

nate. to escape destructive storms, Mother came home this afternoon, and went to work at her quilt, and finished it. I have been in doors all day, and am not so tired as usual, have sewed a little. It has been very warm.

Sun 17 We slept out on the porch last night, it was very hot. Miss Reimer, May, Ella, Corrie and Anna were over to dinner, and staid till Endeavor meeting. It has been much cooler, but very windy to day.

Mon 18 Still blowing, I have done very little to day except to clear out, and rearrange some dresser drawers. Sallie was over a few minutes, and I walked over as far as Mrs Biggs with her, and stoped awhile. John had supper ready when I got back, nice fried chicken, I have felt very unwell to day.

Tues 19 Had four girls here to spend the day. I finished up a skirt for May.

Wed 20 This has been the hottest-day of the season. Had five children here to day, and they let the house get full of flies. run in, and

all the time. Rosa and Mrs Louis Matthews

were over this P. M. also the twin boys. I slept in two much wind last night, and my head feels about the size of a peck measure to day. I got a basket of lovely cape jasmine ~~to~~ last night, but to day has been so hot that they will not keep long.

Thurs 21 It is ever so much pleasanter to day, and I feel better, am hemstitching a skirt for Anna. — Have finished the skirt, and Anna ^{Bessie} ~~Hattie~~ and Ollie Mutton have just come in, ~~Lusette~~.

Fri 22 Anna and I walked up as far as the bank, early this morning, while it was cool the first time that I have been up in three weeks, I have felt no bad effects from the walk. Myra spent the day here, and Ed L. brought his sister Bessie over to see me this morning. Ben R. took dinner with us, and the house has been swarming with children all day, opening screens, and letting in flies.

Sat 23 Our new Swag came ~~last~~ yesterday, and we took a ride after supper, it is splendid

I have been at work on some under wear for

Anna to day. It is still very hot and dry.

May, Suseth and J A were over to day. There was a ball game in town, and Mel Lewis went up and staid till night. He enjoys it like a boy.

Sun 24 Mr Boyle and Callie came over this morning, and staid till nearly noon. They look thin but very natural, they live in Cisco now.

Heather came over from church, and several children came after noon. It is very hot, and the days seem very long. I walked to Pries last evening after supper, but found no one at home. I can't walk in the hot sun these days. Our home is so comfortable, there is always a cool place some where in it.

Ethel Lucile and Sallie came over, and after supper we walked to Pries. Ethel says that John Brown has a gobbler, that wants some turkeys so bad, that he almost thinks he is a hen, and John has him two, and he takes good care of them.

Sullivan took supper with us.

Mon 25 The children went home after noon. It has been very warm to day. finished up some sewing that I commenced for Anna to day.

Florence and the three little ones are here to night

Sallie and Mrs. Burns drove to the gate after supper. I got new eyeglasses to day, always some expense, and probably very little good.

Tues 29 I made a cake this morning, and ice cream this afternoon. I had John freeze it of course. I did not feel a bit well this morning, but was alright after dinner. Hot again, wind is simply scorching. Gus writes me that he is almost laid up from his hard work. I certainly hope he will not be sick.

Wed 28 May Ella, Rubie and Bessie Lyons staid with us last night, and Ed took supper with us. Florence and children went back to Phin's last night. There was another ball game yesterday, Albany and Cisco, and Albany won. I hope they will not go wild over ball. I am cooking black berries to day. Still the wind blows, and no sign of rain, it is discouraging, but I am thankful that we have had no cyclones.

John Laner was here ~~to day~~ ^{yes} yesterday. The girls went home this morning, and mother went with them. Sallie brought her back this P. M. Ruth Gentry is here to night.

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Thurs 28; Last night there was a queer looking

northeast of us, and news came to day, that more than a thousand people were killed in St Louis last night by a cyclone. ~~Oh~~ Give us hot winds, and drought, but spare us from such storms. We seem to be drying ^{up} here, but we can hear that if the storms will only pass us by.

It has been very hot today. No breeze scarcely and the tank got emptied last night, no one knows how. Bettie Sue, and Mary B. were over a few minutes this P.M.

Fri 29 Still it is dry and windy. no prospect of rain. Susette, Bettie and Leggie and children, staid with us last night. I made nine qts of blackberry preserves, and baked three pies this morning. This afternoon, I have done nothing but drunk ice water, and hunt a cool place, but have not found any very cool place.

Sat 30 I walked over to Coffey last night after supper. The cyclone is the topic of the day now. most every one is scared now. They are such dreadful things. Dear Lord, spare us from destructive storms. It is cloudy this morning, and looks like it might rain. The wind was hotter

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than ever, this afternoon. The scissors almost burnt me. I cut out a dress for Gussie. Mother went up

town, and to the church, to see the children practice.

Sun 31 Phin was over this P. M. and Jack, Ben G. and Louis Paer. It rained a few drops, apparently without any clouds. I have been sick again, and in bed most all day.

Mon June 1st The wind got in to the north last night, and it has been delightful to day, but I have put in a good share of the time in bed.

Gus and family were over this morning. I had not seen Minnie and children in three weeks. She came down from Shroekmorton alone.

I finished the little dress to day. Dr. P. was over this afternoon.

Tues 2 Some warmer to day. I walked up to Mc R's store early this morning, as I was out of work. I stopped at Mrs Casey's and rested awhile. I worked all the afternoon on some sewing for May, and took a short walk since supper. I weighed this morning 141, just the same that I weighed the first of March before I got sick. I lost a good deal I know, and have caught up again. There was some thunder and lightning last night, and some of the people did not sleep much. I did not know it till morning.

X Candy all over piano.

Wed. May 3rd I got up tired and with a headache

this morning, from my walk I guess.

Miss Cook and the children, spent the morning here, and Lallie and all of her little ones were over awhile. Minnie and children, and Mrs. Conrad. Minnie is with us to night and went to prayer meeting with Bernie

Mae went to Lallie's to spend the night, while I have company. I know she must be tired of the place, she has been here so closely lately.

Thurs 4 I feel better this morning, and have Arnett and John cleaning another room it needs it badly. I cleaned the piano. The children, got candy all over it yesterday. Minnie went home yet this morning.

