudy weather. There are pools of water in the plowed ground it is thoroughly wet now. Barnie staid up town and we had cabbage for dinner. He does not like to smell them, and we pick our chances. J. A. M. took supper with us to night. He is not feeling very good, over the progress in his house and especially some changes made in his absence, after he had already brought carpets to fit the rooms as they were.

Our cistern overflowed and soaked our cellar last night

I took off a hen with fourteen chickens to day.

Ma

Mar 25 Friday. Mr. Boyle was over to day, and I took

a picture of him and Mother, and developed them, also the one view of the creek, I lit the light on the view, and it is not very good. It has been real warm to day, and the ground has dried off fast. I walked up town and got very tired don't feel well any way.

Mar 26 Saturday. I took a picture of Lou, and of Mrs. Armstrong and Ella, and developed them, and printed a few, and tried my hand on retouching, but did not make a very good job. Lou had a bad spell of ~~exhaust~~ headache, and toothache last night, but seems alright to day. The wind has been quite cool, and a good deal of it from the west.

Mar 27 Sunday. A lovely day. I did not go to Sunday School, but went to church. Had some company in the afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, the Artist, Mrs. Addington and Geo. and Bettie. Bettie proposed that I go to Hot Springs with them, and perhaps I will. Gustie and her girls took dinner with us.

Mar 28 I worked at the gallery this morning. Took two pictures of Mother before I went over, and developed them retouched one, and printed a little.

It has been very windy and disagreeable to day. This afternoon, I collected my wardrobe, and did a little packing. Let out some seams, and tried to fix things so I could get into them. May sailed with Lala last night.

Mar 29. Awful wind to day, from the west. Myra and children were over this morning. Gus came in just at noon, and left after dinner. It is a hard day to dine in. I am about ready now for the journey to morrow. A short horse is easy carried. Lou is going at the same time. May will keep house with Ma to help her.

Hotel Gay, Hot Springs Ark Apr 1st 1892

Geo. R. and wife, Lula Matthews and my self, left Albany Wednesday Mar 30. A cold morning, got breakfast at Cisco, changed cars at Dublin, and came over getting left, on account of a cranky back man, had the train wait a few minutes.

Geo. left his overcoat, on the Central train, but it grew warmer all the time. We got to Fort Worth at three P.M. and did some shopping, got our supper, and left at 8.40. Got to Texas House for breakfast, but as it was rather early we took ours on the train and had to wait till we got pretty hungry, as the porters was rushed with business.

We got here at one o'clock yesterday, and after being worried a good deal with drummers, we walked and hunted for ourselves. We took our dinner at the Avenue, but could not get rooms.

We are very comfortably located here. I took a bath yesterday, but am not well enough to day for one, wish I was, as I do not wish to lose any time.

I was very tired when we got located, have a headache, and ache generally to day. Geo. and Bertie

have been to bath to day. Lula and I will not begin before Monday.

It was so warm that I did not half rest last night, and I got very little the night before. I seldom do the first night on a sleep.

The guests of the house had an entertainment in the Parlor last night, but we were too tired to attend, but could hear part of it. It rained last night and to day, and the water is still rippling through the streets.

The houses are built right up in to the mountains.

There is a family here from De Leon, came in with us, when we can't think of their names, we call them the Brownies. They make a good deal of fun for us.

We took a long walk down town this afternoon, and looked at the shops, and found every thing very high priced. Went in to a shooting gallery and took a pop with an air gun. I missed the mark, but George set the band playing. The rest of them walked on farther up after we got to our stopping place, but I was too tired to go on. The air feels very refreshing, and I should like to have gone on.

Apr 2 Saturday. Lula and I, climbed a mountain this morning, and gathered violets, and rested on the pine needles which reminded me of my childhood. This afternoon we went to a dog and peony show, which was the best thing of the kind that I ever saw. We stopped at Townsends and did a little shopping, and as we were tired, we took a car

home. My appetite has been very good, and we get good meals here.

Apr 3 Sunday. Lula and I went to the Presbyterian church this morning. It is quite a nice little church. It commenced to rain about noon, and rained very hard, had to light the gas in the dining room. We are on the third floor, and ~~we~~ can walk out ~~out~~ on to the ground the back way.

Apr 4 Took a bath this morning. Got some letters from home, and wrote some. After dinner, we went down town and did some shopping, and took a car to the end of the line south, and back to our hotel. Bethe does not feel very ^{well} to day. Had a hard rain last night, and this morning.

Apr 5 Tuesday took a hot bath before breakfast, and I was a little sick after it, guess I will not try it again. Had a hemorrhage from the bowels, and felt real weak awhile.

We took a long walk this afternoon. Climbed a mountain and saw some of the boiling Springs.

Apr 6 Wednesday. Put in the morning walking and bathing. Been raining all the afternoon. Charles Alpress called this afternoon.

Apr 7 Thursday We were down in the parlor last night to an entertainment, which was pretty good. It rained last night very hard, thundered and lightened, till I thought it would wash the town away. The bath maid said some ladies at the St Cloud were so frightened, that cried till they vomited. It is clear and bright this morning. Our friend from St Leon changed her boarding place to day.

Apr 8 Friday Had my corns taken out yesterday, and then took a long walk, and my feet feel tender this morning. We were out to an entertainment last night, a negro minstrel, Primrose and West. It was very good. I bought some goods yesterday for a dress, and aim to do a little work. I am getting too lazy for any use.

Sat. 9 There was a little negro in the parlor last night

about 8 years old, that preached for us, then passed the hat and thanked the audience for \$1.35. This afternoon we took a long walk. Look in the Eastman & Park hotels, the Pearly institute, and took a car home, as we were tired, at least 3.00

I weighed 147 lbs the day I came, and 152 to day, five lbs in ten days. Geo. gained 3 lbs. and Bette and Lula are on the back track a little.

Apr 10 Sunday. I thought I would skip my bath and go to church, but I had a fresh cold, and concluded I had better try to bathe it off. The breakfast so late, and have to wait so long at the bath, that we do not have time for bath in the morning. I went over at to the Avenue Hotel with Lula to call on some old friends.

Apr 11 Monday. Yesterday afternoon we went to the Park to see a balloon ascension, it went up about a thousand feet, and the man came down alright.

This morning we had to wait so long at the bath, that it was noon when we came back. It was quite cold yesterday and to day. I have had the steam on all day.

It rained again last night, and is cloudy to day. I sewed a few stitches, but not many, am dreadfully lazy.

Apr 12 Yesterday. Lou and I took a donkey ride with Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty & their little cripple son, Ben, and Mrs. Hills and Son. We rode to the top of Ozark mountains, up Happy Hollow. We must have gone over seven miles in all, and we had the jolliest time, if I did get awfully tired and dreamed bad dreams last night. I feel pretty sore to day. There was another entertainment in the parlor last night, - Tricks and ventriloquism.

