

Feb 12 Sunday night. Mr. B. & I are alone tonight. Lizzie

Woods and Arthur came home with me from church, and May went with them to Campbells about four o'clock, and will go from there to church. It seems very quiet, I said alone, but Martha is in her room, but so still that I forgot her. We have been eating cookies as we read. Mr. B. reads all the time, and has very little to say.

This has been a beautiful day, calm and sunny. I felt like getting out, but did not much. Rose and her children were over a little while this afternoon. I took uncle Ben to her house this morning, as I went to Sunday school.

13 Monday. I almost wore myself out in the kitchen this morning, doing work that the girl ought to do.

I printed some this afternoon, as there was a little sun. May came home from school with headache. Wind has blown very hard all day.

14 Tuesday. Wind from the north, and pretty sharp. I walked up town this afternoon, and it is colder than I thought for. Joe Boughter came over yesterday morning to help Bill sow oats. I would like for the weather to get pleasant again. I have been doing a number of odd jobs today.

15 Wed. I went to Coffee awhile this morning. It is real sharp out too. Uncle Ben had not come home. Emma went to see Pearl yesterday. She is teaching at Earth Switch, (down the Central).

I washed and mounted some pictures today, they are not good, as I did not have all the necessary material.

16 Thursday. I spent the day at Sollio. The weather has been so bad that I and I have been here alone so much that I almost get blue, and I left today in self defence. The weather acts very strange, sun-shine and clouds, and cold winds. I walked over, and feel tired tonight.

Feb 18 Sat. Yesterday, Barnie and I took dinner with

Mrs. Conrad, William and Sue, Gustie and children were there also. Susie was fixing for a little tea for Eaton and Willie, for their birthdays. Eatons are the 14, and Wills comes the 8th of March, where there are so many children, we have to make one party do for two. I visited Susie and Myra while

It is the first time that I have been at Myra's since November. I went to church in the afternoon. The Baptists have been preaching all the week

I felt real tired last night, and am almost sick to day, hope I'm not going to have a spell.

I made a picture scrap book to day, for Mary Copper. Yesterday and to day were beautiful,

19 Sun. Did not feel a bit well this morning, but went to S. School and church, and I had Bro Armstrong and wife, and Walt Reynolds and Joe Matthews to dinner with us. Mary went to Lathie,

Another lovely day, but a little windy.

9 P.M. Walked to church to night and feel much better than I did this morning. Heard two splendid sermons to day,

21 Tues. Yesterday I made a few pictures from newspaper, and after supper I went to Mr. J. B. Davis to watch with his sick daughter. She passed quietly away at 5 A.M. Mrs. Rudder, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Taylor, and I dressed her, and then I came home. I went to bed at half past nine and slept till one, attended the funeral at four, and to night I am rather weary, and shall go to bed soon

22 Wednesday Very windy, but warm. I have^a digg^g head and have done very little to day.

23 Thursday. Washed out some pictures to day, and spent the afternoon at Susie's. I intended going to church, but felt too tired when the time came. Guess I had better stay at home until I feel better.

Feb. 24 Worked with picture most of the day, and had miserable luck with them, could not get all of the material necessary for toning.

25 Sat. I walked to church this afternoon and got tired out. Mr. B. started to Archer city this morning, to attend court, we got up at five o'clock, and the day has seemed rather long. Maidee spent last night with us.

26 Sunday. I went to Sunday School, but had head ache too bad to go to church. I went in to Burns a little while, Bob is sick. This afternoon I went to church, and got thoroughly tired out, guess I will have to give it up until I feel better.

Susette and Bessie are with us to night. They are going to spend a week, but they had rather spend a week when their uncle Bernie is at home.

27 A fearful ^{sand storm} ~~storm~~ raged nearly all day, could not get the wash out to dry. I washed two doz. pictures to day, and ruined four. Wrote a letter, and did a good deal in the kitchen, as usual on Mondays.

Susette and Bess, are invited out to tea to night. Miss Ceva Lee has her S.S. class with her.

Mr. Holstien was over and took dinner with us yesterday, and talked pictures some.

28 Tuesday. Very calm to day, but rather cold. I had some callers this morning. Mrs. Coffey, and Leigze Woods. This afternoon I went to Mrs. Conrads to get some views of the town, from the upper story of her house.

But they did not develop right. I hardly know what the trouble is, probably under timed, as it was so cold.

I went to Sallies a while, and after school I took May to Miss Kertichs. to get measured for a dress, it is a blue silk, and she is very proud of it.

I had a letter to night from my best help. He is at Wichita Falls, not feeling very well either. He sent me a lovely shawl from Fort Worth.

March 1st 93 Wednesday. I emptied a feather bed

and pillows into new ticks this morning, and feel real tired. Had an agent for a patent clothes line call right in the midst of the fuss and feathers, and I sent her word that I could not see go in to see her, and she just marched into the bath room to see me, and of course I bought one, as usual, to help a widow, but I have no idea that I will like it.

Mother and Sallie came over this afternoon the first time Sallie has been here since I got back from the north. May did not go to school to day.

2 Thursday I painted some on my roses this morning, the first time I have touched them since Nov.

This afternoon I called on Mrs Morrell and her niece, Mrs. Hamilton. I went to Sallie's awhile also. This is J. A.'s fortieth birthday, and they had a turkey dinner. I went to the train to meet Mr. B. and had the pleasure of seeing Mrs. Gen. Thurnb, or rather the Countess Magri and her husband and brother-in-law, Baron Magri. It has been real warm to day, and I had a bad headache.

3 Friday. We all went to see the little people play at the opera house last night. They had a good audience, and Mrs. Gen. Thurnb looked real pretty.

John Woods went home yesterday, to stay I suppose, and Susette went home last night.

Bessie is going to night.

My husband says he lost six lbs. on this trip. I painted this morning, and almost finished my roses, and I think they are quite pretty. We had another sandstorm to day.

4 Sat. Mercury down to 20 at nine A.M., I presume that some of our peaches are killed, as they were blooming. I went to Mrs. Kauffman's musical this afternoon, at Sasie's, it was real nice, but the weather was real cold for so many children to be leaving doors open. I killed three quail to day.

Sun 5. This is Dr. McLellands day, and he gave us

two good sermons. We went to Sallies for dinner, May went up with Ella R. Bonnie went home after noon, and staid and went to the encavea meeting, and went to Rhins and staid till aftersupper, his baby is not at all well. Laura Dalsons staid with May last night.

Monday, It has been real warm to day. This afternoon I went to Gusties, but did not find her. Went to Susies to hunt for her, and Sue told me that Myra had gone to my house. So I started back, and found her at Mrs. Miltoms. We made quite a visit there, and then came over. I helped Bonnie put out 20 rose bushes this afternoon.

Tues 7 This was our regular missionary day again, but it rained nearly all day, and I do not suppose that any one went. I have not been in a long time. We needed the rain badly, and things will grow now if it does not get too cold. Our peaches are in bloom, and the elms are getting green. I took a little walk with my gun this morning, the air felt so balmy and soft.

Thurs 9 Had a hard headache all day yesterday. This morning it was some better, but I felt rather miserable all the time. I went to Gusties this afternoon, found her getting ready to go over the creek to see Mrs. Barnes who is sick. So I went with her and Myra, found the old lady very sick. Dr. Barnum was there, and Sallie was just leaving.

Sat 11 Mother and Sallie spent yesterday with us, and the wind blew so that they did not want to take the baby out in it. So we sent to the school house for the children and they staid all night, and went back this morning. Sallie, Gustie, Mrs. Mothers and I went to see Mrs. Barnes. She is no better, and her daughter is down now. The Dr. thinks it is caused from the well water. They are new people in the town, and very poor. Bonnie and I took dinner at

Feb Wills, and May spent the day with Laura Dodson

Sun 12 I went to Sunday school and church, but did not feel much like it. I have not been at all well lately I suppose it is a Spring weakness. The wind blows real hard again today. Martha sat up with Mrs Barnes last night.

Tue 14 Yesterday I helped wash and iron. we had the sick people's clothes beside our own. and I was in a hurry to get them back, as they were in need of them. I took them home, and did not get back till dark, and was too tired to write, and must be tired to sleep, did not go to sleep until after one o'clock. I went over again this afternoon, found the young folks so - man up, and the old lady is better, but very weak. Dr. Barnum was there, he is very faithful. My husband is down with his back to night - hurt some way this afternoon. It has been very real cold today.

Wed 15 Barnie can hardly get up when he is down today I have driven him back and forth from the bank. I hope it will not be serious. I have been over to see the sick this afternoon. They are on the mend some. It was quite cold this morning, cold enough for ice. I have headache again to night.

Fri. 17 Yesterday, Mrs. L. E. Armstrong, Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Armstrong and myself, spent the day with Lizzie Woods. Had a very pleasant day, and a good dinner. I was so sleepy when I got home that I did not feel like writing last night. It has been quite cold again today. I have been to see the sick, and worked some on a dress for May, also took a little hunt early this morning, killed one bird.

Sat 18 I actually made three calls this afternoon, to Mrs A Rockwells, Mrs Gregg, and Miss Lee's. I found Miss Vera sick in bed, has been all the week.
I finished a dress for May to day.

Sun 19 Dr Mc Lulland baptized Sallie, Lussie and Mrs. Muttons babies to day. They all behaved real sweet and nice. The wind is blowing real hard again to day. Annie Mule and Ella came over from church with us. Martha sat up last night with Mrs. Barnes.

20 I took off 25 young chicks to day. Went to Campbells this afternoon. Made some dolls for the little girls. Gussie R. Annie Laura. Annie Mule, Lucile M. and Caroline. They were quite pleased over them. It has been real warm to day.

Tues 21 This is our Missionary day, and we had quite a goodly number out. Miss Vera Lee is sick, she is always there, and we missed her. We took in Mrs. Price and Mrs. Morrell. As this is the week of prayer, and self denial, we decided to pray for a revival in our church, and as we cannot very well have a meeting every day, we agreed to each one pray at three o'clock P.M. our regular hour for meeting. I hope we reap a harvest of souls.