Fri 5 Got the room nicely cleaned yesterday, but did not get every thing put back. And this morning I cooked herrings the first thing. and before I had time to put the house in order, John F. brought the insurance agent over to look over the premises, and they went through, and saw things very much upset in some rooms.

But he said that he wished he had such a home. I am tired to day from my work yes

Tuesday, and very little chance for a rest to day.

Mother did not come back yesterday, she is taking a rest. Weather still hot,

Sat & Cloudy and cool this morning, and has been cooler all day. May M was over last night at supper time, and I walked over as far as Dr. Caseys with her. We had our piano tuned to day by a blind man, and I think he knows his business. He has a man with him to help clean and put it to gether again. Emma C. was over, and spent most of the afternoon, Miss Cook and Mrs. Green too were over, and Minnie and children were in a few minutes about supper time. We expect May home next week.

Sun 7 Very hot, can't find a place for comfort. I put wet towels on my head this afternoon. Lucile and Sallie are with us to night, Susie Mrs. Matthews and Joe Spears were over a few moments.

Mon 8 Another hot wind all day. Sallie was over, also Gus and family, this P. M. I haven't suffered so much with heat to day because I have been at work. Quite a delegation of our kin, went

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to San Antonio to day to C. E. convention

Tues 9 It has been much pleasanter, to day, and I have done a lot of sewing. I took a ride after sundown last evening, and it did not hurt me, and I have felt real well to day.

Ed L. and Sullivan were over last night. There is a little sign of rain to night, and I do hope it will come.

Wed 10 It thundered, lightened and blew, last night, but the rained failed to come. It was cool and cloudy this morning. So I walked down to Minnie's, awhile. She was working with berries, not feeling very well either. Geo is at the ranch.

I took a ride after supper, went by and got J. A. G. Sallie and two children. It is prayer meeting night, and I left Bernie at church.

Thurs 11 Mrs. M. Susie and two children and Mary Leonard, Minnie and her children spent the day with us. At noon we had a hard wind from the north, lots of sand, and afterwards a little rain, that freshened up things, and cooled the air. It seems so pleasant now, and I am so thankful for the rain. There was quite a fishing party

went to the Clear Fork to day, and I guess some of them were frightened at the clouds.

Fri 12 I took Minnie and children home this morning, and went to Gaylors a while, then took Fern and went to George R's, no one there but Billie and baby, we ate dinner and then came home, I put Fern out on Jacob street, and went by the bank for Bernie, but he had gone. It is very cool to day, we slept in the house last night very comfortably,

Maidie and Myra, Miss Reimer, Ethel and Bessie were over this P. M. Miss R. and the girls brought their instruments and gave us some music, Ethel plays nicely on the violin,

Sat-13 Oh what a change in the weather. mercury down to 50 this evening, and I feel like sitting by a fire. There is a heavy dew also, something very unusual. Mother and I drove over to Salbia, this afternoon, and visited at Powells and Phins. The San Antonio crowd came to night. May's face looks badly. Geo. R & Will, and Campbell came in also. Dr. Casey & wife were over after supper,

Sund June 14, Some warmer to day. No one

went to Sabbath school, but it is very quiet.

I suppose that our last letter to May went to day.

We expect her home next Friday, with her cousin Maggie Hale. I do hope that she will be happy and contented at home, but I do not know what changes eleven months have brought about.

Nothing that will prove a drawback to any of us I hope.

It seems just a little odd not to have a letter to write to her.

Mon 15 Yesterday seemed to me the longest day that I ever put over, but of course it was not.

Can not go to church, and no one was over, and the weather very hot. To day has been short, as I have been very busy. The afternoon has been quite warm.

Tues 16 I drove to Gus' this morning. Minnie was arising, but not feeling ^{well}. Mrs. Paer was there with her arising, to be company and save word.

I helped John a little with some arising after I came home. He cleaned a closet this P. M. and is going to paint the kitchen floor tomorrow.

Annie Gulton and her cousin called, and Bessie Ingie and Fern were over a few minutes.

Wed June 17 John painted the kitchen floor to

day, and we spent the day at Georges. It has been very hot, went to Campbells awhile. Davie has been sick but better.

Thurs 18 Another hot day, very hot, but I have spent it at home, and tried to keep comfortable. The threshers came at half past eleven, without notice, and we had to get dinner for seven extra men. but the bakery helped us out.

Fri 19 Barnie went to Maco this morning to meet the girls. I have been real busy cleaning and dusting, and the morning was not very long, do not know how we will get over the afternoon.

John put another coat of paint on the kitchen and porch, so our dinner was made on bread butter and milk. I walked over the bridge with Pearl Coffey, and had quite a talk with her on various things, especially a society club that has lately been organized, for the pleasure of it. I do not know how it will turn out. I do not think that I want May to join it, provided she gets an invitation to do so.

Sat 20 June I have been very busy all day, in

my part most of the time, and the weather very hot. Gus brought his children over to spend the day with us. John Matthews lost a little girl last night, quite suddenly. I did not know that she had been sick. Gus came in from the ranch yesterday, and went right back again after John, and got in at two o'clock last night but found little Johnnie dead. It is sad, but of course it is alright or it would not be so.

Gus and Minnie came after the children, before the funeral, (half past five)

I went to the train to meet the girls. They got here alright, and we are so glad to have them back again. A number of girls come over to see them after supper. John is not well today.

Sun 21 The girls are tired, and did not go to Sunday School today, and the weather is every warm, they feel it so sensibly. The wind is very hot. I think we will drive a little after sun down.

Mon 22 We had a nice drive last evening. I have been quite busy most all day, and feel very well. The girls have been over hauling their trunks some today, and trying to rest. We took Mother to

Sallie, and took May in with us, took a short drive and came home.

Tues 23 We went to find a washer woman this morning for the girls, and drove up to see Gustie, Myra and Sallie, but did not get out only at Sallie's, and I went over to see Mrs John Matthews a few moments.