Apr 13 Wednesday. Sewed a little this morning, and took a walk this afternoon. Real cool yet. Rained last night and has been dark and muddy all day.

Apr 14 Thursday. Last night there was a woman in the parlor make jewelry out of ^{gold} wire, and I invested in a few pieces for the children. There was some very good music in the office, rendered by a blind clarkey on a guitar, and two little girls

danced. I had a letter this afternoon from ^{my} son, saying

that his children were sick, and his wife not well at all, and I am almost home sick over it.

Bettie and Lou have gone downtown, that night I would stay at home this time. Pretty cold to day.

Friday

Apr 15 Thursday This has been a lovely day. A party of eleven of us went downtown riding this afternoon, took a long ride. Some of our friends would not go because it was good Friday. George B. was along with his tall hat and one of the little boys said he looked like clover, that had got away from a shower.

Apr 17 Sunday (Easter) Staid in doors all yesterday. In the evening we went to the Eastman Hotel, to hear the music, and see the people. Spent a couple of hours.

Mrs. Richardson and children came in to day, rather late night. We all went to church this morning, and been lounging this afternoon. It has been cloudy damp all day.

Apr 18 Monday Took a bath before breakfast, Lou and I and Dr. Rushing, walked up almost to the Park then climbed the mountain and gathered violet, walked a mile & in snow. After dinner Bettie and I went to call on Mrs. Higginbotham, and it was a long hard mile, and the day has been very hot. Lou has gone to the Burlington to a hosp. It looks very much like a storm was on hand, and rained some, and they almost backed out. We had some very good music to night in the parlor, and as usual it almost made me homesick. The tears had to come a little.

I packed a few of my things to night, and it would not surprise me, if I had to pull them out before we get away. I drank coffee to night and am not a bit sleepy. But will go to bed as it is late.

Apr 20 Wednesday Yesterday I was not well, before breakfast bathing, does not agree with me.

There was a har bag social in the parlor last night, and wound up with a little dance. It rained

hard last night, and all the morning. Am afraid it will

wash out roads and delay us. But then I will not cross bridges yet. I finished my dress today, and we ^{went} down town this afternoon and did a little shopping.

Had lots of music in the office and hall to night. I have almost got my trunk packed, and hope to bid good bye to Hot Springs tomorrow. Although we have met some very pleasant people and shall be sorry to leave them.

Albany

Apr 24 Sunday. We left Hot Springs last Thursday at three twenty P.M. We waited an hour at Malvern, had a hot box and was an hour and a half behind at Gettysburg, but got to North on time. Friday morning for breakfast. Met May Matthews, Ella Peglough, Rubie Campbell and Dr. Powell at Leico. Also Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Reese Rose. The first news that greeted us was the death of Jim Center, which was very much of a shock to us. Son Everett was there and came in with us.

Home looked very sweet to me. The lawn was so green and the roses blossoming. and I was so glad of that, on account of the funeral, which was at 2 o'clock yesterday, and I never saw so large a one in the town. He was liked by every one and I don't think he had an enemy any where.

The young ladies marched after the pall bearers with flowers and tenderly laid ^{off} on his last resting place. I sent a large basketful of roses and buds, all that I had, and today the bushes are full again. I feel like living in the yard.

Went to Sabbath school, and heard a good sermon by Dr. McLelland, of Comancho, Brownwood.

Apr 25 Monday. Was real busy all the morning. In the afternoon I made fine calls. Sallie, Sarsie, Myra, Bettie and Rosa. Rosa's baby is sick, and Bettie's face is real bad. Dr. thinks it is erysipelas, and she feels discouraged.

I have felt very well today.

Apr 26 Tuesday. I was too sore to get up almost. I felt too well yesterday, and did just a little too much.

I went to the picture gallery this afternoon and worked a little. Went from there to see Phineas's baby. It was very sick.

last night. they thought it would die, but she is better to day. The wind has been very disagreeable,

Apr 27 Wednesday. Dreadfully windy all day, rained a little last night, weather hot. Judge Connor and Mr. Mack were over to dinner with us. I feel much better to day.

Apr 28 Thursday. I took a few views of the house and bridge this morning, and went over and developed them, and while I was at the gallery. Lizzie Woods and her two little sisters came in to spend the day with me, so I came back home Mrs. Nettie Hendal came also. In the afternoon I took another view, with my visitors in.

Apr 29 Friday Last evening. Judge Connor and Mr. Mack came over for some flowers. I made up four large bouquets and I had made quite a number and sent away, during the day, and still I could hardly miss them.

I printed some proofs, and did a little work at the shop this afternoon. Sallie Co. is not at all well. I was over to see her a little while. I finished up a dress for May. Weather is dry and windy. Looks discouraging.

Apr 30 I printed and washed out picture all day, and am tired to night. Took a negative of J. A. Brathens house this morning. Wind still blows. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong were over last evening, both are rather under the weather. May went picnicing this afternoon, with a few girls.

May 1st Sunday. Hot and windy, very disagreeable. Went to Sunday school, but not to church. I have not heard from my children since I came home, and I feel a little anxious, but is no use of course.

May 2 Monday. Worked at picture to day, finished up a lot. Went to Sallie ^{Bettie} and Phoebe's a few minutes after I got through. Windy as usual.

May 3 Tuesday. Worked at shop this afternoon, was busy all the forenoon at home. Wind, wind, and dust

May 4 Wednesday Finished more picture to day, and visited

Mrs Armstrong this afternoon. Went to an entertainment at the opera house last night.

May 5 Thursday. We were awakened at an earlier hour than usual this morning, and perfectly shocked to hear that F. E. Conrad had shot himself, at eleven o'clock last night, at my brother George. We dressed hurriedly and went up, and could scarcely believe it possible, until we saw his dead body. George and Betty were worked up more than I ever saw them, and we have had very sad things to happen. It was something so terrible, to have a good, honorable christian man, a brother in law, loved and respected by all who knew him - to do such an awful thing, in one our house. That pistol shot, and those awful groans, will always ring in their ears. Mrs. Matthews, J. A. and Sallie M. Dr. Powell, and Bro Armstrong, went to the ranch for his family. What a ride that must have been 18 miles in the night - after such a tragedy, to break the news to his wife and children. Oh! will such things never end. His wife bore it with a brave christian spirit, but it is a heavy cross to bear.

May 13 Friday Gus & family came over to day. The children have grown so much since I saw them. I hurt my ankle this afternoon by a board breaking in the back floor and letting me fall over the steps.