George and Bettie returned to day, looking real well. They brought Rubie Richardson with them. It has been very warm, and I have had such a headache, that I did not feel like going out. I had to lie down when I got there.

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I have been hard at work on a wrapper to day, I am getting most too large for my clothes.

It has been very warm again, and rained a little just at dark. May is at Dodsons to night, and is liable to have to wade in the mud tomorrow.

23 Finished my wrapper to day, and partly dressed a doll Pearl Goffe spent the day with me, and has been

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quite a pleasant one. I played dominoes to night

with Mr. B. but I have no head on one for game wish I did, just to pass time for him.

May stayed at Jackson's last night. We had a high wind at night, from a very ugly cloud, that worse than it acted.

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The first thing I did this morning, was to feed a tramp, and then I shot a rabbit to let him know that I had a gun, and knew how to use it. He watched the performance, then went his way, - rejoicing that it was not him instead of the hare -

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I went to see Mrs Barnes this morning, and took tea with Mrs. G. Armstrong, Bettie, Susie, Gustie, Sallie, Mrs. Matthews, Mother, Mrs. Green, Armstrong, Myra, and Lizzie Woods, composed the party, and we had a pleasant afternoon. Oh, yes Mrs. Powell was there also. It looked very much like we might have a storm, but it passed off.

Sun

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I was too unwell to go to Sunday school today, I have been having something like colic for more than two weeks, and they were just a little more than I wanted take to school today. May and I walked over to Coffey's this afternoon a little while.

We had a strawberry short cake for dinner, a New England dish, and quite new to me, but it was real good. Major Smith was here this morning, and I sent a package to Throckmorton by him. hope he will not get drunk before delivering them.

Mon

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I worked at pictures most all day, and helped in the kitchen some.

Tues

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I tended chickens, and did little odds and ends of things this morning. This afternoon I retouched a little on some negatives. Killed two birds and a rabbit and carried over to Mrs Barnes, and I also took a box of photographs for her to look at, and she

seemed to enjoy them very much. May went with

one, Mr. E. P. Davis took dinner with us to day

Mar 29

I made a number of calls this morning, and had some callers this afternoon. Letta Callum & Grace Lee,

Will Poer was over to ask if I would let the young folks have a party Friday night, and of course I said yes. So I have to sail in and bake a little cake for them.

I called on the Dr. this morning and got some medicine. I am afraid that I am going to be troubled with indigestion.

Thurs 30 I took my gun and walked over the island this morning, but found nothing to shoot. The wind was blowing very hard and I was glad to get back. It blew hard all day. Sallie and Myra came over this afternoon and I got in the buggy with them and started to Chison Springs, we got about a mile and met the folks coming in. I lost my glasses and Bernie walked out there hunting them. I drove to Campbells to see if they were in the buggy, and then went up the road after Bernie, got home and found them in my work basket.

Mr. Gentry moved into town yesterday.

31 The wind blew very hard all day. I went to Bettie's a little while this morning, and stopped in town a few minutes to make an order, as we expect some young folks to night.

Apr 1st Saturday. The crowd came last night, and staid till twelve o'clock. There were 30 of them, and they seemed to have a jolly time, ^{guessing} at the rate they talked and laughed.

2 This has been a lovely Easter the church looked very pretty. Such a lot of flowers, to be so early in the season. Martha went out in the country to day. Ethel M. came over from church with us. I took off twelve young chicks to day.

Apr 3 Monday. I sewed all day, made over a dress skirt and let the hem out of one for May.

4 Tuesday. Went to missionary meeting this afternoon. Took up a collection of \$8.00 for foreign missions, and decided to have ice cream and cake on Friday for the Mission Band. If it continues as warm as it is to day, I think it will sell well. Mother came home with me.

5 Wed. I took some work to the dressmaker this morning, and bought a new summer hat for May, which pleased her very much. I called on Mrs Barnes also.

6 Thursday. Went to dressmakers and milliners again this morning. Had my old hats renovated, and bought one for Fern.

I went in to the post office the back way this morning, to catch Ed Lyons. He has been dodging me lately. He reported to the Dallas News, a hop given at our house last Friday, and he knows that we do not give dances. He excused himself, or tried to rather, by saying that he thought any kind of an entertainment was a hop. I had a little fun out of the young man anyhow, but I found a dictionary, and the word hop, and I do not think he will make a mistake again. Weather hot hot up in the nineties, and windy to boot.

7 Friday. Still hot and windy. I made ten quarts of custard this morning for ice cream. Mother is making a quilt out of May's old wool dresses.

8 We took \$45.00 last night, pretty good considering that we had a shower just at dark. The children enjoyed it hugely. It is a good deal cooler to day. I put in most of the morning sulping to clear up from the supper last night.

9 Sunday. Sallie and children spent the night with us, and most of to day, it has been very warm again.

Apr 10 Tuesday, Yesterday about dark we had a

a hard hail storm, but nothing like it was two miles south of us. I went into our place two and a half out, and took a picture, standing on a bed of hailstones three feet deep. The country looks worse than dead of winter. The trees are perfectly bare, and the bark peeled off. It looks dreadful, but we are in luck to have escaped so well.

I got a picture yesterday of five boys on one horse. The middle one was the colored boy. The horse had a load.

Wed 12 May and I went flower hunting this morning and got five birds. This afternoon I worked hard at pictures, and they were almost a failure. I did not have all of the chemicals necessary.

Thurs 13 He went hunting again this afternoon, had a long hard drive, and did not see a bird. He stopped a few minutes with Mrs Barnes. It has been very warm today.

14 I went to the dress makers this afternoon and had to wait till nearly dark, for a dress that I was having made for May to wear to the concert to night. It was a surprise. I did not show it to her until she was ready to put her dress on. It has been quite cool today.

Sat 15 The concert was real nice, but the programme was too long. did not get home till 11 o'clock. Four girls tied in scholarship, and Prof Hazen had to twist a little it seems to me, he awarded to Kate Simpson, because (as he said) she had one more study part of the time. There was no justice in that, because he ought to have had that understood at first, instead of springing it on the girls at the very last moment. I think that Bessie Lee, Maggie Moody and Maude Campbell were entitled to

Apr it just as much as Kate Simpson, Ichie

Manning got the medal for elocution

Sun 16 I had twelve boys in my class to day, more than I can manage of that age, unless I had a room to myself. Had sixty scholars to day, a number of new ones. Our preacher is with us again to day. We all attend an afternoon service for children, at the Cumberland church, conducted by a Methodist evangelist, Mr. Burnett

Mon 17 Monday. I was so fogged out last night that I did not go out last night, and I am sorry, for seven of our Sabbath School children united with the church. Ella, Eaton & Willie Reynolds, Bessie Campbell, May Matthews, and Joe and George Conrad also Mrs. Horrell.

Tues. 18 Went to church last night, and am very tired to day, but went to missionary meeting this afternoon. We had a good turnout and a good meeting. Took in two members, May B. and Maude L. I took my Kodak, and took a negative of Sallie baby. hope it will be good.
It has been real warm this evening

Wed 19 Baby picture was no good. I went to Mr. George's gallery, and he examined my instrument and said it leaked light enough to spoil all of my plates, and so it does.

Fri 21 I was not at all well yesterday, but I went to Sallie and called at Dr. Casper. To day I put in most of the time in bed, felt miserable.
Mrs Alvin Rockwell and Maude called to day.

Sat 22 Mr. and Mrs. Luther Thompson and grand ma, took tea with us yesterday, and spent the evening with us. We had a very pleasant visit.
May and I drove out to the storm stricken ship this afternoon. It looks like a picture destruc-

Apr. - tion. Trees 24 inches around have the bark peeled

not a leaf no bark and the ends of all the limbs broken. It gave me a feeling of awe. A stranger would not know what had happened. There is not a bird, rabbit nor any small animal left I don't think. I shot a chicken hawk, over there and I suppose he came from over the line.

We found plenty of hail as large as hens eggs.

Sun 23 My trip yesterday, and three times to church to day, almost fagged me out. Eight more children united with the church to day. Edmer, Matt, Bessie & Joe Reynolds, Steve Tate, Bob Barnes, Joe Matthews and Ethie Mutton. It does me good to see the children come in, and it makes me feel that our prayers have been answered.

Mon 24 Real warm and windy to day. Lots of work as usual on Mondays, and I have been feeling badly again. I ought to have behaved better yesterday, and stayed at home more. I think the doors were slammed fifty times while I was trying to rest for half an hour.

Tue 28 Been going to church twice a day all the week, and feel real weary and sick. The ladies, and a goodly number too, met at Mrs. J. A. Matthews at 2 o'clock yesterday, and held a little prayer meeting, which I think every one enjoyed. We decided to each of us sit in the back part of the house, where we would be nearer the unconverted, so we could get it to them without being conspicuous, and we did so, and more than usual went up for prayers.

They met again to day, at ^{Mrs} Geo. Reynolds, but I did not go as I feel so very miserable, wish I was able to attend all of them. Mr. B. is not at all well.

My Son came down yesterday, and went back this morning. Three months since I saw him.
Very hot to day

80 Apr.

Cisco Cyclone

Sat 29 Cisco was almost entirely blown away last

night. We had some rain and hail here

Sun 30 To day every body worked hard, cooking and packing boxes for Cisco. It is terrible, 20 odd killed, and a great many wounded.

May 1 I went to Cisco to day with a number of Albany it's, and such desolation. I never want to see again. I helped issue out clothes most all day and took a few pictures.

Thurs 4 John Bartholomew wife and daughter arrived to day, and had to walk over, as I read the Telegram. Friday, instead of Thursday, I was real sorry but it could not be helped.

Sat 6 ^{this morning} John went home yesterday. Jennie, Flora and I drove out to Moody's ranch to day to see the track of the hail, and I took a picture of it. We came back by Sallie and got Sisseton. She and Annie Marie spent yesterday with Flora. Ma and Sallie were over this afternoon. Sallie, Gustie, Hall and Sue, were over last evening. We had ice cream, cake and bananas left from dinner, enough for them and plenty for us to day, when we came in warm from our drive.

