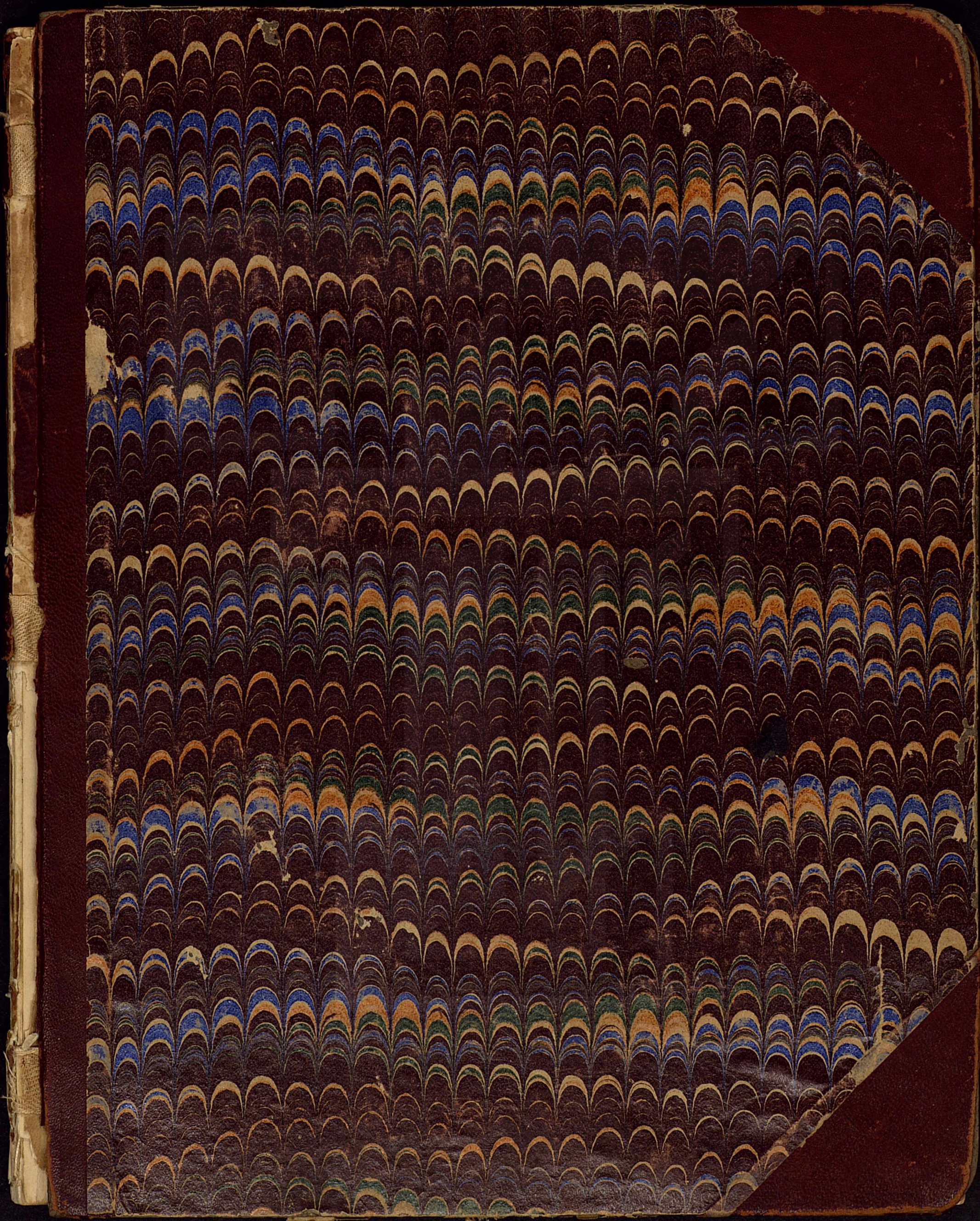




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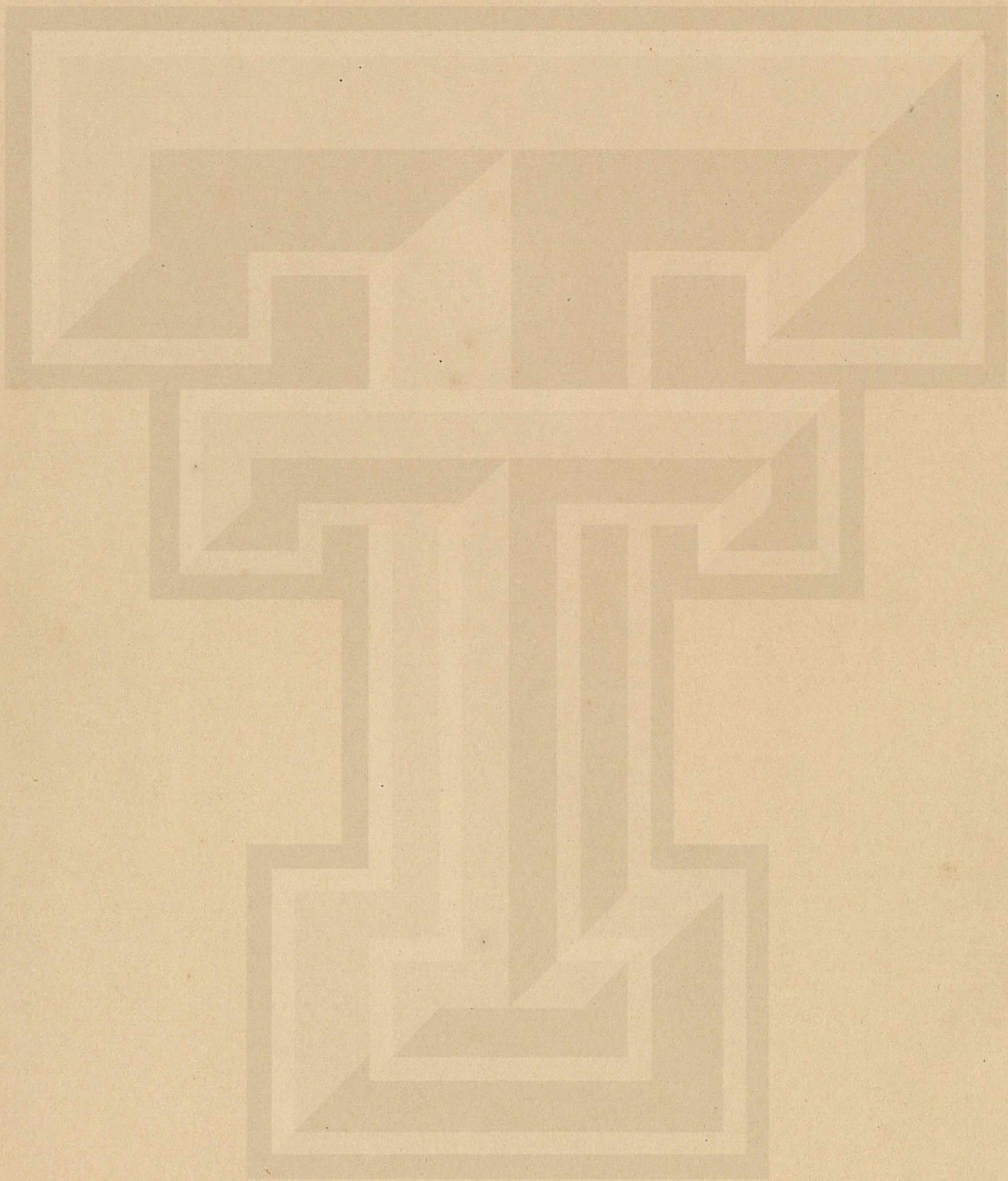
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Twenty five is past, and a new year ushered in, and what changes it will bring to many of us. May we all try to do more good in this new year than we ever did before, and have more patience and grace, to bear with all trials, and temptations. The wind has blown a perfect gale from the north west, very disagreeable.