Miss Reiser, Ed L. John & Walter spent the evening with us, and we were up rather late last night, but I feel no bad effects from it. -
 Bernie is not feeling very well today, weather still hot and no sign of rain.

Wed 24 Went to Mrs. Fishers funeral this morning and spent the balance of the day at J.A. Matthews. May and I worked on a dress for May. She is about out of thin clothes, cloudy and looks a little like rain. Gus and family went to the ranch today.

Thur 25 Myra, Susie, Maids, Rubie & Carrie spent the morning with us, and Annie Mork and Ethel spent the day. The Callum girls called. We worked on the dress some.

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 Fri 26 Early this morning, I went to the cem-
 tary with the girls, to see a stone put up over the
 grave of May's mother. It is gray granite, and
 very neat. We went to see the ball game
 this P. M. and I am a little tired. We three
 had a nice drive after supper yesterday. It is
 still cloudy to day.

Sat 27 Hot to day. I finished May's dress this morn-
 -ing, and the girls went out to take tea at the
 Stephens ranch to night, with Maude, Carrie Mrs.
 Conrad, and Steve W. and Carl B. Minnie &
 Gussie were over, and took tea with us. I had a
 letter, and package from Bethie Hindall to night.

Sun 28 The girls did not get in last night until
 12 o'clock, but had a nice time. They are out to
 Sunday school to day. We have a cool north wind
 this morning, which is very pleasant, but is no
 indication of rain. There were two ball games
 yesterday, but we did not attend. Arch Lewis takes
 them all in though, old as he is.

Mon 29 Wash day, and very busy. Delia and Florrie
 Spears, called this morning. This P. M. we went to Hill
 as they are all going to be off to morrow for Kansas, and

Sallie folks to the ranch. so we called there a few minutes. The girls are invited to tea at Campbells to night. It was cool and cloudy this morning but hot in afternoon.

Tues 30 We cut Mags white dress to day, and did a little on. Mr. M. came over to spend awhile with us. He took a little ride after supper. Hot as ever

Wed 30 Did a good deal on the dress to day. I hemmed it for a width after dinner. May is not very well

Thurs July 1st We heard Dr McSalland preach last night. I made an extra effort and got out, but was very uncomfortable. It is three and a half months since I saw the inside of the church. Bernice took us a short ride before church time. Mr. L. was over to see me a little while, this P.M. yesterday.

Fri 2 Miss Peisner spent last night with us, and gave us some music. We took our horse this morning, and May M. went with her. We stopped at the bank and store, and went to Minnie's mother is there. Fern came over with us but went back when her grandpa went back to town. very hot

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Sat July 4th Maide and Rubie spent the

day with us. Ed L. and Luther H. took dinner with us, and Ma, I Gustie, Minnie and children, were over in the afternoon. Sen- and Buckner came in just at dinner time.

May M. and May B. went hunting after sundown with John's target. I drove the Campbell girls home. Took supper at Ber- phine, and killed a rabbit and bird, after I got back, the girls took a short drive.

We drove out to the tank yesterday, and I killed a rabbit and dove to feed the cats. (We have only eight cats.)

Barnie worked on the bridge today, and almost made himself sick.

Sun 5 I went to church this morning, as our pastor is back, and the girls and I went to George R. to dinner, and spent the afternoon. They are going Tuesday to their western branch (South Africa) to be gone all summer.

Mon 6 The girls had some callers while we were away yesterday. Young men. I was very tired last night. The balance all went to church. May M. staid with Mrs. Conrath.

Bathing Suits

last night, but came over very early this morn-

ing after her things, to go to the ranch. Mother will go with her. Lussie is chilling again.

This morning was real pleasant, I think there has been rain all around us.

The Moody girls called to day, and our girls made some calls, their first. We drove out to the top of the mountain after supper.

~~Mon~~ 7 George's family, Browns and Conrads, and Eaton and Bill Reynolds, seventeen in all, went to the South Africa ranch to day, that leaves our family, and church very small. J. A. M. and Ben R. took dinner with us to day. The girls went calling again, and after supper we all took a ride.

Wed 8 I got up at five, took a bath, and went hunting before breakfast, and killed a rabbit, 2 killed one last night also. I had a headache after my walk, but felt alright after breakfast.

Barnie walked out to the tank before breakfast to show Arnett about some work, and it always gives him headache. We got some goods yesterday, for bathing suits, but it is so nice, that it seems a pity to use it for that purpose, could not get what we wanted. It is hot again.

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I bought six glasses of jilly from Bessie to day. she is making missionary money, and I am going to help her hemstitch some handkerchiefs for Luther.

Thurs 9 I went to prayer meeting last night, and was a little tired after it. I drove to Gus's this morning. We had a little shower, and it has been much cooler to day.

Fri 10 Another good rain to day. that-filled the tanks and washed the creek out, that is something to be very thankful for. It is cool enough for comfort now. We have had $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches of rain.

Sat 11 The girls are working a little on bathing suits to day, but they are not rushing with work. I do not feel well to day, but have been busy all the time.
 Bernice is feeling poorly. The girls and I drove up to Campbells and Gustis a little while. I saw Elmer, the first time since Jan

Sun 12 Another blessed rain to day. It is three o'clock and has rained slowly all day. No one attempted to go to church, or Sabbath school. The girls have been reading all day, and consequently the house has

been quiet. Sunday is usually a very long day, when we

do not go to church but it is not so long this time, I think the rain must help it along. I have written two letters, and ought to write another. It is quite cool and pleasant.

Mon 13 Cloudy again to day. I took a walk over the hog pasture, with my gun, killed a rabbit and bird and another rabbit. After I got home, Mag was quite sick last night. I slept with Mag, and am not used to a woven wire mattress, and feel tired to day. The girls took a drive after supper.

Tues 14 Rather sultry to day. I went to Minnie's a little while. Miss Lettie is there. The girls are at work on their Bath suits to day. I have been reading and playing lazy.

Wed 15 I went to town and did a little shopping for Bettie this morning. Then went to Pharis's, and Powell's a while. Powell was over this P. M. to make an examination, but I am none the wiser. He is coming again tomorrow. Minnie and Gussie were over a little while.