Sun 7 This has been a rainy day, no church nor Sunday School on account of it. So we lopped around and rested. I felt the need of need of it, after two weeks church going, and ^{one} week of cyclone excitement. I never want to witness such a scene as I did at Cisco last Monday, everything in ruins, people dead and dying. Nothing to eat nor wear except as it was sent in from neighboring towns. But it was coming in thick and fast.

May 8 Monday. We all went to church last night, (as the

children stayed at home, not many out, weather and mud, too much for them. Uncle Joe and Mrs. Matthias took dinner with us. Jennie and I called Hills, Georges and Armstrongs, and took tea with Sallie. Susette came home with us.

9 Today we packed Jennie's trunk and sent it to the station. Had eight little girls over visiting, and got a picture of them, and one of Susette and Flora.

Flora and Susette have been riding horse back nearly all day. We took tea with Mrs. Conrad. Spent a very pleasant evening, but had to leave earlier than we liked, because the folks expect to leave tomorrow.

May 10 Wed. It rained hard last night and this morning, and Jennie concluded to wait over. So I finished up a lot of new pictures this morning for her, and this afternoon we walked up to Campbells. Met Mrs. Davies, one of the cyclone sufferers, and she told us her experience of the storm, that was like this. The house blew over their heads, left them on the floor and moved the floor 50 feet, and she thought they went a mile, and lost consciousness, but aroused as soon as her husband spoke to her. The hail beat her head and skinned it, but the wind blew her hair in to her face, filled it with sand and gravel, so it had to be part of it cut off, it could not be combed, but it saved her face from the hail.

May 11 Thursday Rained again, but the folks went to day. Susette got very homesick, and had to go home after dinner, &

12 Today was rather pleasant, and I printed and washed out some pictures. Mr. George, the photographer was over to see me work some of the B. P. paper. He sends his work off to be finished. I toned a few prints for him. Ma and Susette were over a few minutes today.

Sat, 13 Rained all day

Sun 14 Rained hard last night, and this morning, and I was

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so sick in the night that I thought I should have to send for the Dr. No Sunday School again.

May 15 He walked up to Sallis yesterday afternoon, and it was real clear, but it rained before night. He spent the night with Geo & Bettie, and there came a terrific rain about midnight, a continual flash, and roaring I did not know but we have a cyclone, but I did not get out of bed. I heard this morning that the families went out and laid down on the ground, and a lot of them hunted storm houses. There are a number of storm houses being built now.

Tues 16 Went Mrs. Miltons this morning, and staid most all day. Her babe died about noon, it had been sick a week. I went to Phins and got my dinner, and after the baby was dressed, I went a few minutes to see Mrs. Burns.

Wed 17 The babe was buried today. Dr. Sallis conducted the services. He came in last night on his way to Throes mountain. I staid with Mrs. Milton till after dinner, then I went to see Mrs. Gentry, I was so tired that I had to lie down when I got there.

Fri 18 Bonnie and I drove down to Woods this afternoon, and found Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Armstrong there. I drove uncle Ben up town and back. He is too feeble to walk alone, one side almost paralyzed.

Sat 20 I went up town and got some goods to make some cool wrappers. It has been real hot the past few days, and I have nothing to wear. and went to Mrs. McAfes and found her in bed with jaundice. Called to see Mrs. Calhoun. She is quite sick.

Sun 21 Hot today, but very windy. Went to S. School. had quite a full school, considering so many of our children out of town. Went to the M. E. church and got very tired. my back gave out.

May Bills got stung by a wasp the other day other day, and

smelled his face up terribly, and ma told him that he ought to employ that wasp to sting him every few days, he looked so much better with a fat face, but he would rather be excused.

Mon. 22 Had Mrs. Griffith here sewing all day, and I did some myself. Have almost got a norther up to night, wind blows real hard and is quite cool.

Tues. 23 May and I drove to Gus' ranch today, 35 miles, I got very tired, although it was cool enough to wear a wrap all the way. We took a lunch and made coffee and rested about an hour on Mill creek.

Gus & wife had gone to town to church, I rested an hour and fed my horse, (or had the hired man to) and started to town for fear they might not come, but met them about two miles out.

Wed 24 Minnie, May, Fern and I went to Ben's today, but no one at home, went from there to Howells, Ben's girls were there, and said Ben and Florence were at the farm. He spent the day, and the folks came in before we left. Was very tired and dull all day. Got a little cold. Minnie is not a bit well, and Fern has the outth rash, but is real lively.

Thurs. 25 John Matthers wife and another Mrs. Stone spent the day with us. We have had lots of wind. The house is on a high prairie, not a tree near, but it is a beautiful place, and I never saw finer grass any where.

Sun 28 We went to town Friday and came back Saturday afternoon. Friday was very windy, and hot, but turned cool at night. So far has been very cool, I wore my jacket all the morning, cloudy and drizzling all the morning. Yesterday evening I took Fern and May in the buggy and went hunting, did not find but two rabbits, and killed them both.

May and ate them to day. To day has seemed unnaturally long. I almost got homesick.

June 30 We got home yesterday at 3 o'clock. We started at seven o'clock. shot rabbits birds, and prairie dogs all the way, (and did the same going up), camped at the same place made coffee and broiled a bird, (only had one at dinner time) and it tasted better than any I ever ate. Took a picture of our camp, rested two hours. The day was real cool and pleasant. Today is hot and very windy, real tiresome weather. I have a little more cold and feel very miserable, although I went to church this morning, and last night. Dr Riggs of Dallas preached a fine sermon last night. I never tire hearing him. He is sick to day.

June 4 Sunday. Went to S. School, and had a regular time trying to manage 12 boys. Some of whom are always trying to pinch some one else. I shall have to have some one take part of them I presume, but I do not know which to give up, for I feel very much attached to them all.

Had Mr. Riggs, Mr. McElhland and uncle Joe over to dinner. They are very pleasant.

It has looked very much like rain this afternoon, and very hot.

I have almost concluded to go to the world's fair with Susie and Sallie, the 15 of the month.

June 8 Geo Bettie and Elmer R started to Chicago to day. Our missionary meeting was held at Sallie's this afternoon. Had quite a nice meeting.

7 Wed. I walked over to Mrs. Levitt this morning, to see Mrs Nelson and old lady that we use to know during the war. She is 82 years old. This afternoon was our ladies prayer meeting, but had a real weak miserable feeling all day after my walk, and did not go.

Thurs 8 I have been real busy sewing trying to get fixed for a trip to Chicago. Mother went to Hall's to day.

Sat 10 Mrs Nelson spent the day with me, and I felt so dull, that I surely was very poor company, but I took her for a little drive after five o'clock.

Annie, Hattie and Susette spent last night with us, and Bernie gave them a shower bath with the hose. Hattie came in shivering, and said it is lots of fun, but I don't like

Sun 11 My class of small boys were real nice and quiet to day, and I certainly was glad. I felt too tired to go to church. We spent most of the day at Sallie's

Mon 12 Mr B went to Dallas to day, I got some medicine and have been busy with it all taking it every hour and a half all day.

Tues 13 I made a traveling dress to day for May, got it nearly finished, and am rather weary.

Wed 14 Had Miss Maggie Mitchell sewing to day, and got a lot of work done. Miss Stella Guller married to day at 9 A.M. and started to Chicago. Bernie got in to night, and was nearer worn out for a short trip than I ever saw him.

Thurs 15 Miss M. was here again to day and we got most through with our sewing. Gusta was here last night and to day. She fell out of a buggy Tues and got pretty badly hurt, her wrist is sprained and pains her a good deal. did not know any thing the first night. We had a good rain to day. May is at Price's to night. Martha gone home and Mr. B. up town, so it seems very quiet.

Fri 16 Miss Mitchell sewed again to day, and we got about through. Mother went over to stay with Gusta.

June 17 Sat. This morning I marked clothes, and

packed our trunk, and yet I do not feel much like I was going to Chicago. This afternoon, I spent very pleasantly with Mrs. Annie Lee, Mrs. Warrell, Mrs. Burns, Sallie Myra, and Susie was to take tea, but had company and could not stay. She came for a little while. I drank coffee for supper which is unusual, and am not sleepy to night, but it is ten o'clock and I must be off to bed.

Sun 18 I did not sleep well last night, and consequently do not feel very well to day. We had a good sermon though, and I brought five small girls home with me, and they have been taking the place. Very warm again to day.

Mon, 19 The small girls went ^{home} and Mailee & May M., and Ella B. came over and spent the night. May and Ella dressed in Barnes clothes and ^{looked} so funny, that I almost hurt myself laughing.

I went this afternoon to do some marking for Sallie, but her things were all packed and she did not undo them. Went to Phins a little while, and found Florence there with five of her children, I finished some pictures this morning.

Mrs. C. C. Armstrong and Mrs. Center were here to day.

Tues 20 This is the day set apart to start to Chicago, but no one seems to be ready. I mean the men, business before pleasure. I have about decided not to go. I do not think I had better, just now, as I am not at all well. My better half went to Waco to day. Weather still hot.

Lizzie Woods and her aunt, Mrs. Woods from Waco called to day. May and I have both been sick all day from the effects of calomel. Hottest day of the season, and I have a lot of sacks to mend for the threshers will be here soon.

Wed 21 Well, I do not know what will happen next, yes,

today I had positive proof of a tape worm, I never dreamed of such a thing - and today I am fasting, getting ready for treatment. Powell says he will give me a terrible dose tomorrow. Martha says she has thought a good while that I had a tape worm because I was so cross. Complimentary informing time to be sure. I told her that I had had a few things to make me cross, but I don't think that ~~ex~~ excuses me, for I have no business to let things make ^{me} cross. Perhaps after all it would be a kindness to all who are left, for me to go to Chicago, and give them a few weeks rest.

Sat 24 Thursday I was pretty sick part of the day, yesterday I was better but very weak. We were awakened early yesterday morning by bro. Phin, telling us the town was on fire, and before eight o'clock, four of ^{the} largest business houses were in ashes. Burns hardware, Post office, Centers and Mr. Pimmons dry goods stores. Centers was a total loss, a few things were saved from the others. Martha worked so hard, that she is most sick today. It is a great loss, but no lives lost, and we are thankful for that.