My girl has not come yet, and I am still in the kitchen. I have had a good deal to do to day, but mother has been a great help.

Went to prayer meeting to night. We had two new members to night. John Meyer and Leonard Gillette from the Methodist church.

Myra Campbell made me a little visit to day.

Jan 2 Thurs. I sat in all the morning in the kitchen, and this afternoon I went to Minnie's, and left mother. Went to Mrs Jacobs to have a wrapper fitted, came by Sallie M's but she was down town, stopped a little while with Mrs Hill. She is in bed. Martha has not showed up yet. Promised to be back to day.

Had four letters to night from Dalton.

The wind blew real hard this morning, but was not so bad after noon. I read a beautiful little story yesterday. Melody, by Laura Richards.

2 Fri Jan

Thursday 3rd No blizzard, as was reported, but colder just one degree than it has been yet. I am not well this morning, and was glad to see Martha come in after ten o'clock. I was through the morning work and had washed out our stockings, and under suits, as there has been no washing done this week.

I have been almost past going to day. Took a little nap since noon. We expect Ed & and Piney moving over to night.

Sat 4 Colder than ever this morning, but moderated very fast. The wind is raw though, from the south west.

The boys came last night, John & with them, and we spent a very pleasant evening. Martha is nearly sick to day, and I am better than I was yesterday. I staid in bed until Bernie was nearly ready to go to the bank.

I went to see Lizzie Price this morning a little while. I commenced a facinator today for mother.

No letter to night from May, but a good a long jolly one from Willie Whittly, and Bernie and I both answered it, a long one ⁱⁿ return. Martha is off again to night.

Sun 5 This has been a raw, and disagreeable day. Susett & Bess came over from church with us, and have just now gone to Christian endeavor meeting. They had Arnett hauling them in uncle Lewis's cart. There will be services every night this week at our church, as it is the week of prayer.

Mon & been raining all the morning, and quite dark. Old Mrs Rose died last night, been sick just a week.

Barnie and I walked over to Sallies yesterday, about an hour before night service, I almost had to leave the church again, it seemed so warm,

Tues 7 I went to sit up at Mrs Rose last night, but got sick, and had to come home at half past ten, and have dizzy all day, could not attend the funeral, nor missionary meeting. My back hurts me so that I shall have to get to bed early. Barnie got his own breakfast. Martha was in her room, but no one knew it, and she did not wake. She went to the funeral, and did some washing since noon, and I think the bed will feel pleasant to her to night, as she has been up a good deal lately. Yesterday afternoon, I went up to see Colmer, and found that he had gone to Waco. to attend a commercial school. I thought he was not going until today.

Joe Spears went with him. George and Bettie went down to see them located. I hope they will apply themselves diligently to their studies, and not get into any bad habits. I was disappointed at not seeing the boys.

Gusie and Walt were making saucage, and Gussie was playing in the woodbox. I stoped a few minutes at Sallies, and May had come ^{home} sick from school.

Barnie is at church, this is our week of prayer, and I am sorry that I cannot go. Canina Coffee was over this P.M. May B. spent last week in Calhoun

Wed. 8. I was threatened with a chill last night but feel pretty well to day. Mrs Collins called this afternoon. Martha finished up the washing.

Thurs 9 Last night I went to bed to bed at nine o'clock with a hot water bottle, ached all over, and it was several hours before I got to sleep. I feel pretty well again this morning, and drove out early. Went by Hills, they do not allow any one in her room.

Went to Sallie, and found her in bed, had a hard shake last night, and is real sick. Minnie was over yesterday a few minutes.

I spent the afternoon with Minnie, came home by Sallie to see how she was, she is some better. Susette & Lucile are here tonight. I changed my dress and helped get supper, and skimmed milk, the kitchen was in confusion, as Martha had left everything from dinner, and was ironing.

Fri 10 This has been a lovely day. Thermometer stands at 40, and I am writing with doors open, and the sun streaming in. Have just taken a walk to the lot. Uncle Lewis is fixing hen nests, we are getting lots of eggs. Arnett had a hard chill last. I went to see

Sallie this morning. She is better, but in bed. Went to Campbells, and found Mrs Benson with sick headache.

Stopped at Hills and got a basket of nice turnips. I made a cushion for Bonnie's bank chair to day.

Sat. 11 I went to church last night, and this P. M. I went to Sallies. She was lying down, not feeling very strong. Bettie and Mary B. came in, we stayed quite a while, then I took them to Mrs. Kovrads, and found Susie starting to Miss Hettichs foot. So I took her there, and then we went for a short drive, and it was late when I got home.

~~Sun~~ ^{Sun} 12, Went to church last night, but did not go this morning, as it was raining, and that always makes Sunday a long day. No one came over with Bernie, & it has been real lonesome. Spizzie came over with her children to spend the night with us, I went to church to night, and heard a splendid sermon.

Mon 13 Spizzie washed dishes for Martha, and she got the clothes on to boil, but and I thought she would get every thing done in good season, but it is no use to help her. I went in at 20 minutes of eleven, and she was shut in her room, and not another thing done. I could not help feeling provoked, and asked her what she had been at, that she had not so much as swept the kitchen. She said, "I have just been doing around," I should think she had, I feel like laying the law down to her, but it would only be a waste of breath, and perhaps I might let my temper get the better of me. So I put the turnips on to cook as quickly as possible, and came out, but had to

go in quite often, to keep the fire going, as that is one thing that she never keeps up.

I cleaned up the bath room, and put down some matting, and kept warmed up until nearly one o'clock, then went as far as the bridge, to meet Bonnie, as it is very sunny, and I thought it was pleasant outside but I found it quite raw. Uncle Lewis had me go out to the lot, to look at some new pigs, then I went in to see the pet deer, and he tried to hook me around, but he only wanted me to rub him.

Mary letter last night said she was almost sick and was afraid she would have mumps.

Will and Susie, and Mrs. Conrad started this morning to the City of Mexico. I should like to make the trip with them, if it was so that I could go, but then one cannot go every where they would like. I am glad to stay at home, if I can keep well, and if not well, I certainly have no business away from home.