May 14 Saturday This is May Matthews twelfth birthday, and we gave her a little picnic under the trees at the creek, with twelve little girls. In the afternoon the boys came over eleven of them, and (Matt and Elmer forgot to come) and had ice cream and cake, and I took a picture of them.

May 15 Sunday Gus went home to day. I was too over played out to go to Sunday School.

May 24 Tuesday I took Minnie and children over to Phineo to day. The baby was very sick for several days and Fern not well.

May 29 I have been sick since Tuesday night.

Not able to do anything but fret. Have not seen Minnie and children since, am getting anxious to see the babies.

June 1

May 31 Wednesday. Had a good rain yesterday and last night, and it is cool enough to sit by a fire today.

Geo came over Sunday, and took his family home Monday. I miss them very much. I had May drive me over to Sallie's a little while yesterday. Lucile has been very sick. My head troubles me a great deal.

June 5 Sunday. My head is still buzzing, no let up at all. We had quite a cool spell lately. DeWitt came in yesterday with his bride.

June 7 I am still under the weather, and the cook is sick.

June 8 ~~Wednesday~~ Thursday. May is down to day. The three of us would not make half a hand. Weather pleasant.

June 9 Thursday. Lou went home to day, and I went visiting to keep from work. Went to Sallie's & found a regular crowd.

June 11 Saturday. I finished up some pictures at home to day.

June 26 Sunday. I am going to church this morning. It has been quite a while since I went. Have been feeling too miserable. We had a very hard rain yesterday, and the creek got pretty high. I took some pictures of it, do not know whether they are any good or not, as I have not developed them yet. Thursday we had the kitchen and little bed room papered and paper painted, and they look pretty clean once more.

July 4th 92

We had a grand picnic to day at the park. Hundreds of visitors and a pleasant time, although the morning was very threatening. There has been a merry-go-round here for a week or two and it certainly did a big business to day. Brother Ben says that Albany will have something to date from now. The barbecue and merry-go-round.

July 5 The fireworks last night were lovely. Some of them tried to have a dance but I think it was a failure.

We had a hard rain last night and the creek got up around the bridge, and through the big gate.

May staid last night with Pearl Liddington and got caught on the other side a while. I got some pictures of it while it was up.

Gustie and children staid with us last night and we have washed, cooked peaches, and done lots of work to day.

July 6 Wednesday I was dreadfully tired to day, after the picnic, and a hard day's work.

July 7 Thursday I took seven little girls to the merry-go-round last night for a last ride, all went in our phaeton, and Mr. Mack asked Bernie to day if he had ordered a new one. He helped load us in last night and thought of course we would break down.

July 10 Sunday We went to see Mr. Quill to day. He has been very sick the past ten days.

July 11 Carrie Hoover. ^{and Joe} May M. and Ella R. staid with us last night. Went to Woods this afternoon and got John to come up and help with the work.

July 12 Tuesday. Went to see Mr. Quill this morning. He is a very sick man. Went to Missionary meeting in the afternoon. No one there but mother, Sallie and Gustie. Guess the other forgot it. Bernie and I came home yesterday by Crows, after mother, she had been there all day with Maggie who is very low. Don't think she has many days left.

mother stayed with us last night, and is here again to night;

13 Wednesday Inill died to day, and it was quite a surprise to us, as Bernie told us at once that the Dr. said he was doing well. I suppose that death ought never to take us by surprise. It is sad for his young wife but worse things could happen to her.

July 14 Thursday to day we attended the funeral and witnessed the last sad rites of our friend. We came home and wondered if it were possible that we would see him among us no more, it is hard to realize.

Mother went with Ben to the ranch to day

July 15 Friday Boyles family and Horace Wilson came in last night, and I saw Mrs Wilson was here and had been for some time.

This is the 25th anniversary of Geo. and Bettie's marriage. I rode 40 miles on horse back to that wedding. Now I am a grey haired grandmother. How fast time flies.

July 17 Sunday Went to hear John McCall preach to day and I thought he did first rate for a young preacher. John W. went home to spend the night. Bessie and Loretta came home with us.

July 21 Thursday Weather very hot. Workmen in the house building chimneys, and every thing in a mess.

July 24 Sunday We got one chimney finished ^{yesterday} to day, and it is very nice. Sallie concluded to let May go to Rockport with her uncle Geo. So I sent over to day yesterday and helped her sew. It is quite a job to get one ready at a day notice. Campbells and uncle Joe's family are going also, and Phins family go to Arkansas, and Mills to Dakota. That will just about break up our Sunday school.

Aug 28 & The 28 of July, May and I went to Throck

morton. Had a very hot day for it and got there in a hard rain. We stayed till the 3rd of Aug. and went to the Clear Fork and stayed two nights and a day at my Bro Bens. ~~Monday~~ the 5th we came home. Stayed in Laiff in till six o'clock and got home after night. found the chimneys finished and the mantle up. Gustie and Miss Simpson kept house while I was gone.

Miss I. left the 25.

(This is Ethel Matthews fifth birthday, and we gave her a party yesterday. Nine little girls spent the day here.)

Ethel and her three sisters Bessie and Gusie Reynolds, Rubie Campbell, and Emma Bull, and Annie Son Powell. We put in a quilt for the Orphan home in Dallas) and invited our Missionary society over to quilt in the afternoon. but while we were eating dinner it commenced to rain, and rained hard nearly all the afternoon. The children seemed to have a good time in spite of the rain. They had apples, candy, pecans, peanuts, Almonds, ice cream and cake, and Annie Son ate till she said it did not taste good.

George Poets came over after Emma, and to bid us good bye, as he is going back to Baltimore.

Susette went home with Bessie, and the others staid all night. Sister was here with her children, and the creek got to full for her to go home. We three, Mother, Sister and myself quilted some after four o'clock.

We quilted a quilt the fore part of the week, and one the week before.

The wind has been blowing all day from the south but the Sun has been shining all day. I did not go to Sunday school to day. May went over with the girls.

Aug 29 Monday I went to Gusties a few minutes this morning. She is moving to the Mill place in Rail Road addition, it is a pleasant neighborhood. I engaged Julia Pate to work for me. She is to come the first of Sep.

Aug 30 Tuesday I washed out pictures all the morning and quilted some in the afternoon. Betie and Lula came over and helped with the quilt yesterday.

afternoon

Aug 31 Wednesday Got the quilt out early this morning. Myra came over to help, but was too late. I went up town with her, and in the afternoon I mounted pictures, Sallie and her girls were over in the afternoon, and later John and I drove to Woods, and killed a rabbit and four doves. My new horse is not afraid of the gun.