I feel better today, but find I cannot do much. Sallie is not at all well, and her children are going the past few days, it does not look much like we would go to the fair. Weather is very warm. The thresher is here now, with 23 men and as many horses. it just about takes a crop to pay for the threshing.

Sun 25 Martha went home sick last night. She wore herself out at the fire Friday. May and I got through with the work, and it would have been alright, if we had a clean kitchen to begin with.

I did not feel like going to Sabbath School, but I am gaining every day now. I have not been so thin in a long time, and my eyes looked like they were going to the back of my head.

Weather very hot, and times seem to be very close all over the country.

Trip to World's Fair (reel house)

June 29, Monday Packed my trunk to day for a trip

to the Worlds Fair, as badly as I am feeling

27 Tuesday, This morning, Will R and Lusia, Eaton, Ella and Annie Gerle, Sallie M, May Joe, Susette and baby Sallie and Josie Tucker (the colored nurse) May and myself, all started to Chicago. Said up in Cisco at the reel house till 4 one fifteen P.M. I was so weak and tired that I had to lie down most of the time. We got to East Waukegan at six. Our train was behind and we did not get off till nine.

Thurs. 29 Chicago Ill. Arrived here about 3 o'clock P.M. was behind time all the way. Found Geo. Bettie and Elmer at 4328 Prairie Ave, keeping house, and everything looked clean and home-like to our tired, dirty and travel worn crowd.

Fri. 30

Geo. and Will went to the stock yards this morning, and all the balance of us put in the day in the White City. What a beautiful city it is, and how many beautiful things to be seen. We put in most of the day in the Transportation building, ate our dinner on the porch of the Illinois Hospital, went

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back through Horticultural Hall, and the children all went through the ^{enormous} Crystal Cave. We staid at home and rested to day. We are keeping house in a flat, 4328 Prairie Ave. It is furnished and everything new and clean, a gas stove that is delightful for hot weather, as it throws out very little heat. We are pleasantly situated, out of the smoke and dirt of the city, just a block from the elevated railway, that, as to ^{take} Jackson Park in fifteen minutes.

Sun 2

All hands went to Dr. Hall's church to day, and heard a splendid sermon, by, or rather Celeste Darby (a cousin of the Matthews) and her aunt Fritz Worthy called on us this afternoon. William, Lusia, Sallie and the children and I went down last night to see the fire works, and fountain display. Mr. Hunan called to day.

Mon 3 Miss Darby came early this morning, and went to the

Fair with us, went through the Mining building, and put in part of the day in Midway Plaisance, went through the Moorish palace, and did lots of laughing. Went through the Libby glass works, that was splendid, saw them spinning and weaving glass, and saw the Princess Eulalia glass dress that cost \$25000, saw them make all sorts of glassware and it was very interesting.

Tues 4 Miss D. spent the day with us, and we all took a drive to Washington Park. It is lovely, such beautiful designs in flowers. The gates ago, the world, roll of carpet, the year, month, day of the month and week, and spheres of other things. Last night we all went to the Auditorium and enjoyed America, one of the finest plays in the world, representing everything, from the landing of Columbus, to the World's Fair. I am not a theater goer by any means, but that play seems to be a part of the fair, if it is not in the grounds. We did not attend the fair because we thought there would be such a jam

Wed 5 Well! we went a few of us, Geo. Butler, Will, Sue, Joe & Eaton and Elmer, Fannie, Miss Darby and I, to see the fire works, and we got there, and saw two, but would not have seen anything if it had not been straight up. I never saw such a sea of people, nor never expect to again. We went through the Electrical building, and Elmer lost himself from the first thing. We went on through the Liberal Arts, and tried to get out, but the crowd was so thick that we got no further than the porch, and we stood there pressed like bricks.

We started back at ten o'clock, thought we would get home early. We wedged along until we got on the bridge across the lagoon, near the fountains, and fortunately found a seat near the fountains. We thought we would hold that seat until the crowd thinned out so we waited and waited, and felt really uncomfortable about Elmer. George says don't you be uneasy about him, he will get through better than any of us, he is little, and can work through the crowd. But the patrol wagons were running all the time, picking up people

who had fainted or gotten hurt. Women were carrying

their babies as high up as they could hold them, to keep them from being crushed. Poor babies, and mothers too, I was glad our baby was not along. We finally moved on with the mass. We had to wait or no, after we left our seats.

When we reached the gate that led to our train, the platform was covered, police and guards yelling, go to the next station! don't get on here, the platform will break down, women fainting, and pickpockets at work, and getting arrested. We went to the next station, and the next, and next, and finally climbed the stairs, and got in another jam, and was jammed, until we finally got to the box and dropped in our tickets, and the man at the box was crowded that he could scarcely turn the handle, but he looked up at me and laughed good naturedly & said, Everybody push, and the devil got the hindmost.

Well we got through. Well, Susie and the two boys got on about the third train that passed. We stood and watched train after train pass loaded down even the aisles and platforms. In the meantime we were being crowded nearer the edge, until I was afraid we would be shoved off, and Bettie got so nervous, that said let's go back. Geo. says we can't get back, You just follow me, so we followed, and squeezed our way through the gate, and down again, and we were glad to be down.

We walked and walked and walked, till we got to where there was no side walks, and finally to where there was no lights,

I never thought nor cared anything about the ^{dark} ~~dark~~ mass, but Betty asked if I had not better take her arm she knew I was so tired. I took it, and she began to step lively, and kept it up till we got in front of Geo. and Bettie. She says I saw some men back there and was scared, ^{take} I laughed and told her that was why she wanted me to take her arm, but she said it was not.

We finally after walking through a big marsh, a veritable frog pond, found a station where we could get on, but we had walked two miles, and was completely worn out, and most of us had to stand on the car, a gentleman gave me his seat for which I was truly thankful. We found Elmer asleep, the first one in.

Joe pulled square thru a big fat woman

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No more 4 of July for me in Chicago if you please

I am truly thankful that the little girls were not in that crowd, really I think the people were the biggest sight at the fair that time.

Went to the fair again to day, and tired is no name, our feet are worn out.

Saturday night when we went to get on the train, there was a rush, I had hold of Joe Matthews hand, and some one crowded dreadfully against him, between him and me, but I hung on, and Joe told the folks that I pulled Sister pulled him square through a big fat woman.

Thurs 6 He did not go to the fair to day, Phin, Ben and John Matthews came in to day, with a train of cattle.

Fri 7 Elmer left for Dakota this afternoon, he was very tired of Chicago, Went to the fair again to day, and are tired out as usual

Sun 9 All hands except my self, went to church to day. I felt so poorly, been lolling around all day. Had quite a severe thunder storm this afternoon. Wind twisted a number of limbs off the trees in front of the house. Mr Lee of Albany spent the afternoon and took tea with us, he has been sick a few days.

Mon 10 Ben, Phin and John went home to day. There were six people drowned on the lake during the storm yesterday. Went to the white city again, we always take a lunch, and get home about four o'clock, as hungry as wolves, and we all have big appetites, and everything tastes good. Eaton and Joe usually do the marketing. Sometimes the girls go.

Tues 11 This afternoon Bertie, Susie, Sallie and I started for the north side of the city to call on Mrs Will Benson, and it certainly must have been nearly five when we got there. We rode miles out of our way, because no one seemed to know where Sawardale Ave. was, but we finally by lots of riding and changing cars, and

and lots of walking find the place, and were pleasantly

surprised at meeting grandma Benson and Mary Booth from Alabama, but we had to make our call short in order to get home before dark. We must have traveled thirty miles, and I am as tired as if I had walked over the fair grounds. It seems a little odd to go under the Chicago river, and it makes me feel a little queer every time I go under it, and think of the terrible black dirty water that is running over my head, and see it seeping through the walls.

Wed 12 Susie, Sallie, myself and children went together to day. Geo. and Bettie went alone and took their Kodak.

We got fagged out, it was so hot, and the children dragged, till we felt almost discouraged. We went through the fisheries and enjoyed it, and number of other buildings. We ate our dinner on the Hooded Island.

We went to the lake front to see the arrival of the Viking ship, but was informed that it was late, so we went home, as we were so tired.

Thurs 13. No one ventured to the fair this morning but Bettie, Sue, and May B. J. A. M. and Mrs. Hoover & Carrie and Frank Conrad came in this morning, also the Campbell family and Fannie Gullidge. Walter G. and Mr. Beggs came in the first of the week. This afternoon all the family including the newcomers, went to the fair. We went through Machinery Hall, and Agricultural Building, and the boat Santa Marie took a ride on the sliding side walk, a half mile out into the lake. Then took a long walk along the shore up to the gun boat, and home through the Government building. Direct is putting it very mild.

We found the other three at home quietly resting on our return.

Fri 14. Last night I roamed down stairs with Mattie, Fannie and Walter are rooming on that floor also.

The men and boys went to stock yards to day, and we females all went to the fair on the Cottage Grove cars, went in near the Texas building, and visited that first, and a number of State buildings. Kansas, La. Coon, Ark, Penn La, and in the north Dak. we saw a quilt made by Mary Queen of Scots, while she was in prison.

We went through a number of the Foreign State buildings, and

Yishurus again, and got lunch in the cafe, and lost May, M. Garrie and Ella in the building, and had come off with without them. The afternoon was spent looking at the fine arts. The girls got in about an hour behind us, and said they went through a number of buildings.

I forgot to say that ^{we} went through ^{the} Eskimau Village this morning, and saw big and little ones, dogs and all, and bought a few things.

Sat 15 Bettie staid at home to day, is not feeling well, and

Geo. went down town, or to stock yards. All the balance of us went to the fair, and put in the day at Midway, first went through the congress of beauty, where the beautiful women of forty different nations were on exhibition, I think I would get awfully tired of passing for the public to inspect. Next the Libby glass works, some went in again with Mrs. Hoover, I took possession of an idle rolling chair, on the outside, and rested my weary feet. We hired a chair one day while we were in the the 32 acre building, (Liberal arts) first one and another used it.

From the glassworks we scattered, May and I went in to see the South Sea Islanders perform sing and dance.