Mon 14 We went to an entertainment last night, and never laughed so much I don't think. It is the best that Albany ever had. May and Joe Mr. stayed with us last night. It is raining, this afternoon, and was real threatening all the morning, but I drove over to Minnie's, and Loula Gayles came over, and we talked and laughed lots over Mr. Royce, and Miss Lottie Waters. Went into at

Sallie. just as they were eating dinner, and ate with them, come by the bank just in time to bring Bruce home, and eat dinner with him. I'm sure that I'll not want any supper. George Conrad is over with the children to night.

Wed 15 It has been gloomy, and threatening rain all day, and I have been lonely, and almost blue.

Thurs 16 This morning I went to Geo's and got Fern and went to Geo's and spent the morning, came by Sallie and got Lucille, and little Sallie squealed, so I brought her. Her mother came for her late this eve. May and Joe are here. I finished May's facinator to night. Recd a letter from Maggie to night, saying that May was in bed.

Fri 17 I swept and dusted all the morning, until noon. After dinner I took a short nap, then I took the children and went to Coffeyville. Still raw and cloudy, no letter from May to night.

Sat 18 Last night at 8 o'clock, just after I had put the children to bed, and swept up their messes of pop corn, Ed and Jon. T. came in. I had my dress unfastened, and would have been in bed pretty soon myself. We had quite a pleasant evening. They said

they had been invited to Chataqua meeting, but preferred to come over here. It was real nice in there. They staid until 10.30 I put in part of the night with the children, and caught a little cold. I took them home this morning, went to Sellis first, and found Grace Lee and her music class there, so I staid and heard them play. When I went to get in the buggy, old Gray bit me and my arm aches tonight. I stopped in town, and got some goods for a dress, and after noon, I took it to Mrs. Jacobs, then took Minnie and Gussie and drove out to Schisens, no one at home but Mr. C., so we came right back, and made Gray sweat for his smartness. I put Minnie out, and went to Gustus a few minutes. It has been quite raw, and cold all day, and drizzling some.

Sun 17 I walked to church to day, it was damp and cloudy. I divided my class this morning, and I hated to do it, but there were too many, too small to get their attention, Mrs. Meyer got half of them. We have eight apiece. I could not help shedding a few tears over it.

Ethel, Leneile, and Gussie B. came over with us and they have been in a whirl ever since they came.

Had a letter from May last night. She is some better. I stopped in to see Miss Emma Bogan to day. Poor girl. She has been confined to her bed & chair for a year.

Mon 20 Foggy, and drizzling all day, very dark and dreary.

I put in the morning, overhauling, and clearing out drawers, in the chiffonier. One can work hard all day at such work, and have nothing to show for it. The train time has changed, leaves at 4 now, and I have to write in the mornings and part the day before, so I wrote to May this morning. He sent her a collar, and witch pin for her birth day, that is next Thursday 23rd.

Martha has got the washing out, but does not know when it will dry, I went out since noon for a walk, and fresh air, and it is misting a good deal. I expect Ella and Annie Merle to night to spend the week with us. Had a letter from May last night, saying that her aunt was sick, and she is not able to do any thing yet.

Well, we have had some strange proceedings in our town the past month or two, and the plot deepens.

It is enough to make one open wide their eyes, but a good many of us, have had our eyes opened this summer, by those same parties, and I should not be astonished at any thing that might happen now. Of course there is a woman in the case, and she is married, that is the mystery of it, and yet it is not, as the man has the reputation of fascinating that kind of women, he must have her completely so.

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 Tues 21 To day has been bright, but very windy, I went to town this morning, and to the dress makers, and to Gross a while, Minnie is feeling real miserable, This P.M. I went to missionary meeting, and to night I am unusually tired. The Lee family moved to the ranch to day, and I think it is a good thing for all hands concerned. There is a bank in the north, and looks very much like we might be going to have ugly weather.

Wed, 22 Not cold but dark again, like we might have rain, John Woods was here a while, also Mrs Coffey. She had a grievance to talk over, Dear me, how I wish people would not be so sensitive, always getting there feelings harrowed up for nothing.

I am in the parlor to day for a change. I get tired of one room, such dark days especially.

There was a dance at Hobbs Monday night.

Thurs, 23 Ella and I went to prayer meeting last night. Bernie is not feeling well, so he and Annie Merle did not go. He went over a little early, and went in to see Mrs Burns. I thought she would feel so lonely after her grand children leaving.

To day I have been out most of the time. Ate dinner at Phineo, with Sallies family Minnie and Prices. Then came by the bank after Bernie.

John Woods commenced work here to day.

I put in most of the afternoon with Mrs Hill, she is better. I bought some white goods to day to make up a summer wrapper, as I have no work on hands, I finished another fascinator to day, and think I will quit now.

May is eighteen to day, it hardly seems possible.

Fri 24 It is a little colder this morning, Ed and John were over last night, Mable did not come back with Ella. This morning I did not drink any coffee, and I feel drowsy, I think it disagrees with me.

Fri 24 This P.M. I went to Mrs Jacobs to have a dress fitted, went to Minnie's, and Sallie's while, and to Campbells for a wrapper pattern, but Myra was not at home. It has been quite chilly.

Sat 26 I went up town a few minutes, and to Mrs. Hill this morning. This P.M. I made some calls, to Mrs. Palms. Warrells and Georges. Mrs. W. was not at home.

Sun 26 I walked to Sunday school, Bemie did not go to day. No preaching at our church. So I made a short call at Bogans on my way home.

Ed Lyons and Sullivan were over last night for a game of dominoes. Mr. S. brought me a nice picture of his family. The baby is very sweet. To day is bright and pretty.

Mon 27 I put in the day helping Minnie get ready to go to Southern Texas. She got news last night, that her sister was sick, and her husband had lost his mind. They start tomorrow. A sad mission, but hope it is not so bad as they hear.

Minnie and children are almost sick with colds and the weather is just the kind to keep them with colds. I trust they will get no worse.

Two letters from May last night, and none to night.

Tues 28 It is most right again. This has been another gloomy day. I put in the morning with Mrs Matthews and Mary Brown. Went by Sallie, and she went up with me, but did not stay long. I took dinner, and got down town just in time to bring Bernie over. Mrs Heaslow was over this afternoon for some cuttings of our roses. I have been knitting some to day.

Wed 29 It rained nearly all the morning, and was so dark that we had to have a light to clean up the dining room. Do not think Martha wanted to do it either by the way she acted, and she rushed through it too fast, and did it in ^{such} ~~such~~ slipshod way. That I had her do part of it over, and then she rushed off home without cleaning the things on the side board.

Thurs 30 Ethel. and Lucile staid with us last night.

I took Lucile home this P. M. and got mother and went to see Mrs. Barnes, as she had sent me a note to the effect that Mr. B was away, and she was very lonely. We went from there to Mrs. Jacobs for my dress, and met the Lee family coming in. Glad I met them when we did. I went to Camp hills a few minutes. Ma came home with me. It was raining this morning when we got up, and the streets are very muddy. Prayer ^{meeting} to night, but we did not go.

Fri 31 Raining when we got up, but it has been warm all day, cloudy and sunny by turns. I had a letter from cousin Eliza & Hilby last night, and have written them this P. M. I have a headache today. I haven't finished reading the Schoenberg Lotta family, and Mrs Warrell sent me Stepping Heavenward today, and I am reading it the second time. We had two letters from May to night.