Sep 1 Thursday. He took a comfort this afternoon and had a number of callers besides. Mrs. Mutton, Mrs. Howsley, Mrs. Loffe & Rosa Reynolds. Julia Pate came to day to work for me. I hope we will manage to get on alright.

Sep 2 Friday, May and I drove all the morning hunting plover, and only killed four, drove over some fearful rough country.

Sep 3 Mother and I went on the other side and made some calls this morning. I found Lizzie Price here when I came back. Julia complained of being sick, and went home this afternoon. I engaged Emma Young immediately. I wonder how long she will stick. I covered a box with plush to day, and made a very pretty handkerchief of it.

Sep 4 Sunday. It commenced raining about mid night and rained till nearly noon to day. The creek got very high, but soon run down. It was cool enough for a little fire this morning, and we tried one of our new grates.

Sep 7 Wednesday The G. P. S. & E. had their entertainment here last night. Quite a number were over and all seemed to have a good time. Had ice cream and cake, and some good music. I made a visit to the Armstrongs this morning and went plover hunting this afternoon, got four after riding hours over a rough country.

- Sep 8 Thursday Lizzie Woods and her sisters spent the day with us, the little ones staid here last night. I have not done much to day.
- Sep 9 Friday I washed out some pictures to day.
- Sep 11 Sunday Rained, and no Sunday School. I walked over to Phins and Sallie this afternoon.
- Sep 12 Monday, School opened to day, and I went up to see them start out.
- Sep 13 Tuesday, Mrs. Kendal spent to day with us. It was our missionary day too, but I am not well and have a man in the house painting so did not go. Mother went over.
- Sep 15 Thursday, Bettie R. and Mrs. Conrad spent the day with us, and I was most too sick to get dinner, they had to finish up. Mr. Holsten was here yesterday, after some artists material.
- Sep 16 Friday, I tried to find some help to day, but failed, I have been having toothache, and am about to pay. Lizzie Price was over this afternoon.
- Sep 17 Saturday. The workman got the book case in and finished it up to day. It has been in the works several weeks. It is very large and roomy.
- Sep 18 Sunday, Feeling miserable, and did not go out to day. It has been real warm for several days.
- Sep 19 Monday, Fast about worked myself down to day. Myra and Gastie were over this afternoon. Real warm.
- Sep 20 Tuesday, Worked at picture all the morning, and part of the afternoon. Lizzie was over, and I tried to get a picture of the baby, but failed. Mother and I went to Sallie's while, found her painting.

Sep 21 Wednesday, Been working at pictures all day,

when out at house work, and received one dollar and fifty cents for some of them, the first I have taken in. Sandy Haggart is here to night, and will probably remain. Mrs. Bernein & Gustie were out soliciting help for Mrs. Spence, this afternoon. The wind has been blowing pretty hard the past two days.

Ma has been knitting a cape, and has about finished it at to day.

Sep 22 Thursday, I just kind of loafed to day, went visiting this afternoon. Florence is real deaf with a hard cold, Susette has fever, and Sallie is not feeling well. Dave has water in his yard now and is very proud of it, and well he may be, he just got it in to day. Gus came in to night.

Sep 23 Friday, I took Kodak shot at Gus and his team as he was leaving this morning, also one of the bridge. Been working on my silk quilt to day, basting and adding to lining.

Sep 24 Saturday, Four night-blooming opened last night, and I got a flash light-negative of them. I printed some of them to. May M. was over to see them, and I wanted her to be in the picture, but she was afraid of the flash. I went to Sallie this afternoon to see Mrs. Baggens. She is over from Griffin with a sick baby.

Sep 25 Sunday, We attended an ice cream supper ^{last night} for the benefit of the Albany Band, and I have felt unusually tired to day, not that I did any thing, or walked very far. I went to hear Mr. Armstrong preach to day. Weather hot, mercury at 83 at 4 o'clock P.M.

Sep 26 Monday, Martha Royal came to day to help me, I hope she will stay. I worked at pictures some to day and loafed around a good deal.

- Sep 27. Tuesday. I have felt real miserable all day, but went over to Sallies this afternoon. She gave me a little party, as it is my forty fourth birthday, and I feel like I might be a hundred instead, I shall have some teeth taken out tomorrow, and perhaps I shall feel better. Gustie R is in bed, Bens babe is sick, and J. A. M. is almost down with his back.
- Sep 28 Wednesday. Hot weather holds on, & 3 now and it nearly six P. M. I had two miserable looking teeth extracted to day, and think I will be better when the sorrows leave my jaw. I stitched some mending to the lining of my silk quilt to day.
- Sep 29 Thursday. Finished my quilt to day and feel much better since I lost my teeth. Went to see Gustie this afternoon noon she is quite sick. Mother was perfectly out done with Gussie, she had been so mischievous.
- Sep 30 Friday. Martha and I made two small mattresses to day. I have not been so well to day, got cold in my jaw. May ^{went} up to stay with Gustie to night.
- Oct 1 Saturday. I put in most of the day at Gusties, she is not so well to day. I almost made a dress for Bessie to day. I took dinner at Phins, as it was ready when I called in on my way home.
- Oct 2 Sunday. Got up with a pain in my shoulder. Went to Sunday School and church, went to the baptist this time.
- Oct 3 Monday. I took Gustie up to Betties and we spent the day. Came by Phins to see Florenus new girl, born the 1st.
- Oct 4 Tuesday. Gired out working at pictures, been printing from Betties negatives, taken in Dak, and Alaska, been using new paper also, don't know how I will succeed.

Oct 5 Wednesday. Finished my picture to day, and they look real well, better than I expected.

Oct 6 Thursday. Have been doing very little to day as I am tired from yesterday's job.

Oct 7 Friday. Gustie and Myra spent the day with us, and the three small children, Benson, Archie and Gassie. Mr. Edgar was over also and put up some garters, and the children were very busy with him.

Oct 8 Sat. I spent the day with Sallie, and took some negatives of the children, there and at Phins. I developed them to night, and they look real good.

Oct 9 Sunday. Went S. S. and church this morning. The Woods girls come home with me to dinner. Went to Sallie and Mr. Armstrongs this afternoon. It is much cooler to day.

Oct 10 Monday. Printed pictures all the morning and this afternoon. Mother and I tacked two comforts. Martha helped some.

Oct 11 Tuesday. This morning I washed out my pictures and afternoon we went to missionary meeting, had a better attendance than usual. Mother staid over with Sallie. Mrs. Armstrong & Gustie were over awhile after I got back. I mounted my pictures to night, and Mr B. burnished them.

Oct 12 Wednesday. Wind blew real hard last night and is still blowing (noon). I made some quilt comforts, tops and linings this morning, and rushed off, and got nearly to the gin, to have them filled, before looking to see if it was raining, and found it was not. I do not feel a bit well to day. Got my cotton this afternoon & filled a bag.