Such huge muscular fellows they are, there were three women, and one was quite pretty. Next we went through a Japanese bazaar that had lots of beautiful wares in it. At noon the whole party met in Egypt, and saw the marriage procession, donkeys with monkey riding, and then saw two girls (Americans) mount a camel, I thought all the time that I would take a camel ride, but after seeing them mount, I did not want to ride.

I thought it would be too hard a job to walk back to the Romans building to dinner, so May and I went in to a Midway restaurant, and got lunch. We then went through the Dahomey village, and saw the genuine Africans almost in their native nakedness. Went through the Lapland village, and the German, and into the Ostich farm, that was very interesting, but with our party there again, part of them. The girls had gone to the El Texas building to meet the Campbells. Sallie is almost blistered to day. May and I rode on the ice railway.

Sun 16. We all went to church today seventeen, it

looked like Texas turned loose when we got on the street. It was very warm, and thundered heavily while we were there, and rained some.

This afternoon Betie Geo. Sallie May and I went to Bensons to see the Campbells. David and some of the girls had gone to hear Moody preach, but got in before we left. All of our other party except Sue, went down town to see Jerusalem. We saw that last week and it is splendid. We visited Lincoln Park the same day, and have been down town shopping a number of times. There are lots of sights in Chicago besides the Fair, but we will not have time to see the half.

Mon 17 Sallie May and I went to the Fair this morning, went through the shoe and leather factory, and saw lots of curiosities. One was an elephants skin that weighed 800 lbs, a two headed calf. The anthropological exhibit was interesting, such a lot of mummies. I imagined that I could smell them. The old convent of La Rabida, where are the most precious relics in the world are contained. One of the anchors that belonged to the Santa Marie. A box that contains beyond a doubt, (they say) three pinches of the ashes that once formed part of Columbus's body, and other things too numerous to mention. The North American Indians are down in that part of grounds, and we visited all of them but the Cliff Dwellers. We were too tired to climb the Cliff.

We went through Machinery Hall again, and the Agricultural building, got our dinner there and spent a good while in the building. On our arrival at home, we were met at the door by the children with a telegram from home, stating that uncle Ben was dead. We went up stairs feeling sad, and we went into our rooms, and closed the doors and cried. Poor old uncle is out of his trouble now. The battle has been long and hard, but there is an end to all things earthly, and I trust that he has won the victory.

Tues 18 Geo. Betie and May went down town this morning, and the rest of us started to the fair. Sallie and I were a little behind, and the train left us. So we went to the other side and took the downtown train. Went to South Halsted

Went to see some one that gave lessons in painting. It was a long way down there and we got disgusted with the whole business. Did a little shopping on the way home.

Geo. and Bettie started to Dakota this evening. Our family is breaking up, and we feel lonesome.

Wed 19 Rubie L. spent last night with us. Our cook and nurse Josie, had the day out and had a fine time.

Sallie went home with Rubie in the afternoon. Susie staid with baby Sallie, and the little girlie is not well.

Mattie H. the four oldest girls and I went to the fair, put in most of the day in Midway Plaisance.

The girls went around on the Ferris wheel, 250 ft. high, and will carry 1200 people. Went through the Moorish palace, had some coffee in the Gave village and saw them doing different kinds of work.

Took in the California and Washington building in the afternoon, and came home early.

Thurs 20. I staid at home and packed up for trip to Connecticut, will start at 7.45. The others went to the fair, the men to the stock yards. I heard that there was a wreck on the elevated road this morning, and was quite uneasy until our folks got home. There was nothing of it. I feel tired and half sick, and had rather go home than any where, but Mr B says that he can not get away this summer, and wants me to go in his place. I always enjoy my visits north, but feel little like taking the journey now.

Bristol Conn

Sun 23 Arrived here at 1.30 P.M. yesterday, tired and dirty and a little disgusted with the Erie R.R. but am thankful to get here safely. Found all well, the housekeeper is in Chicago and Mrs. Holt is here for the present.

Mr. & Mrs. Birge called to day, and Mrs. Alfress and Louise Upon spent the afternoon, and we went to evening meeting with them. Heard some temperance lectures.

Did go to church this morning because our baggage is not here.

Mon. 24 Trunk came to day, and I unpacked and got on some fresh clothes, and feel better. Weather is delightful.

Large worm 20 ft.

Thurs 25. May and her grandpa took our clothes to the laundry and went up on Fall Mountain. Nellie called to day.

Thurs 27 Drove up to Mrs. Harringtons this morning, and to Polkville this afternoon, and spent the evening with Mrs. J. A. Matthews, and have fasted all day, preparing to remove Mr. Saps worm.

Sat 29 I feel very weak, I took some whopping big doses of medicine yesterday, and by ten o'clock A.M. I showed Dr. Beaulieu a worm that measured 20 feet. He said it was the finest specimen that he ever saw, and I told him that I did not feel proud of it, except that he was outside of me instead of in. He said that it was a mystery to him how I ever got through Chicago. Louise spent yesterday with me, and Mrs. Harrington came in the afternoon, and to day I have had a number of calls, and am very tired.

Sun 30 Mrs. Alpress was over awhile this afternoon.

Mon 31 Louise and Mrs. Holt gathered up a lot of things Friday, for me, and I have packed some to day. Had to buy a trunk. The folks have gone to Dr. Wags funeral this afternoon.

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Tues Yesterday after the funeral, we went to Henry Pecks, and to see Miss Liko. Packed some to day.

Wed 2 We spent the day very pleasantly with Mrs. Alpress. She has the care of her mother-in-law, who has lost her mind, and O what a care she is! I hope the good Lord will not let me live to lose my mind.

Thurs 3 May took a long ride this morning, to Chippewas Hill and Burlington.

Fri 4 Mrs. Russell took us to the rolling mill this morning, and we saw them melting, moulding, and rolling metal for the spoon shop. Got back by ten o'clock and went to Mrs. Harringtons, and staid till 2 P.M. Went up to Mrs. Atkins tea house. Last evening we spent at Mrs. Matthews again.

and enjoyed the cream and cake. Could not eat any ^{other} the last time I was there, because I was fasting. They violin piccolo and piano music, and the evening was very pleasant.

Sat 5 Washed and ironed all of our soiled things to day, to be ready for packing, and just about finished packing. May and Larna Russell went to Mr. Birge's stockinet factory this morning, and this afternoon we went to the spoon shop, and saw how they made knives, forks and spoons, from the raw material, to the plating and boxing. Went to Muggies and got some dress goods, and wondered if I could get it into my trunk. I have a little of every thing in them, from delicate china, to shovel and tongs. Called at Mr. Birge's this afternoon.

Albany Texas Aug. 10 1893 Thursday
Home again, Sweet Home. We left B. at 8 A.M. Monday morning. Got to New York at 10.45. too late for the noon train. So I got tickets for the 4.30 on the New York Central Hudson River and Michigan ^{Sept 1994} South home. Then we went to Central Park and put in the time until train time. Pretty hot in the sun, but was cool enough to wear a wrap all the morning. B.G. is so much cleaner than Chicago.

We had a pleasant trip to Chicago, but from there down it was hot and dusty, and I am very tired.

Home again

Fri 11 Mother went to Shockmorton today. She is worn out with Martha's shiftlessness. Martha asked to go fishing, and I let her go.

Sat 12 Hael Elgie take up the matting and wash the dining room today. May and I have been digging dirt ever since we got back. I never saw such shabby house keeping as Martha did while I was gone.

Sallie and Gustie came over this morning. My dishes were very much smashed, and I mended a lot of them yesterday. I felt pretty badly over it, but am very thankful that we got home safely ourselves.

Martha has not showed up yet, and if some of her dirt was out of the way, I would not care if she never came.

13 ^{Boys 28 yrs old - "old and gray"}
 Sun, Aug 14 Went to Sunday school, but could not go to church in such weather, besides I feel like I was on a moving train ever since I got home.
 Ella, L. and Mrs. G. B. Armstrong called today yesterday

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 Tues 14th Bernie and I went to a little entertainment at G. B. Armstrongs last night. Spent quite a pleasant evening. Had ice cream and cake and music. It is the first time that I have been out since I got home.

Martha came last night, and to day I had her do the washing. May and I still cleaning. Took up the carpet in my bathroom and washed the floor.

Gus came this evening, and I was glad to see my boy. Weather very hot almost prostrates me. I suspect that I feel it more than I should, if I had him at home all summer. Bernie said I told you had better stay until September. I should have enjoyed it but she would not neither would my mother. So I am glad to be back for their sakes.

Sat 19 I discharged Martha to day, and will try the work myself awhile. Myra, Mrs. Benson and the girls were over Wednesday, and Lizzie Wood spent Thursday with us.

Mon 21 Rained some today, and May and I put out a little wash, and I am a little sick to night. Had our cistern cleaned last week, and it caught a little water to day. My poor is twenty eight years of age to day. How time flies. Our children are grown and old and gray before we are hardly aware of it. May, Ella and Rubie came over horse back this evening.

Tues 22 May went to missionary meeting this afternoon and took Lizzie. I was not able to go, as usual. Sallie Louie and baby came over with her, the other children have gone out to uncle Joe's. Little Sallie is not well, looks thin and peaked. This is the twenty first anniversary of our marriage.

Wed 23 Left this afternoon. I went over with Sallie to get medicine for baby. Went to Phino a few minutes and drove to Wills, and talked to them over the fence.

Aug 28 - temperature 69°

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The first time that I have seen them since I got back

Thurs 24 Took Sallie and children home this morning, and stopped at coffee on my way back. Pearl is not well.

She and her mother are just from Throckmorton been attending the association, and gave me description of the picnic they had with Lyorans family at Beers. They had a regatta time of it during the meeting.

May, Georgia C. and I drove to Woods this afternoon. It has been a good deal cooler today.

Fri 25 Joe McCombs lost his babe today.

26 May took an early morning horseback ride.

Sun 27 Went Sunday School today, it was rather small, as many out of town. There was Episcopal service at our church, and I staid. It was very warm most all day, blew up cool this afternoon. Bonnie and I went to J. A. Mo-awhile, and brought Lucile home with us.