Thurs 16 We all went to prayer meeting last night, about

X Map finished bathing suit.

25 present. Our people are nearly all out of town

Had a good rain last night. We slept on the porch, and when it rained we came in, and I stooped to pick something up from the floor (in the dark, and struck the chair past, and thought for a few moments, that I had put my eye out. I cut a hole just above it, and have a red spot on the ball. I feel rather miserable this morning. The girls are still at work on bathing dresses. May put hers on last evening, and we looked at her through a phantom camera, and she was "out of sight," to use a slang phrase. I will be a beauty in one. I commenced work on it to day. I drove out to the tank with Bernie this P.M.

Fri 17 My suit is ready for the fastenings, I went to the tank again with Bernie. Dr P. was here, and made an examination, and I am no worse yet, but he says go to the ranch if you want to. So I am going out with him if nothing happens. The girls and I are going to drive after supper and take the gun, and Ed L.

Sat 18 We had a nice hunt yesterday but only got three rabbits and one bird. Ed came over with us

and staid until ten o'clock, They were all invited to

a Gackey party last night, but they did not care to go. He had a nice letter from Mrs Conrad last night. Weather out there is cool enough for wraps. It is pretty warm here yet. We have planned to go to the Lalar Fork next week. We are going to camp fully this P. M.

Sun 19 The Campbells were packing up to go to Galveston now, and want the girls to go with them.

We took Jim George with us hunting yesterday and we got seven rabbits. I killed one with a rifle 200 yds. My gun kicked me dreadfully. My jaw is swollen and sore, and I feel badly to day. I went to church to day. Gussie D. wanted to come home with us, but would not come without her mother. She is a very dear little girl to me.

Ed. L. Stone W. and Carl Burns were over this P. M.

Mon 20 Mrs. Coffey was over this morning, and about 4 ten o'clock, the girls and myself, went to the lower end of the hog pasture hunting a place to make a picture, in their bathing suits. I made two exposures, and developed them this P. M. and the dark room was very hot.

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Tues 21st 94 We all took a short drive after supper

last night, I was very tired, I think the walk yesterday morning in the heat was too much.

It is just six o'clock now, and we are having an early breakfast, to go out to the Clear Fork today. Hope Bernie will keep well, John is even complaining of rheumatism.

Matthews ranch, We got here at 11⁴⁵ had a very pleasant trip. Went in bathing at five, There are 24 people here now.

22 I played a game of croquet after we came from the river yesterday, and am very tired today.

It is a quarter of a mile to the river, Gus was here last night and went home this morning.

The girls went horseback riding this morning, and again this P.M. Maggie went the last time, but the girls had to lead her horse.

We had another grand swim this P.M. Maggie ventured in this time.

J.A. Joe and I went rabbit hunting, we got only two.

Thurs 23 J.A. Joe, Ethel and I went squirrel hunting this morning, but found no squirrels.

The girls rode again, and Maggie actually galloped

they said. They called at a wild West show yesterday. They are off now with Jim Stitts to Griffin for the mail and ice. I finished a dress today for May M. Little G.A. is not well. John Matthews family is here, and I never heard such a slamming of screen doors as there is here.

Fri 24 We have just had our fine o'clock dip in the Clear Fork, and feel refreshed. It has been very warm all day. I finished a dress for for Susette today. & read books and Saddles come. The girls rode again, and Mag complains of being sore. Ben G. and Dr. Velt R. came down today.

Sat 25 Sallie and I, and the little folks drove out hunting and got seven birds. Then G.A. got in and we killed five more, and had a pair.

The ice failed to come to Griffin today, so they sent to Albany. Bernice went home, I tried to sleep since dinner, but that is an impossibility with so many loaves hammering. Weather very hot, and flies thick.

Sun 26 Bernice and Ed came last night. Bernice is thoroughly tired out. He found all of the soft places on

the bed, neither of us can change beds without

having a hard night, Mrs Matthew and children left to day, and it seems that more than half of the house is gone.

Ben B. brought another over to day, and went back after dinner. He is just home from a Cow Boys reunion at Seymour.

Barnie, Ed, the girls and myself, took a walk to the bridge this morning. They left for home at half past 5, and the girls loaded up the swag, and I got in with Barnie, and we drove a few miles with them.

Mon 27 Susett, Ethel and I went hunting this morning before breakfast. I killed two rabbits & Susett killed one with a rifle, her first hunt.

After breakfast, Ethel and I went out and got seven birds, at the tank. But J. A.

Susett and I took a round just before supper but were unsuccessful. I am very tired.

We had our usual swim, May M., and May B. and I had lots of fun on a log.

Tue 28 We started home before breakfast, and ate on Foyle creek. I killed six rabbits, we had broiled rabbit, bird and bacon. De Witt came with us. We got home ten minutes before eleven.

The trip made Bernie nearly sick, he lost three lbs. and the horse was played out. Weather so hot John seemed glad to see us. Bernie told me at dinner, that J.A. Joe Suseth and Ethel came in just behind us.

Wed 29 Suseth ~~Ethel~~ Bessie, and Jennie Leonard spent the day with us. Grace and Bessie Lee called this morning. May is sick in bed to day and I have been very busy helping John with the wash, and of course I am tired.

Minnie and Gussie were over a while.

Thurs 30 The Campbells spent the day with us, and we have had a pleasant day, but May is still feeling badly. Emma C. was over this P.M. also. May and Mag have gone to Campbells to spend the night. I have just been washing some, since they all left, as John is not very well. I went up town this morning to do some shopping for Sallie.

Fri ³¹ ~~30~~ I made a bonnet for Sister, and partly made a skirt for myself to day. About sundown, we all went to the tank and had a fine swim. Ethel was with us. She came last night very hot again, and so dry.

August 1st - 99 Another scorching day. We

drove up to the stock pens at two o'clock, and the heat was terrible. The little girls went home this P. M., and May came in with Maidee and Steve, they went yesterday with a fishing party. Taylors little boy is quite sick.

Aug 2 Sun. I went to Taylors a few minutes this morning, the child is better. I stopped at Gus' until church time. I wanted to come home with me, but backed out by time services were over.