Sat Feb 1st Still dark and dreary, and muddy. I went to see Miss Cook this P. M., walked

Sun 2 Went to church and Sunday school today. The Madam Lee was at Sunday school, the first time since she has been married, very strange that she waited

until she moved 28 miles into the country.

Ed spent the afternoon with us. I think he is a dear good boy. If I ever am fooled in him, I think I will give up entirely, and say there is no good in any one. Elmer has measles (in the face), I guess he will be more homesick now than ever.

Mon 3 Weather bright and windy. I put in nearly all of the morning in the kitchen. Mother went to see Mrs. Horrell. Arnett is sick, and was sick yesterday. He is about to have pneumonia.

I walked to church last night, and had a restless night, but do not suppose it was the walk.

There seems to be something out of the usual line the matter with me. My limbs ache, and my hands feel stiff, and feel stiff all over some times.

Lucie R made us a short, but very pleasant visit since noon, and gave us a little sketch of her trip to Mexico. Every thing green and blooming down there, such a contrast to our United States, and yet so near us. She brought me a beautiful bread plate. I am always getting something pretty. Had a letter from Gus last night, and he says they got through alright and found the Camp family tolerably well.

Tues Feb 4 This morning I went to Gaylors and staid until noon, Loula was washing, but I took my knitting and went in the kitchen, Stopped at the hardware store for a tub, and had a little fun with Ed over a match box, that was given him times.

This P. M. Mother and I went to missionary meeting, and called at Garvins on our way back, to see Mrs. Armstrong, she came in last night. So right I am very tired, but will write a little to Elmer, he is nine teen years of age to day.

Wed 5 I cut a white wrapper to day, am beginning in time for Summer. I finished a little stocking for Fern, also, they are rather late for this winter, but perhaps they will do for next. I have finished reading Step ping Heavenward, and there is a great deal of comfort in it. We received some walnuts to day, from Kansas, but they are not so nice, as the one we got from Georgia. Went to prayer meeting to night, and heard such a good talk, from the Sermon on the Mount.

Thurs 6 The wind is rather high to day, but not cold. I have basted my wrapper, and tried it on. I commenced to make a net for mother out of horse hair it carries me back to war times, when I use to make so many. I do not think that I have made one in 30 years.

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Sat Feb 8. Very cold and cloudy, but I drove up to

Bra. Hills this afternoon. Matt and John were busy with air guns, and after school the music teacher came, to give lessons to three of the boys, on stringed instruments. I met Sallie at the gate, as I started home, I stopped awhile at Phins

Sat 8 Very pleasant to day, I walked up town this morning. Saw Ed a few minutes, also Jim George

Mrs. Leeson. Miss Bettie Parker, Myra

Mrs. Bensen, Rube, and three of Sallie's girls were over this afternoon. Susette is here tonight. May writes that she weighs 124. I worked on mother's net some today. The day was so bright that I wanted to be out all the time

Sun 9 Davie brought Tom Whitby over this morning before Sunday school. He came in last night.

He does not look very much like Willie. I walked up to Campbells and Hills this afternoon, and did not come back until after church. My boy Ed was over and took dinner with us, and staid till four o'clock. I had an accident at table, spilled corn in my lap, on my new dress. The only one that I can wear, as I am too fat for any other.

The Madam Lee was in to Sunday school again today. Mother went to Williams today.

Mon. Feb 10 I am tired to day after my walk yesterday.

Tom Whitby was over this morning a little while, he is anxious to get out to the ranch. He seems a little restless, but I do not wonder, poor boy. He came out here to try to break off from the dreadful habit of drink.

I truly hope that he may succeed, and that no temptation will be thrown in his way. Dear Lord grant that he may, and grant the prayers of his mother, in thine own way, for we know that thou knowest best.

This has been a beautiful Spring like day, but the wind was high most of the time. Rubie C. and Mable Palm are with us tonight.

Mon. 11 Cloudy again this morning, I have been helping Martha in the kitchen this morning, as she did not wash yesterday.

I went to see Mrs. Heron to day. They have been living near for some months, and this is my first visit, and I am ashamed of it. They are very pleasant old people, just the two, and an orphan granddaughter.

The old gentleman is an invalid.

Ella is here with Mable tonight. He played dominoes and had a little music. The miss May is playing so much.

Wed Feb. 12 It rained last night, and come this morning the streets are very muddy. I took the girls over to school, and spent the morning with Sallie. She is making drapery for her new room. It is a very roomy comfortable one. Lucile cried to come to come over with me, but she and little Sallie are not very well.

There was a hack load of young people went to Griffin last night, to attend one of Culver's spiritual seances, but they did not report any satisfactory results. I hope they are willing to let it alone now.

Thur 13 We had a talk last night, after prayer meeting about building a new church, committees were appointed to look out for location, and finances. So I think there is a chance for a church, and it is badly needed. The walk over was quite muddy, but we had a good turn out, considering the mud. I was glad to see Frank Cook, - one of my class unite with the church. I hope to see them all come in some time. Two others are members already. May M. staid with Mable last night. To night we expect the four girls, and Miss Piserer, the music teacher. I put in a good part of the morning in the kitchen, as Martha always looks sulky when I have company, but I shall have, when I please and when I please, even if she chooses to leave.

Today is bright and pretty.

Ben Reynolds was over to dinner today, I had not seen him for some time.

Friday 14

The girls were over last night, Miss Reiser gave us some nice music, on the violin and piano.

I went see Gus's family this morning. They got in last night, Minnie is looking better, Gus and baby have colds. The young people are going to have a leap year party to night.

Sat 15 Martha sat up at much Joe Duxons last night. Matt, and Steve Gale were over this morning for a picture, I made an exposure but have not developed it yet. Mrs Moody and Gustie were over this afternoon, Frank and Tom Cook also, Tom is seven years old today, and we were invited over to supper with him, and have just returned, I walked up town this morning, and am rather tired to night.

Sun 16 This has been a very pretty day, No one came with us from church. I went to Endeavor meeting to hear Mr. Apes talk on the church, from there I went to church, and back to night service, we had a good congregation both morning and night.

Mon 17 Bright, but windy. I put in most of the morning in the kitchen, Ben fixing an old black

waist. have not got anything that I can wear, scarcely

except wrappers. I weigh 140 lbs. and have outgrown all of my clothes, guess I'll have to stay at home. Susette and Mary Gentry are here to night, and Mr. Mack spent the evening with us.

Thurs 18 This morning, I walked up to the photograph gallery, and visited Mrs. Best. This afternoon, I went to missionary meeting. Mrs. Collins entertained us, and gave us a splendid tea. Twenty two present. Mrs. Armstrong, and Mrs. Rochelle were visitors. Mrs. R. is a sister of the Meyers Brothers.

We paid in our dues, and thank offerings and it amounted to eighty two dollars, and several of them did not bring their money, because they did not know that we were to pay to day. We had a very nice time indeed.