Mon 28 Last night was the first comfortable night, but one, since I came home. We really needed the shut over us.

It is real pleasant this morning, mercury at 69, ten deg. lower than yesterday. Lucile did real well last night, but she went up with her uncle this morning as he went to the bank.

This morning was so cool and pleasant that I went out and made six calls. The first since I got home, it has been too hot. Went McRimmons, Campbells, Armstrongs, Shamons, Webbs, and Centers.

Tues 29 This morning was delightful again, and we had to have cover last night. The cool days, after the excessive heat, makes one feel so much better. May commenced yesterday on a silk quilt - and we have both worked a little on it. I think she might finish it by the time she is through school. We are getting on nicely with the work, since Martha left. I believe it is easier than it was with her. Lizzie comes over and helps some mornings.

Wed 30 Very cool again. May went to a party at Campbells last night, and spent the night, as she had no one to come home with her. We worked some on the quilt this afternoon. My head aches to night.

John Woods arrived to spend the winter

Thurs 31 May was at a party at Loppes last night. Lizzie

came over this morning and helped us wash a few things and scrubbed the kitchen for me. Sandy H. came in last night. It is quite pleasant again this morning.

Sep 1 Friday. The autumn month has been gently nattered in, cool and pleasant, but still very dry. The 2 out fit are shipping calves to day, and there is great distress among them. I always feel so sorry for the poor mothers being driven off without them.

Lizzie came and helped us clean up this morning, and I drove over to Mrs. Conrads and Susie and stopped a minute at Sallies. Marked some on May's quilt this afternoon. Bernie is not well to day.

Mary Booth and Maide G. were over awhile.

Sat 2 Looked for Minnie to day, but she did not come. Marked some on silk quilt. Weather fine

Sun 3 Another beautiful Sabbath. Mornings real cool but midday rather hot. We had our preacher again to day, and a good congregation. Maide Campbell goes to Brownwood to school this year, and starts tomorrow, with Dr. Mc. Belland.

Our school opens tomorrow, I hope it will be satisfactory. Had a letter yesterday from Bettie. They are at Hunters Hot Springs Montana.

Sep 4 Another hot day. John Woods came yesterday to stay with us this winter. He and May started to school this morning. I have just had a bath and sat down to rest after finishing the dinner dishes. Mary Booth and Lizzie Woods were over this morning, and said May was feeling real blue over Maide's departure for the Brownwood school. I told her to tell her aunt that that was only a spring froth, she can go to her in a day if she needs her.

I walked to church last night and Bro. Mc. G. preached a lengthy sermon on the Abrahamic covenant, and I got very tired.

Thurs 5 Lizzie Woods took tea with us last night, and Mary Booth spent the night, and to day with us. She and I went hunting this morning and killed ~~three~~ birds and a snake.

It rained a little at noon, enough to settle the dust. This is our missionary day, but I did not feel like harnessing the horse, it was so hot. After John came, I had had him hitched up, and took Mary over, and Lucile came back with me.

Fri 6 My arms are very sore from carrying the gun yesterday not being use to it lately. Lucile did real well last night and was real good all day, but asked to go this afternoon. Mother and Minnie came, and Lucile was alright when she got with Fern, and would have staid with us to night if her another had not come over about night.

Thurs 7 This afternoon Minnie and I went to Mills and mother stopped at Rhine. We found Mrs. Conrad, Brown, Matthews, Powell and Taylor there and Sallie M., all had there with their children. We stopped a little while at Gustus.

Fri 8 Mrs Brown, Mrs Matthews Susie and mother spent the day with us, Lizzie was over in the afternoon and Mrs Casey also. It has been very hot today and ice cream tasted real good. Fern is not very well.

Sat 9 The kin had a picnic for the children this afternoon under the trees just across the creek, and all seemed to enjoy it very much. Mary and John did a little washing this morning, and scrubbed the kitchen. I have been rather tired all day.

Sun 10 Minnie has sick headache to day. I went to Sunday school, but was too tired to go to church. We had quite a large attendance to day. Ethel M. Minnie and Bertie Woods, Joe M. and Walter, came home with us. Fern is delighted to have the children over, and I have been real busy trying to entertain them.

Mon 11 We spent the day with Sallie. Mrs Overton is there quite sick and Susette has fever. We went to see Rosa, and late in the afternoon I took Minnie to Williams.

Mercury 102°

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Sun 12 This has certainly been the most disagreeable day that we have had this year. The wind has been very high from the south west and so hot that it almost blistered. We spent the day at Mills, Mercury 102, the worst day of the season.

Wed 13 Today has been almost as disagreeable as yesterday, not quite so hot, perhaps. I got up all tired out this morning. Minnie went home to day, and I am sure she will be worn out when she gets home. Mrs

McKimmon, Miss Gullam and Julia Moody called today. Thurs 14 We took supper with Mrs. Conrad last night and had a very pleasant evening. Mrs. Brown and her children left to day. Bernie is not well, been taking medicine all day. Weather some better. I worked a little on Mary's quilt this afternoon. I do not feel much like sewing when I get the other work done, and it hurts me to sew any how.

Sep. 15 Mary stayed at Coffey's last night. Inez started to Hunt with Gormal School this morning, and I guess they will be home over there. The wind blows hard again, but it does not seem quite so hot as usual.

I do not know what will become of us, if it does not rain soon.

but the Lord knows what is best for his children. This is prayer meeting day again, but it is so hot, and I am so tired that I do not feel like going out.

Sep 16 Mary Booth spent last night with us, and she and Mary took a horse back ride to Chrism Springs this morning, and were back by nine o'clock. It is real warm again today. Mr. Donald built our chimneys up a little higher to day. John caught a few little catfish and put into our tank in the pasture.

The water is so low in the creek here that the fish are dying. Stock water is very scarce, and stock men are having trouble getting it. I am not well to day, and Bernie has been sick all the week.

Sun 17 Mary was the only one that felt able to go to Sunday School to day. Susette and the little Woods girls came over from Sunday School. The wind blows.

Hauling water
Mrs Price & Minnie Lee
Babe & Uncle Sam

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very hard to day. & hope it will bring rain.

Mon 18 Weather still hot, dry, and discouraging, our well is dry, and one cistern empty. Elzie hauled water to day to fill up the tank, to keep it from falling to pieces.

Lizzie Price washed for me to day, and her baby is out of one mischief, into another as fast as she trot. I did a little on the quilt to day, and it is growing quite fast.

Tues. 19 Lizzie is ironing, and Minnie Lee is in trouble because she can't have everything she wants. Barnie and I stamped a lot of of linen last night, with our new stamps, and I stamped all the morning, as fast as Lizzie ironed them. I called on Mrs. Chest this afternoon, and aunt Flora, and took Lizzie with me to Missionary meeting. Elmer got home last night. Three of Sallie's children are on the puny list, and two out of school.

Wed 20 No signs of rain yet, and still hot. I killed a little blue crane this morning that was fishing in a green puddle, all that is left of a large pool. I tried to kill some birds for some sick neighbors, but failed. Mrs. Sheatham Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Hamby are all sick. Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Center called.

Thurs 21 Another dry and windy morning, May we all possess ourselves with patience to wait the rain that will be sure to come, when our Father sees fit to give it as (My son and Tom Matthews came in yesterday. I do not see my boy very often these days, he lives so far, and is so busy.)

Fri 22 Gus went home this morning, and I went four miles in to the country this afternoon, to hunt help for Rosa R., and found a woman who said she would come, but I am afraid she will not do, because she is altogether too particular as to what will be required of her. Mr. Sam Butler of Kissimmee Fla. took supper with us to night. This has been a very hot day, Elmer R. stayed with us last night. He looks better than he did before leaving home.

Sat

23 Another very hot day, Mr. Barnes was over to dinner. Mother, Sallie and Ethel and Lucile took supper with us.

It rained and they sat by a fire.

Grandma 45 yrs old
Great Grandma almost 77 yrs old

Sep 24 Heard Dr. Hendrick preach to day, he is going to hold a meeting here till it grows he says. Still dry and wind, Bro. Ben took dinner with us.

Mon 25 If every body is not rejoicing to day, they ought to be for it rained all night, and most all the forenoon, three and one fourth inches, and is much cooler. I felt like getting up in the night to look at, but it was too dark to see. It is so refreshing, that I was on my feet all the morning at work, and did not get tired as I usually do.

Tues. 26 Lizzie washed, and got dinner, I had such a headache at noon, that I could hardly bear the heat of the kitchen, I must be a little ^{out} of tune some way. It rained a good shower this afternoon. I sat by a fire last night, and again to night. The change is very sudden. My throat is a little sore to night. I would like to hear Dr. Hendrick preach, but can't get out this weather, with headache. I finished basting May's quilt to day.

Sep 27 I am forty five years of age to day, and I realize the fact that I am getting old. I get so weary some days, especially when I walk to church in the mud, as I did this afternoon. But I saw one mother plodding up the hill ahead of me, and she is nearly 77 years of age, and I ought to be ashamed to complain, but I do not feel well to day. I am just a little suspicious that my old trouble is not at an end yet, but O! I hope it is, I do not want to think even that it is not.

Thurs 28 I went to church again to day, but I rode and took Lizzie, I went ahead of time and stopped at Campbell's. Aunt Flora was down at Phin's, no one at home but Mrs. Benson. We had quite a good bible reading, and a good attendance. I feel so tired to night and out of tune, that I cannot keep the tears back. May has tried me a good deal lately, and I do not feel like I could bear it any longer without punishing her. I presume that she has got to that stage where she knows more than any one else, or thinks she does of course. O! the patience ^{some} of us need who have to deal with children, as well as other matters.

Fri 29 Rain, sunshine and wind to day, mostly the latter. My head has been in snarls all day, I did not wash the dinner dishes, nor go to church, but I sat down in a cool room and painted a morning glory on a piece of silk in Maj's quilt. Uncle Joe was over to dinner, and I always enjoy having him with us. As he came to table, I asked if he was feeling better since the rain, he said yes, but I'm not feeling very well yet, but I'm not sick at my stomach. I'm going to eat dinner.