The heat is intense to day. Barnie was almost overcome at church. The perspiration is rolling off of my face while I write. Barnie and I had a swim yesterday it is delightful this weather.

Mon 3 Last night was very warm at church, and this morning I got up tired. The girls spent the day at Campbells. Miss Cook was over this morning, and Louis got sick, so I took her home. I spent the afternoon at Gus'. He has sold out and is going to Lisco. I am sorry he moves so much, am afraid this is a bad move,

Tue 4 May M. and Rubie staid with us last night

and May is with us yet, John took uncle Lewis and went to Breckenridge this morning, for a visit. So we have the kitchen. I finished an other bathing suit to day and we are going out to swim in the tank after awhile. It seems to be our only recreation.

Wed 5 Windy again, but not quite so hot. May washed some to day. I went to coffee this A. M. and May M. left us at noon. Took Audie Sutton, and Pearl Co. with her. I brought Minnie over this P. M. we were too tired to go to church.

Thurs 6 A hot wind to day. We all went to Cooks this morning, and sewed on the quilt. That the little girls are making. from there to Phins a little while I will stop now and hem a dress for Bessie R.

Fri 7 Very hot. Gustie and children spent the day with us. We are going to the tank for a swim, with Bessie and Lussie.

Sun 9 I went to S. School and church this morning and took a drive late in the evening. Was too tired to go to night

Well tangled

Mon 10 Phin's family started to Mexico to day.

Maidie and Rube are over, and going with the girls to an entertainment at the Baptist church to night, Minnie and children, and J. A. M. took supper with us.

Tues 11 This morning I went to Minnie's, and helped her change ticks on a feather bed.

The girls are fixing for a small company to night, and we had a time freezing cream.

Wed 12 There were ten young people over last night, and they seemed to have a good time.

A Miss Hermerberg sang some. We were thinking of going to Mr. Webb's Friday night to a party, but things have gotten in some what of a tangle, and I have declined. Mr. W. sent over this morning to see if I could not be persuaded to go. I am sorry that the girls cannot go, as they have been out so little.

We had a gentle shower this P. M. that was quite refreshing. No prayer meeting held to day this time as it ~~was~~ is still raining.

Fri 14 Yesterday, I went to Minnie's and Campbells

and to prayer meeting. To day I went to Harrells & Webbs, and this P.M. the girls and I have been fixing for a party to night at Webbs. We did not make ^{up} our minds to go until noon.

Sat 15 We went out last night, and I actually masked, a thing that I never did before. The girls dressed as babies, and I as nurse, and no one knew me. There was a large crowd out, and all seemed to enjoy the fun. Weather still hot.

Minnie staid at Coffus last night. I and I took her home this morning, and made a visit with Gusie and Campbells, and stopped with Barnie a while, and brought him home.

Sun 16 I went to church and Sunday school. Maggie has neuralgia, and could not go, and I staid with her to night. I went to see Gus just before church time, as he goes back to Cisco tomorrow.

Phil took supper with us last night. Ed. John

I. and Carl B. called to day

Mon 17 Hot as ever, and a busy day as usual,

Mag does not seem to be any better, and our trip to the river, tomorrow is upset thereby. I had rather have a good rain, than all the trips that could be scared up.

Week 19 Maggie had the doctor yesterday, and of course

we failed to get off to the ranch, and it was fortunate as I am not well to day. Mag came to dinner to day, the second time she has been to table since Sunday morning. Hot as ever, and every thing dying for want of rain. Susie is expected home to day. May and John are having a regular house cleaning to day, and I burned a half bushel of letters out of the desk. Some of them I had been saving for years.

Fri 21 I was sick in bed yesterday, but better to day. Gus is thirty one years of age to day, and that reminds me, that I am growing old. The years will fly by, no matter what comes or goes. I hope that Gus will not move to Lisco, for I fear that it will be a bad move for him. Times are so hard and drought has cut every thing so short, that every one will have to economize, and some will suffer before another crop can be raised. But I will try not to worry, at least not to worry others about it, for I suppose that I can't help matters any way.

There were three men arrested last night with a complete outfit for counterfeiting money. I suppose, if they get their deserts, they will be

fed by the State for a while.

Sat 22 We drove up to Mrs. Cowards last evening after supper, and sat awhile. It seems good to have the folks home again. I am feeling miserable again to day. This is the 24th anniversary of our marriage.

It might seem rather strange, if a stranger should happen to read this, and see that my son is thirty one years of age. So to explain matters, This is the anniversary of my second marriage. And Oh! how the time flies, and how gray we are getting. We will soon be old people, but I trust that we have that abiding faith that flows like a river, and that our declining years may be peaceful and calm.

If the thorns can not be taken from our flesh, may we have grace to bear them patiently.

Six P.M. We have had a light shower, and a cool breeze. I hope we will have a good shower before it quits, but it does not look like it now.

Georgia Coffey has been over to see the girls

Sun 23 Had an inch and a half of rain last night and this morning, and the thermometer at sixty, which makes a great difference in every thing. I have on a wool dress and cape. We had breakfast at nine thirty, and the morning has been short. No one went to church.

One pastor is not here to day

Mon Aug 24 I put in most of the day with Minnie

The girls and I, drove to Mr Stephens after four o'clock. I took my gun, and killed one plover & six rabbits, got home just after dark, very tired

Tues 25 I got up weary this morning, but I got Susie R. and we drove out on the hills after birds, but only got two, found Sallie and G. and May when we got back to Hills, only in for a short stay though. It looks a little like it might rain again.

Wed 26 I called at Campbells, Gentry's and Grigers this morning. It was cloudy, and thundered a good deal this P. M., but it only sprinkled a little. I have done no work the past week, have not felt a bit like it.

Thurs 27 Bernice and I went to prayer meeting last night. The girls and I went bird hunting this morning, had a long rough drive, but I only shot a rabbit, did not see a plover. Took Fern and Gussie with us. Gussie slept most of the time and lay on Ferns lap, and poor child, she was so tired when she got home. Minnie looks badly, had a chill Monday night.