Oct 13 Thursday. Mother and I tacked the bed this

morning. I am almost sick to day. Will R and family returned from Dak. yesterday. Mrs Warren, Mrs. W. Boren, Mrs. Ball, and Mrs. Campbell called to day, also

Oct 14 ^{Friday} ^{Yreka} ^{Sanpton}

I tacked a comfort to day, and had some baking done for a childrens party tomorrow

Oct 16 Sunday. Susett M. Bessie and Anna R had a birthday party here yesterday. 25 children over in all, and they had a rollicky time of it, and seemed to enjoy themselves very much, but it is hard to fill that many in ice cream, thirteen quarts was not enough.

I feel a little weary to day, but went to Sunday school and church. Gus came over Friday and went back to day.

Oct 17 Monday. Commenced two comforts to day, put the cotton in, and partly tacked them. Wind has blown a good deal. May is still out of school

Oct 18 Tuesday. I went up town this afternoon to get my teeth worked on, but the dentist was out of town. So I made Mrs. Meltzer a visit. Mother went to Phins. is not at all well. Anna and Caroline R staid with us last night. I finished a comfort to day, to night rather

Oct 19

Wednesday. It was raining when we got up, and it has rained all day, and is quite cool. We have been sitting by fire all day, and I finished my comforts, and commenced on sheets. I have two dozen to hem, and Martha is going to do them. she is real good and willing.

Gus said he was going to bring his family over the last of the week, but I fear the weather will prevent. We need the rain badly, but I want so much to see the children

Oct 20 Thursday. Still raining, Ben was over to day.

Oct 21, Friday. More rain. I have made over an old dress for May, and Martha hemmed sheets. I have had a good deal of cold this week. The school celebrated Columbus day this morning, but it was raining, and I did not go.

Oct 22 Sat. The band gave a concert last night, and we all went in the lumber wagon. It was a very good entertainment, but we had to wait till nine o'clock before it commenced, and it was raining a little when we started home, and I think it rained all night. The creek got very high to day. I took a negative as usual, and developed one of Gus, that I took last Saturday.

Oct 23 Sunday. This has been a dreary day, drizzling, and dark. We have put in most of the day by the dining room fire. Will Puer has been over with the boys.

Oct 24 Monday. Shines to day, and I got the washing out as usual. I printed a few pictures this morning, and did a little fancy work. Sallie brought another over this afternoon.

Oct 25 Tue. I put in the morning shopping with Sallie, and ate dinner with her. Afternoon we made out our missionary report, and visited at Myra's, and I made the dentist a call, which is more a pleasant one to me, I came home minus a tooth. Mother is busy working a dress for her great grand daughter.

Oct 26 Wednesday. I went over this morning, to paint with Sallie, and found her sick with a cold. She began work, but had to give it up. I did a little, and helped tack another comfort when I came home. I think that winds up the business. Martha has gone home to visit to night.

Nov 4 Friday. We visited at Will B's this morning

and took dinner with them, and went to Geo's in the afternoon. Will's family, Sallie and children, the Cornsack boys, Matt Reynolds, Ruby E., Ben E. and Mattie Manning, all went to uncle Geo's this afternoon on a little pean hunt. It is very nice and pleasant, but am suspicious of the weather this time of year.

Gene and David had big rooms to night, they are very sweet children.

5 Saturday. This morning was quite cloudy and dark, and rained some. But it cleared up soon and Geo took his family and started home and it has acted like April weather all day a little shower and then sunshine, and about 4 P.M. it set in to rain pretty steadily. I hope my children got home before it commenced, they were not very well fixed for wet weather, and the children are so easily made sick.

I finished the dress I was making over for May, and the horn I commenced to paint.

We had a were serenaded by the Cornet band last night. Martha did not wake up, and she said she was snad, she wakes so easily that I thought of course she was hearing it, and did not go to wake her up, and we were so busy rushing around getting dressed and making lights.

It has been real lonesome to day without the babies.

6 Sunday. This is a bright and beautiful day, but the wind blows rather hard. It rained enough yesterday to make the streets quite muddy. Went to Sabbath school and church, our school was pretty slim so many gone to the ranch.

7 Monday. Very busy all the morning. Afternoon I was up town this afternoon, but Sallie and Susie at Mrs Bull's, we were to take a painting lesson, but did not get our canvas stretched on account of so much election excitement, it is has been running pretty the last few days.

Nov 8 Tuesday To day will end the battle at the ballot

box, I hope it will be for the best in all things. We went to the court house last night to hear a political debate between Mr. Foster and Mr. Webb. The house full and all enjoyed it. Both made a long talk, and Mr. Webb's was very interesting. We did not get home till eleven ^{after} o'clock.

This is our regular missionary day, and we met at Sallie's and had a very good meeting. We discussed the question of calling a preacher, but did not decide. I have a headache and feel real tired to night. Mr. B. has gone up town to see if he could hear from the election. It is raining to night and rained some this morning and sleeted a little, and has been real cold to day.

9 I was a little under the weather to day.

10 Thursday, this is Susie & Bettie's birthday, and Monday the 14 will be Barnie's, and Sallie had us over with her to supper. The six of us, also Mr and Mrs Webb, Judge Connor and Mr Mack and Mr Larche, We had quite an enjoyable evening, some fun over the election.

Nov 11

Friday I went to see Buttie and the baby this morning also Mrs Webb. This afternoon Sallie, Susie and myself went to Mrs Ballo to paint on some roses. I did not make much progress.

12 Saturday This morning I had a call from old Uncle Sam and aunt Julia, (the negro preacher) and took a picture of them.

This afternoon I went to Mrs Gregg's to a musical, by Mrs Crump's class.

Mother and Susette came over and stayed all night with us. Mrs Harrell called to day.

13 Sunday Martha went to Maran to day. I went to Sunday School and church, and to a congregational meeting at half past two, and at four

I went to Mr. Armstrongs, and witnessed the baptism of Mrs Kindells baby, Mrs Campbell, Dr. Powell and Rev Mr Colvard were present also, besides a few young folks.

Nov 14 Monday Mr. B. is fifty one years of age to day. He brought a young friend over to dinner, who is twenty one to day, and he got licence to day, to practice law. His name is Nathan Tracy, from Eastland. I took a picture of him. I went to paint this afternoon.

15 Tuesday, I went to Campbells, Hills and Sallies this afternoon, May M is quite sick.

16 Wednesday, Weather very warm. Sitting with out fire to night. I took a picture this morning, of some flowers, and myself, in the mothers bed room, and got a good negative.

I went to call on Mrs. Mr. Blum this afternoon, she has twin babies, and is almost a stranger in town.