Sun Oct 1st Our preacher was with us to day, but the congregation was small, on account of the other meeting. The weather hot and my head still aches. John W. went home Friday to help put in a wheat crop, and Bertie will stay here while he is at home. Joe, Rez, Violet and Geo. Conrad are here today. Lizzie and John were here to supper last night. Aunt Melia and uncle Sam made me a call yesterday. The old man is rustling among his white knie as they call our family for some winter clothes.

I great grandmothers

Mon 2 It has cold, and rained a little to day, I took Lizzie to church in the afternoon, had a very good bible reading, then from church to Myra's and Susie's a few minutes at Myra's I found the two grandmothers, one on each side of the fire sewing and knitting.

Tues 3 I went to our missionary meeting, and to church this afternoon, and brought Louie & Ethel home with me. Had head ache again to day.

Oct. 4 Sunday Ed + Jim born

Thurs 5 Yesterday after church, Sallie brought Mrs. Thors over, and she took supper with us and we went to church together. Just as the preacher announced his text, Phine came in for Dr. Powell. Then I was on pins all through the sermon, and after he was through and commenced the after meeting. Sallie, Mrs. G. and I slipped out and went to Phine's, and by ten o'clock we were holding two fine little boys, and searching for clothing for two instead of one, and to day we aunts have been rustling goods for the extra boy. Eugene laughed and said, "there is ^{one} for me, and one for Laura." Dewitt took off his hat and slapped his knees and jumped up and down, Benson took it quietly. I am so thankful that all is well.

Oct

Sat 7 I worked some yesterday for the twins, went to three o'clock prayer meeting, to church at four, and walked to shore last night. This morning I went to the dress makers, and to Phineo, found all getting on nicely, but Rosa has some fever. Florence came yesterday. I took dinner with Mrs. Powell today. It is quite warm again, yesterday was cold enough for fire in the morning, but the mercury ran up from 48 to 78 by noon, and is 90 to day.

Sun 8 Another hot and windy Sunday, May nor I over it very well, and we got almost exhausted at church, and then left before it closed, because bro. Armstrong was so long taking up a collection.

I will be glad when hot weather is over, think we will all feel better. The hot winds killed all the leaves on one of our willows, and it has leaved out again since the rain.

Mon 9 I have been most sick today, with a cold, but went to see Rosa, and to church. Rosa has fever and I am just a little afraid, that she will have trouble. The babies are alright. Weather hot yet.

Tues 10 I feel worse than ever today, I woke up in the night and found myself alone, Barrie had gone to another bed. I asked him this morning what was the matter with the bed, he said nothing the matter with the bed, but I tossed so he could ^{not} go to sleep. The ^{wind} blows hard again, and the mercury at 90. Lizzie is washing, and I have been real busy in the kitchen, and feel real tired. The much rain again every thing is so dusty. Mrs. Hamby spent the afternoon with me, and I am so glad of it, for she has not been to church she says, because she has nothing to wear, and her husband does not go because she is afraid to stay alone. So I found something to fit her, and she says she will go. I promised to try to do something to benefit someone during this meeting, and I knew that it was very little that could do, with out help, and nearly sick, but I could try. I stayed and did the work one night to let the children go, and offered to tend a baby, so the mother could go, but she was too tired, but perhaps the dear Lord will bless a feeble effort, bunglingly done. I feel so helpless, but my heart is willing.

Oct

Wed 11 Last night I walked to church and sure enough there was Hamby and his wife, and at the call for those who were determined to be christians, Hamby went to the front, and said that he was a bachelor, but was determined hereafter to lead the life of a christian, and asked for the prayers of the people, I feel like perhaps my little efforts are not altogether fruitless. His wife said it was all on account of the dress.

The wind has Dr. Hendricks closed his meeting last night. The wind has blown very hard to day, and there is quite a sand storm this afternoon. I am nearly sick with a cold.

Thurs 12 This morning I walked up to Campbells, stopped on the way to see the babies, and heard that Dr. Moody was very sick not expected to live. I found Myra doing the work and direct out, her cook is sick. The old ladies were by the fire busy with sewing and crocheting. It has been real cool.

Dave and Archie went to camp with the ^{the} Moore men, they are down to have their regular annual meeting. Rubie and Annie Clark brought me home.

The first thing I did this morning was to go out to feed my chicks. Had ten in a coop and found they were partly eaten up, and only two live chicks. I took them to Frank Hamby.

Fri 13 I did not sleep well last night, and have felt rather miserable all day, but managed to go to the ladies prayer meeting this afternoon, there was quite a good attendance.
 Who should will be pins & rings to?

Sat 14 We put in the morning trying to get some of the dirt out. May went calling this afternoon, Lizzie Woods was over a while, and I made a short call at Bill Matthews. May M. stayed with us last night. She is growing so fast she will soon be as tall as I. I asked her which of the girls I should will my pins, and rings to, when I am gone. She said I might Sister, I had rather keep you, than any of your things. See Shubby took tea with us to night.

Susette & Lysa red

Sun 15 Another lovely day almost slipped by. Mr. M. & Lelland and Susette M. came over with us to day. Susette is nine years old to day. She set the table and wiped dishes, and was quite useful. She is having a long nap, and I have just got up from one. I do not feel well to day, but perfectly able to eat any share. Our preacher has gone over to Mr. Kimmonds to have a talk with them, they are thinking of uniting with the church.

Thurs 17 Bernie dined at Sallie's to day, with the Monro

Co. This afternoon I went to J. S. Armstrong to see Lizzie Woods. she got a fall from a horse this morning, and is laid up. From there I went to our missionary meeting at Sallie's

Wed 18 I spent the day with Gustie, walked up, and made a short call at Milton's, and Meech's. The Dr. is up, and will be out soon. Stopped at Sallie's on my way home for Ma, but she did not come, said she was going to Phineo. Payra brought me home in her buggy.

Thurs 18 Lizzie and Martha Matthews commenced cleaning house for me to day. Got another room in good shape.

Fri 20 Cleaning still going on. I am not at all well, and I keep out of the way as much as possible. Minnie she keeps us all busy keeping her out of mischief. Mother came over this afternoon. It seems a long time since she was here.

Sat 21 Lizzie, Martha, May and John, are all at work in the dining room this morning, it ought to be clean. I took medicine last night, and feel rather weak to day. My head has given me lots of trouble. Sallie, ^{and} Mrs. Gentry were over late this afternoon. Weather still hot.

Sun 22 I believe it is a little cooler to day. We need rain again pretty badly. My head is too dizzy to go to Sunday school this morning. I had a letter from Nellie the other day, wanting to come back to me. I am afraid that I will have to take her, if I can not get help. She does not suit me, but I am almost compelled to have some one, and she may do better than she use to do. We drove out this afternoon, and brought Lucile and Susette home with us.

Nathan Reynolds born 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.

Mon 23 Got up with a hard headache again, but I went to take Lucile home, and found Susie sick, so I stayed and at one o'clock P.M. I had another big fat nephew, 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. There is a scarlet fever excitement to day, and the hill was lined with children, wild, so glad to be out of school, but it is a false alarm.

Thurs 24 May was not well yesterday, nor to day, so she is at home, I am about as no account as can be, and he up, & threw my dinner away last night, and came very near doing my breakfast the same way, Am afraid I will get down yet, and have take a pile of crean medicine before I am done with it.
Emma Coffee was over this afternoon

Wed 25 Made some pillow cases to day, and did a little shopping for Minnie, and went to see the new babies

Fri 27 I ripped the old lounge to pieces to day, and will try to recover it again, Gus came in very unexpectedly just before noon, he camped last night, and started out again after dinner.

Mother went to Phins this morning, this afternoon I am hardly able to be on my feet.
28 Myra, Mrs Benson and aunt Flora came over this afternoon and brought mother home Georgia Coffee came and staid with us last night. George R got home to day, He has been away four and half months.
I have been down most all day

Sun 29 I feel better, and went to Sunday school and church to day. Heard C. Armstrong preach. May went home with May Matthews. John's Saturday's bean hunt has not ended yet, or at least he has not showed up yet.

Mon 30 John came in after dark, and said he would have to stop school awhile to sow wheat, I thought they were through planting, I have been sick again to day.

Tues 31 Went to see the Dr, and got some medicine to day. Ther went to Wills to see the baby a few minutes.

Wed 1 Lizzie and Martha cleaned house to day, Dr Powell was here this afternoon, and made a little examination of me, to see what he had to do for me, and told me that I ought not to do any stooping and lifting, but is one to do when every thing is to be done and no one to do it. I know full that I have too much to do, but there is no way out of it until I can find some one to do it.

Found Susette and Bessie on top of the pig pen.

^{Fern 4 yrs old}

Mon 2 Thurs I worked hard to day covering a lounge,

Fri 3 Finished the lounge, and made some cushions, Mother went to Phin's this afternoon, Sallie and the three little girls were over a little while, Bettie got home to day

Mon 6 Mc Clelland was here yesterday, I mean in town, I went to church in the morning, and to George's in the afternoon, and made a short call at Ed. Armstrongs, John came back last night, and we also had Susette and Bessie with us. This morning when it was time to go to school, they were out of sight and hearing, and were found on top of the pig pen, they are a rascally team of girls.

The train is late all the time lately, and, Mr B. does not get home till nearly dark, I made some neckties today.

Tues 7 Went to Phin's and staid till afternoon, and went to Sallie as it is missionary today, but Mrs Armstrong came over and said that Mr. A. was ready to come over and cover my lounge (as I found out that the cover I put on would fade dreadfully) and he had some goods for the purpose, He did nothing however but cut it out, but I had a visit with Mrs. A. I brought Ethel and Lucile home with me.

Wed 8 It has been rather cool to day, and the children have been stringing buttons, and sewing. I am about to get down with my back, and I almost get blue, when I get to where I can't work. My little Fern is four years old today Thurs and I wish so much that I could have her with me some, It is quite a cross to me to be so far away from ^{my} children, but then it might be worse.

Thurs 9 The children are very well satisfied, they have been riding stick horses all the morning, and I made a negative of them on their studs, It is the first time that I have opened my camera since I came from the fair.