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Aug. Sat 29 Yesterday morning, I went over and got Min-

nie and children, and they staid until this P M
I helped her sew some, and we finished up three
dresses for Gussie, Gus will home to night, and he
will move next week, as he has sold his place, and has
to give possession the first of Sep.

This morning was quite cool, but it has been
rather oppressive since noon.

Wed Sep 2. Sunday we had a house full of girls
over from church, Maude Rubie, Ella May, and
Iris Coffe. They staid until evening services,
Monday. I drove to Minnie's, and Susan's.

Tuesday, I walked to Minnie's, they were moving
I came back through town, and looked at some
new goods. Fizzie Price and Ruth spent the day
with us. George and family got home to day yester-
day. Gusti got home from Brownwood to-
day, she took the boys down Monday to school.

I was over to Minnie's awhile, she looks ex-
tired, moving is such a job, and their
house is so small. The girls are out driving
now. I cut a wrapper for my self to day.

I went to George's a while, they got home last night
all looking well. George went to Kansas City to day.

It is very warm in the afternoons.

Thurs Sep 3rd Went to prayer meeting last night. Mr

McCabe gave us a scolding for not having a better church, and we needed it. I cut and basted a wrapper for Minnie to day. I feel that I am of very little use to any one, but I would hate to leave the world with no one at all to miss me, I think my children will miss me some. I get a little blue sometimes, and think that I have about lost all of my usefulness, if I ever had any.

Mrs Warrell made us a pleasant visit this afternoon. She is so nice

(I made some light-bread to day, the first in years, and it was good. for a wonder. I bought the east cakes from Tom Cook. he is making missionary money

Fri 4 I went up and fitted Minnie's wrapper this morning. She had spent the night at Poers. and was fixing to go back. Mrs P. is sick. Sallie M. moved in from the ranch yesterday, and I brought Ethel and Sallie over with me.

The girls went calling this P.M.

Sat, 5 While I am waiting for Mag. to dress. I will write a line. He aimed to go out Herring's to day, but dear me, when he will get off. is the thing, I never had my patience so near worn out waiting

X Good-bye to Ruth Boyle

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for any one to dress, as I have by Maggi, I have never
got known her to be ready in time.

Sun 6 We got to Heringg somewhere near eleven o'clock
and ate one dinner on the creek. Mr. and Mrs. H. with
us. They are very pleasant, and we enjoyed the day.
if it was hot. I killed a large hawk and some rabbits,
and saw a wolf. Ruth Boyle was with us.

I am very tired to day, but went to Sunday
school and church. Phineo family got home
yesterday. It is very warm to day.

Mon 7 A very hot wind all day. Sallie and Suselt
walked over to day, and I walked with Sallie over
to Prices, to say good by to Ruth. At four P.M. I
drove with Barnie to the tank, it will be fine if
it ever gets filled with water. The girls took a
ride later.

Tues 7. This morning I drove out, stopped at the
picture gallery to look at some paintings. Then
a short stop at the store, on to Gus's a while,
from there to Mrs. Comacks to see Mrs. Boyle, and
she was not there, went. Will's a while, then to Sallie
and found her. It was late, and was tired, and
staid until after dinner. I went to Phineo a while
and got home at three o'clock. all tired out

May Matthews missionary money

I suppose I ought not to try to go out while I feel

so miserable. I am not sick, but have a fagged feeling all the time. The wind has been very trying to day. Some one took Ben G. Reynolds bicycle out of the house, while they were in Mexico, and it can not be found.

Wed 9 I made up mind yesterday, that I was having fever, that made me ache so much. Today I took my temperature and found that I had one degree.

That is why I get so thoroughly tired out at church. I did not go to night. There is a cloud in the west, that looks like it might mean rain, and we think we need it badly.

Mr. Vance and Phil were over in the pasture and stopped in awhile. Rosa B. is not feeling well since her return. Ben found his wheel. The hired man had moved it to the store room. May M. came over on her wheel last evening, after eggs to make a cake, for missionary money. The children are very enthusiastic over it. They have a meeting tomorrow, and will bring in what they have made this summer, and tell how it was made.

Thurs Sep 10 Lissie and Mrs Boyle and children. &

another came over to spend the day, but little Phillip B. got sick, and they went home right after dinner.

I went over with them, intending to go to the childrens meeting. But there was a black cloud coming up, and as Minnie was fixing to drive to town I got in and came home, we picked

Gus up on the way, and we had some Sherbert that was left from dinner, and it seems so refreshing on such a hot day. By that time the clouds had thinned out, and I had her take me to Buttriss, to hurry the girls home. They want to spend the night with May M., but as usual Maggie had to come home to change her dress, and it was late when they got off. She loses a great deal of time dressing, and I think it is so foolish.

Fri 11 We had a cooler last night, and this morning was delightful. I walked over to Mrs Hill's early. thought I would stay about an hour, but she was much better, and insisted on my staying, so I did not get home until noon, and the sun was hot. I have some fever, but did a little sewing. Mrs. Webb, Mrs. M. C. Rimmer, and Myrtis Callum called.

Sat 12 It rained a wee bit last night, May m.

and Georgia Coffey spent last night with us.

I sewed on my wrapper to day, and went over to Mrs Hills after supper. Miss Grace and Bessie Lee were over this afternoon, Grace will give May lessons in music this year.

Minnie and children ^{were} over a few minutes about noon, said they were going to Throckmorton to day.

Sun 13 I went to Mrs Hills a little while this morning. I did not feel like going to church and sitting on those uncomfortable seats, I am not well enough just now to stand it.

We were serenaded last night, and it was real sweet. It sprinkled a little, and has been real sultry to day. John Tyler.

(a little Dutchman) took dinner with us to day. He often comes over to see Arnett.

Mon 14 We had a nice little shower this afternoon. The girls were invited to tea at Mrs. McRimmans, but did not go on account of the wind.

Tues 15 I finished up my wrapper to day. Buck Lewis caught a little fish, and I took it to Mrs Hill, after

eleven o'clock, intending to come right back, but was persuaded to stay until after dinner, I came home at two. It is very sultry this P. M.