Frid 19 Susette, Bessie and Joe, Mr. stayed with us last night. I was very tired, and did not rest well, so I did not get up until eight o'clock, it is half past ten now, and I have just finished cleaning up. I finished Jean's second pair of stockings last night, so I will quit knitting for awhile, and finish my wrappers. The weather is fine, can see the peas all the way across the garden. The willow at the window is putting out.

Thurs 20 Minnie and children stayed with us last night, I took them home this morning.

and called at Gullums and Burns. Mrs B. was alone, and blue, and ready to cry so I stayed in noon. This P. M. I made two pairs of pillow cases sewed up my wrapper, and read, and walked until time for Barnie to come, and he did not come, and I am about to get in Mrs Burns fix. They must be practicing for their entertainment. Barnie must tell me next time, so I can go off and not put in all of the afternoon alone, I do not like it a bit. Today has been warm and hazy.

Fri 21 Mother, Sallie and three children: Mary Laura & Laura B. and Mrs. Armstrong, spent the day with us. The little girls were out of doors all the morning, and very quiet. When we called them to dinner, we found that they had ^{been} wading in the creek. I have felt rather nervous, and unusually tired to day.

Sat 22, I have been quite under the weather to day, and Mrs. A. advised me to see the Dr. and he said for me to be very quiet for a few days. That seems to be an easy prescription to follow, but it really is not so very easy. I took Mrs. A. home, and saw the Dr. on the way, he came over, and examined me, He seems to be quite undecided, as to what the trouble is, and

He made an examination two months ago, and I thought he surely could decide by this time. It is a very unsettled, and perplexing condition to be in. It rained some this morning, and was very dark.

Sun 23 I suppose this will be a very long day to me, as I can not go to Sunday school, nor walk about any, but I am thankful that it is no worse. The weather is real nice this morning, and the willow at the window, is putting out leaves quite fast.

Martha told me yesterday that she was going to get married next Sunday, but would stay with me until Saturday.

Sallie brought mother over before church time and I was glad to see her.

Mon 24 It has been a little raw and gloomy to day. I drove to Pitners this P.M. to see Mrs. Quirk and see if she would come and do any work, but did not see her, left word for her to come over tomorrow.

I went into Gus' awhile, the ride made my back real tired. Tom had been quite sick, and looked real peaked. Myra was here when I got home. Bannie went to rehearsal to night.

Tues 25 This has been a lovely day, I wanted to be out all the time, but did not dare walk much. I went and laid in the sun by a hay & stack, and enjoyed a sun bath. Sallie brought Gustie over this P.M. she is just getting over grip. Mrs. Armstrong, and Mrs. Center were over also, and two women to hire to do house work. I engaged Mrs. McCom. She has two children, which is quite an objection, but I will have to put up with it, until I can do better.

Wed 26 The sun is out bright, but the wind is high I walked over to see Lizzie Price this P.M.

Thurs 27 There has been a sand storm on hand all day, very disagreeable. I did not go to prayer meeting last night. They voted on location for new church, and got the Hill block, in South Albany. I think that is the nicest place.

28 Mother and I went up to Bettie's this P.M. Gordie Beech is there making clothes for little Bettie. George got home last night from the western ranch. So day has been lovely. Gas brought the children over while I was away. I am sorry I missed them.

Sat 29 Martha left to day. She hung around till noon, and seemed to hate to go. Mrs. McCom

came yesterday, and has taken hold like she was going to be satisfactory, and I hope she will. She has two children, ten and eleven years old Harold and Rose, of course we have no need of them, but have to take them to get the woman.

Barnie gave me quite a surprise to night by bringing in a beautiful music box, it has three cylinders, and plays 18 pieces.

This has been another lovely ^{day}, and I should like to have made a visit to some of my friends, but I seem to be in a peculiar condition, am rather helpless lately, and riding or walking hurts me, I do not know whether I can go to Sabbath school tomorrow or not. Barnie has gone to rehearsal to night.

Sun March 1st This has been a beautiful day, I went to church this morning, Annie Work, Ethel and Hattie took united with the church to day, and Mr Green, put in his letter from the Methodist church.

May, Ella, Rubie, and Miss Pearson came with us from church, and we took a long walk on the Island since dinner.

Ed came over after ^{four} o'clock and staid awhile. Barnie surprised me last night, with a beautiful music box, it plays 18 tunes, and we have had it going most all day.

I am so glad to have it, for we miss the music so

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much since May left.

Mon 2 I went to town this morning, and to Gus' awhile, I brought the children home with me, and they were delighted with the music. Mother is not well today, and had the Dr. over, but she is at work, making a white wrapper. Minnie, Gus, Sallie, Myra, Gusie, and George were over this afternoon. It has been a lovely day.

Tues 3 Cold and rainy all day, freezing this morning. I have been working in a black skirt to day, but do not feel very well, head ache, back ache, and a little dizzy. I can't understand what is the matter with me exactly. I am a little puzzled.

Wed 4 Mother says she feels a bright to day, and has worked on her wrapper most of the day. Bethie, Susie, Mrs M. Annie Mabel and Susette were over this P.M. It has been real cold and raw to day. I had a nice long letter from cousin Elizabeth Whitby today.

Thurs 5 Not so cold to day but raw, cloudy. I walked to prayer meeting last night, and it worried me a good deal, did not rest last night, and am real tired this morning. I have been writing letters all the morning. We went to Lentz's. This morning. did not come home till 3 P.M. Gus and family were over awhile. Minnie is not

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at all well. I am afraid to think of it almost, as she is from a consumptive family.

Fri' & Wind from west all day, and is rather trying. Uncle Lewis went to rehearsal last night, and was quite pleased with the play. It took off a hen with 12 chicks to day. The boys are through planting corn. I did not rest well last night. I have trouble with my limbs cramping.

Sat 7 Well, the entertainment is over, and Bernie has a hard cold to pay for it. They had a full house and the play went off very well. do not know yet how much money was made.

George and Bethe left to day for North and Waco, to be gone a month. Emma Coffee was over this afternoon. The wind has been blowing all day.

We had a good bit of frost and ice last night. I have felt better than usual to day, excepting a crick between my shoulders.

Sun 8 Went to Sunday School, and got tired before preaching was over, do not feel so well to day. Mother went to Dallas, and Ethel and little Sallie came over here. We ate a some walnuts before dinner.

Bernie had a hard night, and is feeling miserable to day. Cloudy again

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Mon ~~10~~ This morning I went to Harrells, staid till after dinner, then come by and brought Bernie home.

After noon, I took him back, and went to Sallies, she and Ma were going to Campbells, so I went along. Mrs. Benson is sick with cold. Got a little after four, and hunted turkey nest in the bottom, then crawled through the fence and went to Coffee. Pearl was fixing to go to Sheekmorton. It has been very warm to day, a weather breeder.

Tue 10 To day has been cloudy, windy, and cool. I have felt a little miserable to day, but have worked some, cut a bonnet, and made ruffles, and set a turkey, got thirty-five eggs setting. Bernie is not so well to day, has a hard case of Grip.

Wed 11 This morning I went to town, and bought a little goods, went to Sallies to see mother, and to Minnies awhile. This P.M. I ~~took~~ Bernie back went to see Mrs. Heron, and Lizzie Price. I finished up the table piece that I was making for Sallie, and worked some on the bonnet. It has been bright but windy. I set two turkeys to day, on 34 eggs. John Woods is down with Grip to day.