18 Friday, There is quite an excitement up among the children to day, on account of a show in town, which I do not imagine amounts to much.

20 Sunday, Yesterday, I gave Rubie Campbell a birthday party, and had my Sunday School class in the afternoon. It was a beautiful day, and they frolicked out of doors, most of the time, and I seemed to enjoy themselves.

I tried to get a picture of them.

Mrs Holowell was buried this afternoon, I went there from Sunday school, ate dinner at Georges. It has been quite warm to day I was rather uncomfortable all the afternoon, and we are sitting without fire to night.

- Nov 21 Monday, Nothing in particular done this morning, but every thing in general, as usual on wash days. Painted this morning afternoon, and met Mrs. Charles Coats at Mrs. Ball's.
- 22 Tuesday. Took a ^{negative of a} group of girls, in masquerade costumes, Stella and Mayone Coulburn Grace Lee and Lula Matthews. Called on Mrs Coats this afternoon.
- 23 Wednesday, I washed and toned a lot of pictures this morning, worked so hard, that I was too tired to paint much in the afternoon.
- 24 Thursday. Bettie Lola, Joe & George Conrad and Matt Reynolds ate Thanksgiving Turkey with us to day. Had a pleasant day with Bettie and Lou. The weather is very warm.
- 25 Friday. Another very warm day. Wind blew very hard this morning. Painted again to day.
- 26 Saturday. Finished two doz pictures to day, and shipped this afternoon. Called at Phins and Sallier. Very warm.
- 27 Sunday. Mr. Ayers from Brownwood, preached for us to day. Dr. McSulland was sick, and of course we were disappointed.
I went to Coffee this afternoon. Uncle Ben is very feeble. Poor old man, I do not think he will last through the winter.
The folks are all gone to church and I am alone to night. A little cooler to night.
Went to Coffee
- 28 Monday. Took a picture for Martha this morning, and painted this afternoon, and went to the dress makers, also.
- 29 Tuesday. I went up town this morning. Went to uncle Sam (colored) and took them a picture

of themselves and I never saw any one so proud.

Aunt Melia said I declare Miss Susie I would not take ten dollars for it,

Nov 30 Wednesday. November vanishes to night, and the beautiful sunny weather may vanish also for a while. It has been an unusually warm and bright November. I actually suffered with heat to day, while I was painting.

I wish it would get cold enough to clear the flies out any way, they ^{are} worse than they were in Summer.

I took a negative yesterday, of Mr. Bell & three musical instruments, and Miss Woods with a guitar. They have a honey suckle for a background, and look as if they might be two strolling musicians, playing Listen to the Bell in the Woods.

Dec 1 Thursday. I worked with pictures all day and had good success with most of them. It is hard work too when one sticks to it,

2 Friday. I went to Gusties this morning, and I drove up to meet Sam (colored) and down town, and back. Bernie and I took dinner with her, and I painted again this afternoon. We had forty Harpers, Scribners, and Centuries come to day, and from the binders, and they filled quite a space in the library. I see the three-legged steer that the boys are going to ship to Chicago.

4 Sunday. Was quite unwell all day, did not go to Sunday school. To night Mr. B. told me to get ready to start to Cooper, Tuesday morning.

So I drove over to Sallie Phins Gusties & Bettie and told them, and made arrangements for May to stay with Bettie, and Gustie will come over and take care of the cream.

Dec 5 Monday. Been very very busy all day, packing

and getting things in shape. Mrs Armstrong and
Butter called, also Mrs Coffey. We will stay with Salie
to night to be near the train.

6 Tuesday. Every child was up betimes to go to the
train with us, but just as we started it commenced to
rain, and they had to stay. It rained in torrents, and
the ground was a sheet of water when we got to Moran,
and rained off and on all day. We got breakfast and
dinner in Boise, and supper in St. Worth, and J.
A. Matthias at Worth.

7 Wednesday. We got our breakfast in Texarkana
and laid over until two o'clock, per instruction
from John Bartholomew, waiting for a pass, but
it did not come. So we took the Leonor ball and got
to St. Louis in time for our train the morning of the 8th.
The Iron Mountain is a very rough road. We met
Mr & Mrs Burns in St. Louis, but had only a few
minutes to talk with them.

Weather real cold, Snow and ice hanging over
the cars, and been riding through snow all day.

Dec 9 Friday. Grand Union Hotel. Got here at 8:30 and
could not get out to Bristol without some trouble,
and getting in very late, so concluded to rest there.
We have a very nice and comfortable room
and the bed will catch me very soon.

10 Bristol. Got here at two o'clock. Was delayed an
hour and half. Just four miles out. Found Harriet
very weak, but no worse than we expected, and she did
not seem excited as I feared she would. Slept better
last night after our telegram came. Than she had in a
long time.

11 Sunday. But our trunk did not come and I did
not go to church. Mr. B did. Lots of ice and snow
and we think it real cold. Mrs. Gandy came to night
to comb Harriet's hair. She is the only person in town

who can do that job. So Hattie thinks any how

Dec 12 Monday. We drove to the cemetery, and down town, and the air seemed very raw and sharp, and we both felt it pretty keenly. Our trunk came today.

13 Tuesday Last night we went over to Mrs J. H. Matthews to see Nellie, she had just heard of our arrival, and was very glad to see us. She is the same old Nell. Mrs M is a very pleasant lady. Yesterday was bright, but is cloudy again today. Last night we moved down stairs and slept in the parlor now, on a bed lounge, and have a fire in the morning. It was too cold for our Southern blood up stairs in a cold room.

We both caught cold Monday, and are not feeling very well today. I ripped up and pressed my silk dress today, to have it made over.

15 Thursday Miss Liko, Bannie and I, went through the spoon factory today, and it was a sight worth seeing. Saw every thing from the raw material, to the plating, polishing, and boxing, and I brought a few pieces and wish I had brought more.

16 Friday To the day we then went to Hartford. Bannie followed us around till after we got our dinner, then he quit us, and we did not see him any more until we got home at four o'clock. We shop-ped, and walked, and looked until we were tired out. Then we got a little tea in Brown & Thompson's restaurant, and went home.

17 Saturday. To day I was tired and did not go out. My things did not get in from H. till afternoon, and I was busy showing them to Harriet. She can't get out to see anything, and it does her good to see something new.

18 Sunday. Went to church this morning, and to A. J. Muzzis for dinner. Met Charles and his wife there. Charlie looks about as usual, has the same old pained expression, that he wore when he left

Texas, and suffering yet, with the same disease, nobody knows what. He seemed very glad to see us. Mrs M had a number of friends to dinner & had a number of good things to eat also.