Wed 16 May commenced taking music today. Dr. Sulzer took dinner with us. And prescribed for my fever. May and I drove over to Mill's late this evening to see Eaton. as he goes off to school tomorrow, his mother goes down with him (to Sandan-toris). Minnie and Gus got in from Throck-morton today.

Thurs 17 We all went to prayer meeting last night, rode over, and I always get so tired of the seats, that I think every time, that I will not go any more until I feel better. I commenced taking medicine this morning. The mornings are very comfortable, but the afternoons are very warm.

Fri 18 I put in the morning at Sallie's Susie's and Gus'. I took dinner with Gus' folks. then stopped at bank to bring Bernie home, went in to Mrs Best's a few minutes, got some collars, cuffs, and buttons for the girls. also got some linen to make handkerchiefs. I think I will begin a little work for Xmas, it seems that I never commence in time

Sat Sep 19 Late last evening the girl went for a ride

and took me to Mrs. Hills. I found her sitting up, but feeling a little blue, said she had been crying nearly all day, of course she is so weak, that little things worry her. I staid until eight o'clock, and had her laughing a good deal. The girls had planned a little picnic out at Herrings for to day, but it has been raining all the morning, and I am so glad of it.

It seems quite cool too, wind in the north, and I hope it will continue cool now.

Sun 20 No one went Sunday school, nor church from here, as it rained all night, and part of to day, and is so cool, that we have been by a fire all day. Had $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches of rain, and the creek is running briskly.

I went to Mrs. Hills this morning afternoon, and read Tom Sawyer Abroad, and made her almost hurt herself laughing. She had asthma last night, and did not rest well.

Mon 21 Still cool and cloudy. I put in the morning with Mrs. Hill. John was helping with the well this A.M., and did the washing this P.M.

It has been dark and cloudy all day. Yesterday paper says snow up north. We slept in doors last night - the first time in months.

Tues. 22 I felt rather miserable to day, Bettie R. and baby were over this afternoon. The girls went to see Maggie after she went home, and I walked over to coffee a little while, I worked some on handkerchiefs some to day. The days seem to be very much shorter now.

Wed 23. We played dominos last night, and the night before. Maggie never plays. Barnie's eyes trouble him too much to read, and it is hard to sit and do nothing. Minnie, and children and Gustie, and Mrs Leonard Mrs Matthews, Mary C. and Lucile were over this P. M., and Mary's music teacher, Miss Grace Lee.

I am taking medicine again to day. There are four men at work on the well this morning.

I went up town this P. M. and called at Mrs. Hill's as I came back. She was very restless.

Thurs 24 The girls are busy getting ready for a little tea to night. they have invited twelve girls. I am feeling badly again to day, but have been helping a little, and went to Mrs Hill awhile. She is a little more comfortable, but very weak.

Fri. 25. Yesterday just before supper. I went to take Mrs Hill, a little something that the girls had for supper, and from there to Phins after some roses

X Maidei Campbell's lunch

went by Dr. Powells, and he climbed up on the roof

and got a bunch of trumpet creeper for me. it was so nice of him. Ten of the girls came, and we took them home in a wagon of hay. I went with them, and Arnett and John were along also. that made fifteen, and we were like sardines in a box.

I suggested that they stop at Hills and serenade Mrs H. and to be sure that it would not disturb her. I went in quietly. (the back way, to enquire, it was early, and lights all around, but when I reached the kitchen door, the light disappeared, and the dining room door slammed. I knocked at that door, and got no answer, then I called Aunt Matt, the cook - no reply, then opened and knocked at the parlor door, and it opened immediately. Mrs. Criggler and Mr. Hill were both there, looking for a burglar. Mrs C. heard, or saw me coming, and ran for Mr. H. he was in bed, but was no time jumping into some clothes, and getting in to the dining room.

Well, the girls wanted to serenade the the town then, so we just about took it in. We were out two hours, ten minutes of it twelve when we got home, and I feel weary today. but the girls seemed to enjoy it. There were Pearl, Inez and Georgia Coffey, Harry Spears, Lala Moody, Grace and Bessie Lee, Mazonie and Myrtis Bullum, and Maidei C.

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To day, I have felt very tired, and worn out, but

walked over to see Mrs. Hill about sundown, and found her very poorly. Gus was over a little while to day, and told me that he was going to Arkansas to-morrow, for a while to see if he could find something to do. Oh I do hope that he will not have to move that far away. He and his family are so much to me, but I suppose I will have to bear it if he goes. but I will try not to cross any bridges before I reach them. I hope that what ever happens, it will all be for the best, and I hope that he will come home satisfied, and find employment nearer home.

Sat 26 I went ^{to} Sallies. Susies and Minnie's this morning. Gus left this afternoon. I have felt real weary to day, but walked over to Hills this P. M. She is better but had sent for her another, after such a bad night.

Frank Woods commenced work here to day.

Sun 27 It rained quite a little shower last night.

May M. spent the night with us, and we played the game of letters. This morning is cold enough for fire again. I went to see Mrs. H. while they were at Sunday School. She looks quite bright, and her another is there. Ethel and Lucile were here when I got home. I am forty-eight years old to day. My sister gave me a nice porridge set. I realize the fact, that

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I am getting to be an old woman, at least in feelings.

If I could only feel well I would not mind it.

Barnie and the girls are out for a walk, in the bottom. I did not feel like going. Later on, we all went over to Sallie's, and it was all I could do, guess I will not try that long a walk again until I feel better.

The girls will spend the night there. I stopped a few minutes with Mrs. Burns as I came home. She is sick in bed. I pity her. She is so lonely, her daughter, Mrs. Lee, does not give her much of her company. From all I can see, and hear, on the streets and at the tenor's court pretty much all the time. I think it so unkind in children

Nov 28 This morning I was in the kitchen most of the time. In the afternoon, I went to see Minnie and Gustie. Mr. was gone, and Gustie cleaning house, so I went to Sallie's awhile, found Minnie there, and took her to Hastecks, and from there I went to Heille, found Mrs. He. very miserable. I came home tired out, and with a sore throat.