Thurs Mar. 12. Bright, cool, and windy, but the time is passing, and the cold weather will be bound to quit us after awhile. I have sewed, read, and walked all day. Uncle Lewis has been cleaning up some rubbish outside of the yard, that has helped the look of things considerably. I drove over to see mother, a few minutes. When Bernice went after the mail, found her and Sallie at supper.

I washed and ironed her table piece, and carried to her, it is beautiful since it is done up. John is up and work to day.

Fri 13 This morning I went to Gustis, and Powell. Gustie is having another pull with Grip. This P. M. Sallie, Minnie, and I went to Garvins, to see the new baby, and Mrs Armstrong. Minnie is not at all well, we called at the Dr's office and he prescribed for her. She is having fever and coughs, and feel a little uneasy, for fear it will develop into consumption.

Sat 14 I made my bonnet to day. We had quite a snow here come up to night. Dave Diller was over and took supper with us.

Sun 15 Cloudy and raw, icicles a foot long hanging on the water tanks. I am afraid the frost

is killed. Barnie did not go to Sunday school nor church to day.

Watt R. and Steve, and six of the girls were over this afternoon. I drove down to Gus's for a church, to see how they were. Minnie is feeling some but better, but real poorly yet.

Mon 16 I cut and basted a wrapper this morning, and made six calls this afternoon. That is a big days work for me. The day has been real pleasant.

Gus 17 Ed L. and Mr. Sullivan spent last evening with us, and we had a pleasant time. It is some cooler again to day.

Sat 21 I have been in bed since Tuesday night, been to table twice, but am better to day, and have been up so me. There was thick ice yesterday, and to day the mercury is in the seventies. Wednesday we had wind, sand and snow. Gustie spent Thursday with Sallie has been over twice. Susie twice, and Gus was over yesterday, he has not been at home. Mother has been with me since Wednesday.

I cut a dress yesterday (lined) for Rosa, and sewed some, mother helped, and we finished it to day. She is real proud of it. Tom Whitby was over a little while yesterday.

Mon 22

Jan 22 Cloudy to day, but not cold. I have been up some, but cannot stay up long at a time, my back gives out. Gus and Fern were over to see me this afternoon. Minnie and Gussie are some better.

I hardly know what I am to do with myself, if I am to lie in bed so much, but will have to put up with whatever comes, and try to be patient. I will be willing to stay housebound up for a few months, if I can come out alright in the end. I will try to be patient, whatever comes. Walter G. and Steve W. were over last night.

Mon 23 I have been up most all day. It is quite cold and we have been by a fire all day. I have sewed a little, would like to walk some, but do not dare to get awhile. It is cloudy again. Sallie and Ella Leonard were over to day.

Tues 24 It is much pleasanter to day. I was out a little, walked to the lot, and it was all I could do to get back. Myra and her mother were over this P. M. I finished my wrapper. I am reading the Sorrows of Satan, by Carelli. I do not like it, I do not see how people can rave so over her writings, they are not to my taste at all.

Wed 25 The wind is up, but not cold. Mother went over to see Mrs Hermon this morning. The Dr was

over this morning, and said I was looking well.

I think I am stronger to day, am gaining gradually.
May writes that she has lost ten pounds,

Thurs 26 Been sunny and warm to day. Mother went
to Phineo this P.M. and Minnie and children
came over. Dr. Galver came also, and I wanted to
talk to him, but Nora Barker, and Mrs. Manning
called, and I had no chance to. Bernie went
out to the tank where the boys were at work. Gus
came over a few minutes. I have a little cold
and do not feel quite so well to day, but have
sewed a little. I cut out two undersuits yes-
terday.

Fri 27 Fern came over this P.M. and brought me two
dresses to make for her. I told Minnie that I would
sew some for her, as I could not afford to sit idle.
Earnest Musser was here last night with Hardy
and they have been fishing all day nearly, in a hard
wind. I took a few things out of the parlor to day.

Sat 28 I have not felt at all well to day being
around most of the time. Bernie and the boys had
the parlor empty when I got up, and the boys cleaned
it, and put the carpet down, and tacked part of

but they were so botchy with it, that I could not

trust them to fix it at the fire place, and I was not strong enough to do it myself, so I had them wait till Barnie came at noon, and he helped finish the job. I wanted Mrs. McCorn to clean the pictures, but she is so dreadfully slow, that she did not have time.

Mrs. John Mrs. and children, and Mrs. Moschell her sister, were over this P.M. also Dr. P. and Rosa brought mother over. Harold and Rosa staid at Muses last night, and Earnest came back here and staid all day. It will not take much of that to tire me out. Ethel Linnell and Sallie staid with us last night, and most of today.

Sallie was yesterday a little while. It has been very warm today.

Sun 29 I was dreadfully tired last night, but felt better after a warm bath, and rested well last night so I feel much better today. Ma went with Barnie to church. I do not know when I can go again.

Sundays are very long when I have to stay at home all day. Ella and May were over to dinner. Ruhe came afternoon, and all went to C. C. meeting.

Piner Moody, Luther H. Bess R. Othie and Ora Swetten came in about five o'clock.

Monday, 30 Still cloudy and warm, I asked the

children to wash dishes this ~~another~~ morning, while their mother did some work in the parlor, to get it in shape. She seemed to object to that a little, and said she was going to leave next week,

I am perfectly willing, I do not want a boy and girl, 10 and 11 years old, on the place, if they are too good to work, they seem willing enough, but she scarcely ever asks them to do it, and when I did, the fat was in the fire, but it is alright with me, for I was not cross nor did not scold.

Mrs Barrell and Myra L. were over this morning from Sallie and Susie in the afternoon. Bonnie

hung the pictures, and Sallie draped the curtains, and the parlor is clean and fresh now and I have moved my work basket in there, as there is more light than in any other room, and my eyes are poor. May M. was over a few minutes on her wheel.

Mon 31 Bonnie brought me some fine straw-herrins last night, and I angle my supper on them, and had some for breakfast, my appetite is not very extra good. I felt worn out all day yesterday, and I could not help brooding over past worries, and I felt like crying all

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day, and it had to come after I went to bed. I feel

a little better to day, but the tears are very near the surface yet, I suppose it is because I am so weak.

Miss Cook, and Louis and Tom were over to day. George and Bette came for a few minutes, Geo. is going to Oklahoma tomorrow. The flag is out for a cold wave tomorrow.

Apr 1st The norther came last night, and it is almost freezing to, been housed up by coal fires all day.

I finished one of Ferns dresses to day, and made a curtain for the parlor door. Have felt better than usual, laid down just a few minutes. Ma has been busy making her calico dress.

Thurs 2 Ice half an inch thick this morning. I was surprised. I feel pretty well to day, been over the creek after turkey eggs. The sun shines dimly to day, and sometimes cloudy. Mother went over to visit Bette, and it is lonesome with out her.

I feel well enough to day, to ride, but dare not risk it just yet, as my condition has been rather critical. Dr. P. was over to day, and told me, that I must be very careful.