Dec 19

Monday. We went with Louise to the Methodist church last night. Nellie and the Muggie were with us, and we heard a good sermon by Dr. Prince.

This morning we made a lot of calls, and caught fresh cold while we were at it. It seems very cold to us, although the people here don't seem to notice it. They call it fine.

20 Tues. This morning I went down to have my dress fitted, and in the afternoon we went to Parkville to see some of the fair, snow over everything, and cold of course. We had some splendid pears and grapes at Harry Bartholomew's, and played a game of Halma or Hopity.

21 Wed. Went to Hartford again today, Miss Liles was going with me, but was sick and could not go. So my good husband took pity on me and went along. We got through in good season, and back to the depot in time to wait awhile, and while waiting I met Mrs. Heils, the lady I met at Hot Springs in Apr.

22 Thurs. We took tea with Mrs J. A. Matthews and Nellie last night, and spent the evening there. Had a very pleasant visit. Today I packed up our traps, and such an amount of things as went into that trunk, one would hardly believe.

New York

23 Friday. We left ^{Bristol} at 8 o'clock, and got here at noon. As soon as we got located in the hotel. Mr. B went down town to attend to some business, and I got out some fancy work and settled down, to try to keep warm and busy, and watch the continual stream of humanity going and coming, on the streets below.

Dec 24 Saturday. I intended going down town to shop a

little, and look up a friend, but Mr B says it is too cold for me to get out, so I will settle again and go to work, and wait for 2 o'clock, then we will start for Texas in earnest. I will be glad to start, I am tired watching people rushing so much, like they did not have another day to live, or was in great hurry to get in out of the cold.

I suppose it is because they are all in rush at the last moment preparing for Christmas

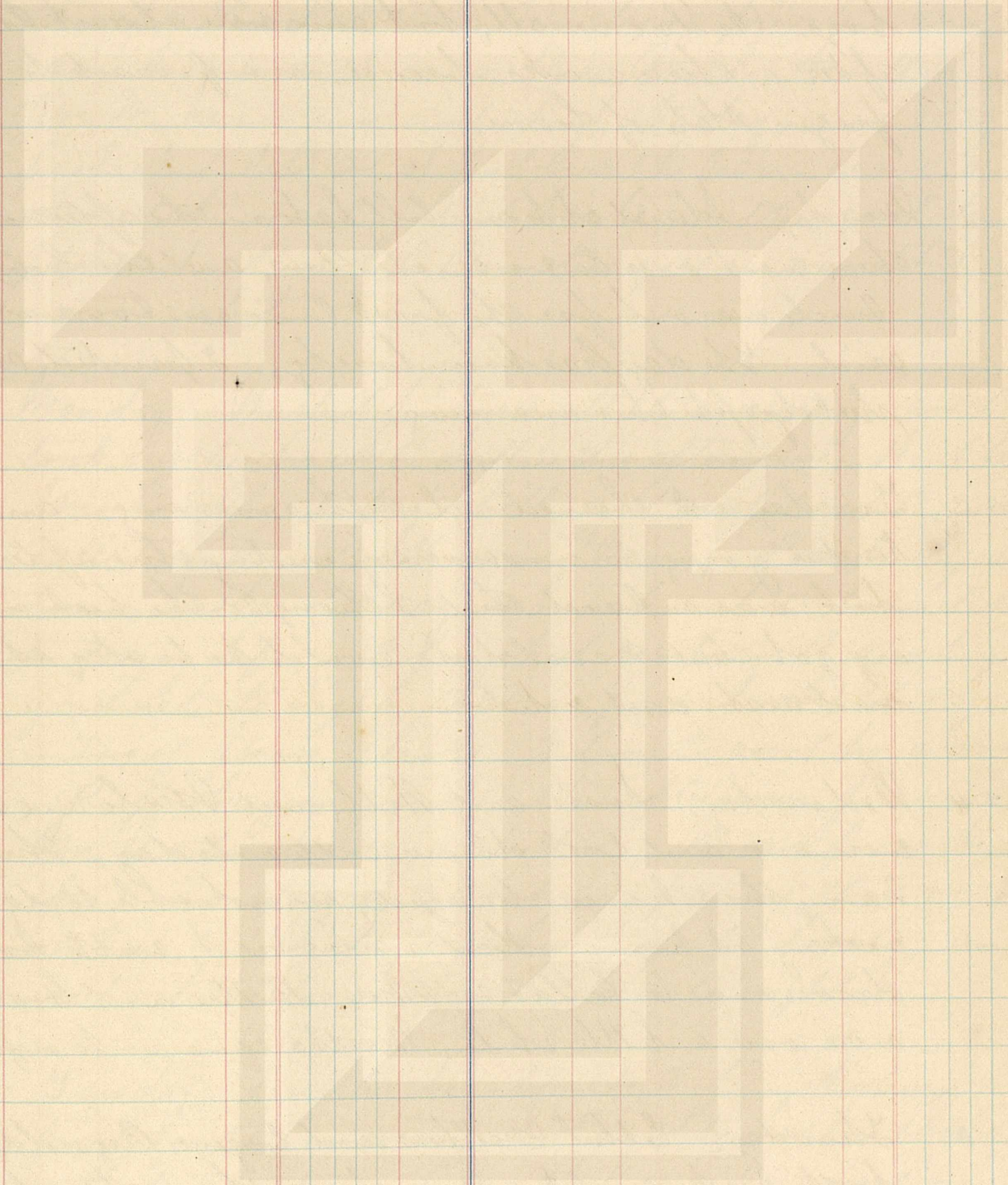
Laclead Hotel

26 St Louis. We got here about five o'clock this morning, ought to have been in at 8 last night. We were delayed with a broken engine, and finally had to get on to another road.

It has been a stinging cold day, a mist falling and freezing, thermometer 2 above zero.

It snowed on us all the way down from New York, the Hudson river was frozen over,

Dec 28 Home again. Be it ever so humble there is no place like home,



Ubang Jan. 1st 1893

Sunday, A new date, and how odd it seems to write it, and how thankful I am to be spared to see another New Year. It has been a very pleasant day, sunny and beautiful, I went to Sabbath School, and took charge of my little class of boys, or rather of my big class of small boys. (twelve in all, but some were absent to day) after a three weeks absence, on a visit to the frozen state of Conner.

Jan 2 Monday, Staid at home till late in the afternoon, then went over to see uncle Ben, and the Coffins, Uncle was out for the first time in two weeks, they said. The day has been lovely. I printed some photographs this morning.

Jan 3 Tuesday, I cleaned silver this morning, and intended going to anniversary meeting this afternoon, but was so tired that I thought the best anniversary job that I could do, would be to stay at home and rest, and I did.