Mrs. He. said, "I use to think I could count my friends on one hand. but I do find that I have lots of them, and in the people that I have treated most ~~most~~ unkind, I use to not like you a bit."

Tues 29 I went Mrs Hills early this morning, found

her quite bright. Sallie came in, and we staid until noon, she had been over here, and brought mother and children to spend the day.

At four o'clock Sallie and I, and the girls went calling. Sallie and I went to Mrs Barrell and she was out, from there to Centers and Hobbs. Neither of us felt the least bit like making a call, but it had been put off so long, that we made an extra effort, and tonight I am almost sick.

Wed 30 May is feeling badly to day, and I am in the same boat. But I went to Mrs Hills this morning. She seems quite bright again. I have not felt like doing a thing to day.

Thurs Oct 1st Real warm to day. May had fever all night, and has been in bed to day, and so have I when I had a chance. I did not get to Hills this morning, but will try to go this P.M. We intended going out to Herring yesterday with a party, but were not well enough.

I went Mrs Hills, and found her in the parlour, while they were sweeping her room, but she was nervous, and had asthma. Mrs Barrell was

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there, and we went to see Mrs Burns. She was up.

and I staid real late, I drove up to see how Minnie and the children were, and found them with colds. Gus had just arrived from St Louis. Little Gussie met me at the gate, and said "gum ma, I have dot a papa in the kitchen." It was dark when I got home, and Bernie said he was just thinking of going to hunt me.

Fri 2 I walked to Hills this morning, and the sun is very warm, and the nights so cold, that most every has colds. La Grippe. I suppose. Maggie is hoarse to day. Mrs Hill seems pretty comfortable to day. They have no help at all now, and Mrs. Rose and Mrs. Criggler, are kept very busy. They seemed glad to have some one sit with Mrs H. while they were out at work, and it is just as necessary as other things. So if I can not do any thing else. I can sit and be company.

Sat 3 I spent the morning with Mrs. Hill. came home at noon. It is warm again. The girls took a short drive real late. Gus was over a little while to day. Georgie L. was over yesterday.

Sun 4 I went to church this morning. Neither of

the girls able to go. Maggie is in bed to day, Mary B.

Annie Mork and Susette came home with me. We stopped at Hills a few minutes. Mrs H is looking bright. Mr Rose (her stepfather) and children came up yesterday.

Joe Spears and Ed called this P. M. Mag. was not able to come out. I met Mrs. Savell and niece at church, Mrs. Herring's mother and cousin, they leave tomorrow.

Mon 5 This has been a very busy day with me, but I got over in the afternoon to see Mrs. Hill. She was suffering a great deal, and her mother and sister were about worn out. I accidentally found a woman to take the kitchen for them, and went over with her.

Tues 6 I put in the morning at Hills, and late this afternoon I went to Minnie. Mother and Gustie came over, I drove by Phins and got some flowers for Mrs Hill, and took them to her. found her trying on Samashanters, that had been sent down to the children, and trying to be monkey, and would hold her side in the mean time because she was in so much pain.

Wed 7 It has been cloudy all day, and rained a

Geo was over late this P. M. and while he was here his Pa came in with a telegram saying that his father had a ^{stroke} shock this morning, and was not expected to live through the day.

Thu & I went to Hills late yesterday, and did not get back until nearly ten o'clock. I expected to go to prayer meeting, but Mrs. H. said stay, and have our prayer meeting here, so I staid. Miss Cook came over and we talked and laughed a good deal, and cried some too. Bernie came over with a lantern after me, as it was very dark, and he went in to see Mrs. Hill.

To day we had a message saying that father died last night at six o'clock. I am thankful that he did not linger and suffer longer, as we know that old people never recover from a severe stroke, and it is better to cross over and rest "under the shade", after a long life of turmoil on this side. Just a step over, and meet the loved ones who are waiting and watching on the other side, leaving friends here, but meeting more. Heaven would hardly seem like home, if it were not for meeting our friends there.

May, and Maggie have been reading mine and Bernie's old letters, written before we were married, I

X Mrs Green boarding at Price's

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asked them if they were very edifying. they stick

to them like they were. Gus was over a while.

I went to Hills this morning, and Mrs H. and I played the game of letters, she got quite interested.

I made a short call at Price's this a.m. There is a Mrs. Green boarding there now. Mother, Sallie, Susie and Mrs. Matthews were over this P.M.

Fri 9 This morning I washed a few things, and wrote a letter, and the forenoon was soon gone. I went to Mrs Hills about four P.M. and did not get back until after eight.

Sat 10 Went to Mrs. Hills at nine, and amused her with the letter game until twelve, and came home. This morning was cloudy and cold, but is fair and warm now. This P.M. I have fixed a dress. May M. came over a little while, and Bro. Geo. a few minutes. The girls walked part way with May, and I went to coffee, and got a hard fall coming back.

Sun 11 A lovely day. I went to church. Bro Will was there. He came last night, and looks well, after a three months sojourn in Dakota. I stopped a minute at Mrs Hills on my way from church. She seemed to be comfortable. May M. came with

Sun 7 yrs. old

X 4 Generation picture

no from church, and the girls are all crapping now. I have just written to Elmer and Eaton. I try to send them a letter every week. Barnie has gone for the mail and it is quiet here now.

Mon 12 Was real busy all the fore noon, and this P. M. I drove up to Gus and Mills. Took a picture of my self and Barnie for birthday presents, to Gus and Minnie. Gus's birthday is past, and Minnie's will be next Sunday. I stopped a few minutes to see Mrs. Hill as I came home.

Tues 13 We started up to spend the day at Georges, but I went by Mrs. Hill's, and found her so sick, that I staid on till after twelve o'clock, and stopped again on my way home. It rained some the day, and was damp and cloudy yesterday.

Wed 14 It rained all day, but I spent most of the afternoon at Hills. Got muddy coming home.

Fri 16 We cleaned the dining room today. May and Maggie went to Gustus in the afternoon. May M and Lucile are here to spend the night.

Sat 17 Ed and John F. were over last night. I have been out most all day. We had a negative snaffle of the four generations. My mother myself. Gus and Fern.