Mr. Mc. Afee and Lizzie Price and children were over this P. M. Base and Hardy are at the tank with the men, She would not be there she were mine

Apr 3 Ottilie Mullon and Susette spent last night with us. I do not feel so well to day. Had a hemorrhage from my bowels. The first thing I did this morning, was to string a mess of beans. Then I wrote a long letter, then read awhile, and then I began ripping an old black silk, to make overalls. Now it is nearly noon, I walked to the lot, but do not feel much like walking to day, guess I will stay in.
It rained just a little, We had half an inch of ice yesterday.

Sat 4 I ripped a little more, and finished my job to day. Mother came yesterday, and brought Lucile and Sallie, and they have been busy at every thing to day.

My Leok, and her family left to day, as I thought, but the boy is back to spend the night. They all seem to be very much carried away with Barrett, but he does not seem to appreciate it very much. I have been having some little unmasal aches and pains. The last two days and Bonnie sent Powell over to day. I think Bonnie feels a little uneasy, and I suppose he has cause to.

Easter Sunday, Apr. 5 1896

Not a very fine day, looks cloudy and I hope

it will rain, mud it badly. Every thing in the garden, killed by the last freeze.

Brother and Bernie gone to church, I tried to get John and Arnett to go, but they do not seem inclined that way. John did first rate with breakfast. I sat in there and showed him what to do.

Bernie took the music box to Bagan's to give Miss Emma a treat to day.

Ed came over to see me this afternoon. He is real good about coming to see me.

Mon & I managed for John, and he got the wash out by noon. He took till night. I have been in my feet a good deal, and am rather tired to night. Susie, and Sallie were over a little while.

Tues 7 The clothes were all ironed, and put away before dinner to day. Minnie and children spent the afternoon with me. Gus came over later. Bethe and baby were over this morning and she took Brother with her to missionary meeting. Sallie brought her back. May and Ella came over on their wheels and staid a few minutes. Commanced taking ice to day.

Wed 8 Hot and windy, I made three aprons for

John, and did some other sewing, took off 23 young turkeys. Took a walk around after the turkey eggs, and practiced some with John's target rifle. Barrie and John did some mowing in the yard. John gets on nicely with the work.

This is two nights that we have had no letter from May. She is getting very negligent, it seems to me.

Thurs 9 I sewed some today, and helped John get dinner, we had broiled chicken, and I ate a whole one. Minnie came over this afternoon in her new Sarry, it is nice, and comfortable. I am glad she has it, she can get about so much better now. Mother went off with her to be where she can go to preaching some. The Cumberland are having a protracted meeting.

Apr 10 We had a nice long letter from May last night. Poor little girl, I guess she is doing the best she can. The wind blows hard today, from the south, but is cooler than yesterday. We had frogs legs for dinner. I took 26 chickens this morning. I commenced hemstitching a skirt today, for May. We had another good long letter from her to night.

Sat Apr 11 Wind still blowing hard, and quite

cloudy, I helped John clean up the dining room this morning. It is nice and fresh for Sunday even, and I am ready to sew, but feel tired as usual. I walked out to feed look after turkeys and chicks, and the wind almost took me off of my feet. I finished hem stitching May's skirt to day.

Sun 12 It blew real hard last night and rained an inch, the air, or wind, it has been blowing all day, is cool. There was a house blown over a few miles from here, and a woman and two children hurt. Suseth. Annie, Merle and Mary Brown were over to day. Mr. McAdie preached to day.

Mon 13 John washed, ironed and scrubbed to day. I managed for him, and was on my feet a good deal, and am very tired to night. Ed came over and stayed quite a while to day.

Tues 14 I had John take my beds out and sweep and dust up for me this morning, and my room looks much better. He went to Minnie's on an errand, and then went hunting and got two rabbits, and got dinner on time. I got real

Tired, and do not get over it very fast. Took a short-

nap since dinner. The wind is very high today.

Gus was over to see me today, and mother came back to night. She had a chill the other day and is not well at all. Quilledge

Walter (the bank bookkeeper) went to San Antonio yesterday, and the work falls heavy on Bernie, although Dave C. is helping. Maude Campbell is very sick (in Boston) and her mother is thinking of going to her.

Wed 15 April half gone, and it is as windy as March yet. John is cleaning up the gasoline stove to day, and the kitchen generally, and I have about run of something to do, until some shopping is done, or until some one is ready to turn the sewing machine for me.

Thurs 16 Sallie and three children were with us last night. Minnie went to town this morning to do a little shopping for me. Sallie went home. I am not well to day, been cramping. The engine ran off the track this morning, and one man got badly hurt, trying to get it back. Cloudy, and windy again today. I have been quite unwell to day.

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Building Cisco Oil Mill

~~Sat 18~~ I have felt much better to day, and did a

a good lot of work. Suspect I was on my feet too much. Sallie sent a dress over for me to make for J.A. and I did a lot on it. Minnie went home this afternoon. The wind blew hard all day.

Sat 18. It rained some last night, and here cloudy all the morning, but calm for once. I do not feel well to day. guess I am destined to remain at home all Summer. I finished the baby dress, and commenced one for Fern this morning. Mother began on another wrapper to day.

Bonnie drove me over to Sallie's about mail time, it shook me up, and tired me so that I will not try it again, until I feel stronger.

Sun 19 Fine Sunday since I have been to church, and it seems a long time. I got John off to Sunday school to day. Willie R. came home with him. Ma did not go to church to day.

Gus and family were over this afternoon. She goes to Cisco tomorrow, to work for the Reg-
nolds Bros. (my brothers) They are going to put
up an oil mill there. Yesterday was the first
day that I have been hungry in a month, and
I am hungry to day, maybe I will get my strength
now.

Mon 20 John had the clothes on to boil, when I got up this morning. Have not felt well all day.

Mrs. Sutton, Minnie and children were over this afternoon, and Sallie came to say good by. She and Bettie aim to start to Oklahoma in the morning. But little Bettie got a bad burn yesterday, and this may give it up for a while. Father is at work on the porch today. Weather warm.

Tues 21 Another warm day. Old man Nixon was here today, and I gave him a sackfull of clothes, he was very thankful. He is up in the eighties, and was converted this winter, during a severe spell of sickness. He says that he is happy now. I feel very weak and tired today. Mrs. Warrell, Mrs. Center and Miss Cook were over today. Lennie R. came with Will Howsley two little girls. Rubie took me to missionary meeting.

Wed 22 Windy and cloudy all day. I have felt so miserable that I have not had any work in my hands today. Bettie, Sallie got off to Oklahoma today. Mrs. Howsley, and Mrs. Louis Matthews were here this morning. Uncle Lewis is watering the yard today.

Thurs 23 To day I have felt much better, and did a little sewing.

Mrs. Horrell, Mrs. Center, Mrs. Burns Mrs. Benson, and Minnie and children were over this afternoon. Took off 22 young chicks today.

Fri 24 This evening was calm and cloudy, so I ventured to drive a little. Went to Minnie's and laid down to rest as soon as I got there, and walked over to Gaylors, and stopped at the market, and store as I came back. Rubie & Bessie took dinner with us.