Jan 4 Wednesday, Susie and Nell, and Mabel and Matt were over and took dinner with us to day. They are having their house changed, are not able to do any cooking at home. Had a nice visit with Sue and drove over to Ella's with her. Bertie and Gustie were over a little while. Martha came in to night.

Jan 5 Thursday, Ethel Matthews and Eugene Reynolds are both sick, and I was glad to see them this afternoon. Went by Coffins to see Sallie Reynolds.

Jan 6 Fri. I spent the morning, and part of the afternoon at Sallie's. Ethel is better, and Eugene also. Went to Coffins, and Prier with mother and George. Weather very pleasant.

Jan 7 Sat. Went to Sallie's and took some negatives of

the children this morning, and in the afternoon I took some of May and Georgia Coffey. I developed seven, and feel a little sore to night, as I worked out of doors, and there is quite a weather up.

8 Sun. Went to Sunday school, and to the Methodist church. Heard the Rev Armstrong preach. Mother came home with me. Bess, Mable, Swett and Joe, M. came over and spent the day, and they frolicked till we didn't hear the train come, and missed the mail. And has been rather cool, but pleasant. Rev. C. C. Armstrong came over this afternoon a while.

9 Monday. Washed pictures all the morning, and took mother back to Sallie's this afternoon. Went to Mrs. W. A. to pay a bill, and visited a while, and called on Mrs. Bull on my way home. Poor lonely woman, husband away so much. It is bound to be a dreary life. I finished reading. A sweet girl graduate to night. That is four books this year. Two of Miss Abbot's. I love to read her works. Proff. Haynes was over this afternoon, to consult Mr. B. about May's studies. Miss Spears has been insisting on her taking up some, that we thought useless. The day has been perfectly lovely, and I had a letter from my children to night.

10 Tuesday. Another beautiful day. I finished up my pictures this morning, and went to Sallie's this afternoon to see the new baby, that arrived about nine o'clock this morning. The children are delighted except Joe, he is disappointed because it is not a boy. But Sallie's arms are wide open to receive it. I left her rocking it. I called in to see Mrs. Burns on my way home. She looks badly, and Mr. Lee is sick.

11 Wednesday. Worked all day at pictures, and went to see Sallie just before night. Ethel is sick again to day. Weather still fine.

Feb 1st Yesterday was very warm, mercury reached 80,

but it went to 20 to day, and is snowing. The 14th of last month I went to Throckmorton, on the track, facing a hard & cold north west wind, got pretty well chilled and worn out.

Found David very sick, been sick a week with high fever, and hung on until the 24th then he could hear no more, and took his flight to that Beautiful Home, where there is no more sickness.

But we miss the sweet child so very much and can't help grieving some.

After he was dressed, I held him on my lap while they fixed a place to lay him, and Fern came and looked at him, and asked if he was well now. I told her yes, but she could not understand it when we put him in the casket. The dear little sister will never know what she has lost.

Harriet B. died on the 23rd and the 25 I came home, and staid one night. I hated so much to leave the baby, and hated to go away again and leave my husband, he was feeling so blue and lonely, but felt that my children needed me most just then, so I went back, just in time to see him breathe his last. We laid him away on Friday, and the next day I persuaded them to come home with me. They were a little reluctant about it, as every thing had gotten so behind hand, and run down every way, but I knew they were worn out, and a few days would not make much difference with the work, and might make it a little easier for them to bear when they went back. They went yesterday.

Feb 2 Thursday, Thermometer at 14 this morning and the ground white, but near 4 P.M. the snow is all gone and mercury near 40. Such sudden changes, are enough to make one sick. May is under the weather this week, and has not been to school since Monday.

I took a picture of the maules to day. I was not a bit a well last night and this morning or I should have tried to have gotten a snow picture.

Feb 3 Friday Pretty cold all day, wind sharp from

the north. I printed a few pictures this morning, and this afternoon I went over to see how Mother and Sallie were getting on. Went over to Phineas and found him most sick with a mashed thumb, and Rosa was ready to start to my house, with her mother and Mrs Butler, to have some pictures taken, but I thought it was rather cold for out of door work, as I have no place for indoor posing.

I cut an apron to day, from the bazar,

- 4 Sat. Finished my apron to day, and washed out some pictures, and took a negative of Mrs Hadley Roberts baby, It is a ~~very~~ sweet little child.

I got no Shrotonorton mail to night, and feel a little disappointed, as I am quite anxious to hear from my children. We have had such bad weather since they left, and their home going will be so sad. I can't keep back the tears, when I think of the darling boy that is gone, although I know that he is safe, and free from all pain now.

- 5 Sunday, Dr McSalland preached for us to day, a very good sermon, about the fulfillment of the prophecies. He and uncle Joe took dinner with us, and we had a pleasant visit. The wind has blown furiously all day, but not cold.

- 6 Mon, Went to church again last night - wind still going high. This morning was warm when we got up, but soon got freezing cold. Temperature went up in the afternoon, but is cold again to night. I made a school apron for Mary this afternoon, made a nice one for myself Saturday. Heard from my children to night. Fern sent me word, that she had some dishes & wax. I have a cold to night and feel a little poorly from it.

- 7 Tuesday Cold all day. At three o'clock it began to sleet, and kept it all the afternoon.

I worked on aprons all day. Have more cold and feel dull

Feb 8 Wednesday Cold, gloomy, and disagreeable, but

all over the ground, but moderated some to day.

I drove up to see Mrs C. B. Armstrong this afternoon, I had to do something in self defence, I began to think that I would have a spell of blues.

I found her alone, and she said she was feeling just the same, almost persuaded to face the storm in sheer desperation. I had a pleasant visit.

Dr. Powell called in and spent a while with us.

Groom there I went to Gastie, and staid a few minutes, and then home. John is not well to day, and did not go to school. I am tired and ready to go to bed now, and it only half past seven.

9 Thursday Had a carpet taken up, and one room cleaned to day. It has not been very cold, but the wind has blown very hard. Bills took John home to day, he is not very sick, but did not feel like going school.

10 Frid. Rather a raw day, looked some like rain this morning. I did a good deal of work in the kitchen this morning. Have a real strong girl, but I get terribly out done with her slovenliness.

Went to Sallies this afternoon. She and mother and Gastie were busy sewing. Mrs. Bull created a sensation to day, by whipping Theo. Mack in the street. I am ashamed of it and sorry for both of them. May is at Mr. Dyers to night, they are having a candy pull there.

11 Sat. Finished another apron this morning. In the afternoon, I printed a few pictures, when I could get a little sunshine, which came at rare intervals.

It has been raining, sleeting and shining all day.

I went over to Coffers to see uncle Ben, he looks very feeble. Had some callers while I was away, of course.