Sat 25 Ma went over to Herrens this morning.

The old man was buried at five this P.M.

Minnie and children spent their day with us. Went from here to the funeral. Bessie came over today to spend a few weeks. She looks so thin we thought it would do her good.

Mr. Moreman and wife were over a little while. He came after a pig, and I got a little visit from his wife.

May letter to right, say that she weighs only ~~10~~ 10 1/2, I guess she will be as light as usual when she gets home.

Sun 26 George came over from church and spent

the day with us. Otis Mutton Mary Brown and Ethel came over, Ben S. and Eugene.

I drove over to the Leampshells a few minutes to see Maidee, after the train came in. She has a very bad nervous trouble, but does not look thin. I saw Gus a few minutes this P.M.

Mon 27 The girls all staid all night with Bess. They went to ride after I got home yesterday and made as much noise as a set of Cornachus. I saw Gus yesterday at the Post office. He had just come in from Cisco, and goes back in the morning. I made Gusie a dress today and sewed up some goods to hang up on the porch to keep the rain out. I then finished it today. Ethel went home late this evening.

Tue 28. I drove over to the Miners this morning as Bess went to school, and she took the buggy up to her mother to come over and spend the day. She came by after me, and staid with us all day. Luther has commenced to screen the kitchen porch. Mrs Stebb was over this afternoon.

Wed 29 I drove to Williams gate, late this

afternoon, but did not get out. Annie Work came over with me. It has been very warm

I took off seventeen young turkeys to day. Luther has screened the kitchen porch.

Thurs 30 I fought flies this morning until I was real tired. Then I went across the creek and found 14 more turkeys.

~~For~~ Judge Corner was over a few minutes yesterday evening, and went with Bernie to prayer-meeting. I wanted to go, but Bernie thought it would be too much for me.

Bernie took me for a little drive after supper to night, and I enjoyed. The day has been real hot but it was real cool driving.

Mon May 4th I am up this morning. The first time since Friday. I have head ache, and feel poorly, but I am so tired of the bed.

Susie and Mrs. Conrad were over. Saturday, Gus and family, and Ed Lyons were over yesterday. Little Gussie is not well at all.

Bro. Will was over Saturday. Minnie and children were over again to day, a little while, the baby looks badly. It was cloudy and dark all the morning. Gustie and her girls were over awhile.

Tues. 5 This is missionary day again, but no one here able to go. Mother is feeling real feeble lately. I sewed a little bit. Ma and John cleaned out a closet today. Mrs. Harrell, and Miss Cook were over awhile.

Wed 6 My brother Ben has been married seventeen years to day, and was forty five years of age, the 4th time this on swift wings, we are all growing old, but whether we are growing better, or not, is the question. The wind blows hard to day. Lizzie Price was over this morning. Pearl Coffee said that something bit her mother last night, on the foot and she did not rest any.

Thur 7 Cool and cloudy, but windy as usual, looks like it can't rain. Mother went to Coffees this morning. Emma is still in bed. I do not feel very strong, walked over to the steps, the other side of the bridge yesterday, and I did not rest well last night. I sewed some to day, finished a little skirt.

Fri 8 Cloudy, cool, and windy. I stoved about a good deal this morning, and walked over to Coffees this P.M. Emma is in bed from a bite of some kind, and I got pretty tired from the

the walk. Dazra and Moriche were over this

morning, and Mr McAlpin this afternoon
Charlie Paer, and Linwood Gillett worked
in our corn to day. John and much Lewis
cleaned the cellar this morning, I did a
little sewing, on a skirt for May.

Sat 9 Mrs. Warrens baby died last night, and
I worked with flowers all the morning.
Bess, Ethel and Susette were over this
morning. Susette came home sick, got in yester-
day. Lallie and John and the three youngest
were over a little while, and Frazier Leavelle also.
We had five extra men in the corn field
to day, and John says he would not like to work
for them all the time.

Sun 10 We had a little shower last night, that
freshened things up considerably, and it is
cool this morning. I guess we will get more corn.
I went out and ate walnuts about an
hour, and then hardly had enough, they are so
hard to pick out. Susette has measles, and
mother went to Lallie's from church.

I have made two trips across the bridge,
over the steps, and back by the crossing.

Sunday seem so long and lonely, when I can't go to

church, and I am alone so much on Sunday.

I tried to sleep, and tried to read, and did neither. I have just regaled myself with an orange and a slice of bread and milk, and been out to see the young turkeys. I have to do all sorts of things to pass off the time. Uncle Lewis has just come in with the eggs, and had one guess. I said two doz. and eight, he said two doz. and a half, and one egg, so it was.

Minnie was over a little while, with her sister Mrs. Camp. They are moving to Grockmorton from Southern Tex.

May 11 Lizzie and children spent last night with us, and she brought us some new honey. Bertie came home this morning, and brought Lucile and Lalli. Ma does not think that Insette has measles. I did a good deal of work in the kitchen today, as usual on wash days.

Gus was over a little while, says he is going to the ranch tomorrow, and Minnie is going up for a few weeks. Mr. Bogan is cutting our barley today. Uncle Joe Nixon was in to get a bible, he is sixty nine years of age, and has no bible in the house.

Tues May
 Dec 12 I put in the morning working

at soap making, as I had so much grease on hands, from wasteful cooks. and I wanted to get out of the way. Ben G. L. Witt, Eugene and George Reynolds, spent the day with us. May, M. Carrie H. Mrs. Cullum and Myrtis, and Betty B and Mrs Brown were over, and Mrs. Benson came to make her last call, as she intends going to Chicago to spend the summer.

Mother and I, each ironed a wrapper this morning, something, very unusual for either of us.

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 Tues 13. Ed Lyon and Mr. Sullivan spent last evening with us, and we did not get to bed until half past ten, and it was eight o'clock when I got up. I made a little more soap this morning, out of doors where much Lewis is washing, and of course I am tired again.

but I must sew a little to day.
 Had Mr Gustie & the G two Dodge Ladies, Salli, Annie and Hattie were over to day, and May & Rube came after some chickens, for May's birthday. She will be sixteen tomorrow, I made more soap to day, and it is nice

Thurs 14 Bonnie and I were both so tired that we

went to bed last night. by time it was dark
Lizzie and children were over last night.

Our new bedstead came today, and we
have a splendid bed on our south porch, and
entirely to keep out the rain.

I sowed a little today. We had beans, beets,
cucumbers, onions, and potatoes for dinner, and
a bird pie. I am not rested yet from soap mak-
ing. We had a turkey come up with eight new
ones today. Mornings real cool, but warm
later on.

Fri. 15 I made ten gallons of nice soap this morning
and had it all put away by ten o'clock. I feel a
little stiff and sore from my work this week.

I sowed some and finished up a small gar-
ment today. This is the annual picnic day at
Galant Springs. and one hundred and twenty
eight people went down from here. It has been
cool and cloudy all day. Gus came over and
found his young calf today. Mother has gone over
to William's, to take tea with Mrs. Benson.

Sat 16 There was a storm in Sherman yesterday that
killed a great many people. And we are so fortunate