We went to the creek for a little walk, and took my gun, and killed a rabbit, and cooked it for their dinner. Sallie came after them this afternoon, and I had a pleasant visit from Mrs. Wilson, and her sister Mrs. Kee, also Mrs. Conrad.

Sat 11 Lizzie and I cleaned the parlor and Mags room yesterday, and to day we finished up all around

I put down the carpet in the bathroom, and bound four pieces of carpet for rugs, and my back feels the effects of it. The expected father B, to night but he did not come, It has been quite raw and rained just a little.

Sun 12 It rained a little last night and has been quite cool all day, Went to the train again but no folks yet, Was at Hills Phins and Coffees a little while, Sundays seem rather long over here, so far from a neighbor, and I do not feel equal to going to church at night.

Mon 13 I went to see Mrs Hamby's new baby this morning, and from there I went to see Mrs Rogers, and found her very low, does not look like she would live through the night. I got Rufus Johnson (colored) installed in the kitchen, to day, and the first thing I did, was to sniff around and ask him what smelled so musty.

Tues 14 It rained some last night and this morning, and has been cool, but the sun shone some, This morning I kept smelling musty things, and poked my nose into cupboards, but could not find it until Rufus came in where I was at work, by the fire to take up ashes,

and then I tumbled (to use a slang phrase) and I have laughed about all day. It is a wonder Rufus did not get insulted, But I don't think he tumbled to it, I sat till one clock with Mrs. Rogers last night, and have felt very well until this afternoon, I have felt a little sleepy, This is my husband's fifty second birthday, Our birthdays roll around very fast now and we are beginning to realize that we are no longer young.

Mrs Rogers died

Wed 15 Dodge Corner and Calhoun, took supper and spent last evening with us, and it was very pleasantly spent, This morning I went over to Rogers, and at eleven o'clock she died, and after we dressed her I came home, This afternoon I went to Campbell's a little while, and Myra and I drove around to find some one to sit with the corpse,

John went home, and May went to rehearsal, and spent the night at Coffees for the night.

Nov 16 Went to the funeral this morning, and to Sallies this afternoon, went to Phins and Hills a few minutes. The Babins are all doing well now.
Fri

Nov 17 I brought May Ethel and Lucile over last night. The two Mayos had to go to practice again. The children went home this morning. This has been a very nice day. I am staying at home to rest, to be able to attend the school concert to night.

Nov 20 It rained some last night, and was dark and cloudy all the morning. Friday night we attended the concert. Saturday night our Sunday school had a jolly zoological party at Brother George's. Mr Mc Lelland at the head of it. They drew cards with animals on them, and then tried to make them on the black board, and it was fun. Gussie Edgar got the first prize, Rubie Campbell the bootie, and Matt Reynolds got a donkey, because he would not try to draw.

I have actually done a little sewing to day, made a pair of flannel night-drawers my little Fern, and a pair of pillowcases, and fixed one of Mayo's dresses.

Wed 21 Last night our Missionary Society had a quite meeting at F. A. Matthews. Had a very pleasant evening, and made four dollars. The day and night was very pleasant. Susie Tucker come over to day to work for me. I am glad to get white help.

Fri 24 Father B. and Nathan Birge got in last night. The day was quite cold, and they said it was the coldest they had felt this season. The young men put in the afternoon hunting. Uncle Joe took dinner with us, and late this afternoon I took father in the buggy and drove around and invited the children to come over to morrow. Yesterday To day is the coldest we have had. 22 children spent the afternoon.

Sat 25 Elmer B. was over this morning and hunted with Nathan. 22 children were over in the afternoon. It rained a little and was rather unpleasant for them, but they seemed to have a good time. Mother spent the day with us.

Boys came in to see his grandpa

Sun 28 This morning was foggy and dark, but faded off before noon quite bright and warmer than yesterday. Nathan went to see the round up in one of the Gas turbines. It is not a common thing on Sunday, but the cars were here waiting to be loaded. Bonnie took his father out to look over the pasture, after we got in from Sunday school. We will have to drive him around some to keep him from being homesick.

Mon 29 This morning Nathan and I went out in the pasture hunting. He killed a rabbit, and before we got home one of the buggy wheels locked, and I walked in and sent Elzie out after it, and then I took father out driving.

Tues 28 We all took dinner with George and Birtie today and it was very pleasant. Then Mrs Conrath and her mother, and another aunt Flora and J. A. and Sallie were there. May is sick today, brought Lucile and Ethel home with us.

Wed 29 I put in the day at home. Weather still pleasant. Ethel and Lucile had a big game of hide and seek to night.

Thurs 30 Thanksgiving. We spent the day with Mrs Conrath. The Reynolds and Matthews all were there, and Mrs and Mrs Armstrong and it was quite a family. The weather was pleasant and we spent a very enjoyable day.

May and Nathan took a horse back ride to Chism Springs this morning. Sat 1 Last night about dark a stiff norther blew up, and about 7 o'clock Gus came in, and I was glad to see him. I was a little afraid that he would not get here to see his grandpa. Ella R. May M. and Pyke stayed with us last night. ^{and all had a sleep off the straw pack.} Ruby is not well, and I did not let her go to school today. Her mother came after her in the afternoon. Nathan and uncle Joe went to the ranch today, father intended going, but the weather was too cold. I got May's silk quilt finished ready for the lining today.

Sat 2 Nathan got back to night with a fat prairie dog to show his uncle. He saw some wild turkeys but did not get any. Weather still rather cold. Gus went home this morning. I have a sore throat to night. We packed father's trunk today, put two bushels of pecans in it.

Dec

Mon 4 Yesterday I did not go to Sunday school but went to church in the morning. May & Nathan went up to Sallie's to dinner, and a lot of the children came over with them in the afternoon. Lucile and Ethel spent the night. I had a good talk with Nathan last night, and I think that he is a good ^{and} noble Christian boy, and I like him very much for the acquaintance that I have with him. He is only sixteen years of age but very large, and has such manly ways, and bids fair to make a splendid man. I wish we had more such boys in our land. God bless the boys.

Well, they left us this morning, and has been very homesome. Their visit seemed so short. I took the children up to the bank, and they wanted to stay with their uncle, so I left them, and went to Campbells, Conrads, and Gustus to see the sick. There are a good many on the sick list. A woman at Phins with pneumonia.

Tues 5 Very pleasant day. Ethel & asked me, this morning to take a picture of her and Lucile to send to Nathan.

I said something about the woman at Phins, having pneumonia, and Ethel remarked that she was glad it was not aunt Nasa that had pneumonia, for she has had enough. I took them home this afternoon, and Lucile wanted me to take her up to Loree's but I went to missionary meeting, and called in to see Nasa, and Mrs Multon.

Wed 6 Pretty cold all day. I did some printing this morning, and made five calls this afternoon, and am as tired as if I had been at work. Sallie went with me.

Thurs 7 Real cool all day, a raw wind from the south west. Sallie and the little girls spent the day with us. Susette was real sick last night, and had fever today, and the baby is not well. Such a care as they are, I do not feel like I would ever get anything done, if I had so many little ones at my feet. Beattie and Ma and Mary Conrad were here this afternoon. John came in from school sick, and May has been out of school all the week, I guess we will all have grip.

Fri 8 Finished May's dress skirt this morning, and went to ladies prayer meeting this afternoon, at Campbells. Mrs Benson is sick in bed, and looks miserable.

Sat 9 Developed some negatives this morning. I was very fogged, I fogged myself, and drew 143. Went up in the afternoon to meet Lula, but the train was behind.

Sun 10 Heard the M.E. Presiding elder shout on paying the preacher for two hours and a half, and I am as tired as if I had done a day's work. Went to see the Lula's baby, and I think it is the prettiest child that I ever saw. May and Susie drove out to Luckers this afternoon, and I went to coffee. To night we seem lonesome and restless.

Mon 11 Been dressing dolls to day. Drove over to Geo's and Campbells this morning, and went to Coffee's this afternoon. Pearl is going to Throckmorton with me to morrow. I played dominos with Bernie to night, and got heat every time. No fire in the house, and the men in shirt sleeves.

Went to Papa & Maria's

Tue 12 Pearl Coffee and I went to Gus today, and the wind came up cold from the north west, and chilled us pretty thoroughly. He made some coffee at noon and ate a hearty dinner, and felt some better.

He met Strickling on the way, and he told us that Edna Howsley burned to death the day before, that almost gave me a chill. Gus left home just before

we got there and I missed him on the road. Fern was so glad to see me.

Wed 13 Go has been pleasanter. I have been helping Minnie sew a little day.

Fern went home with Lu

Thurs 14 Went to town this morning, and there has been perfect gale all day. Found Ben's George quite sick with fever. Fern came up with me, the first time she has been off with out her mother, don't know how she will stand it when night comes.

Fri 15 It looked something like it might rain this morning, but failed, and the wind come from the north in the afternoon. Came back to Gus this morning, found him Gus at home. Went to town with Matheus a little while this afternoon, and Fern got hurt by the wind blowing the gate against her and knocking her into the wire fence cut her some, and hung her pretty tight to the fence.

Mon 18 We got home Saturday alright, had a fine day to come in. Found all well, and they killed a hog and made sausage. I found a letter from Nathan, saying they had a good trip got through alright, and had sworn off smoking cigarettes, I am glad of that.

Yesterday was a fine day, Mr. McElland was here again and I went to church twice, walked last night. Went to Hills in the afternoon, and found Bessie, Susette and Annie Marie dressed in the boys clothes. Lucile came and Ethel came home with me. I took them home this afternoon, and went to town to hunt something for Xmas, but it was a poor hunt, got a few handkerchiefs only. Bernie is out to night criticising a play that the teachers are getting up, for Friday. It has been real warm again today.

Tues 19 Have been out of time a little today, but made a few pictures, I am behind with Xmas work.

Thurs 21 Made two silk aprons, finished some pictures and done some shopping since yesterday.

Mr Rockwell died last night, and was buried today, a very large funeral. He has been in poor health a long time, but his death was rather sudden.
Weather real warm.

Sat 23 Called on Mrs Hill yesterday, and did a few errands up town. Went to the concert last night and it was quite good. May K, and Ella R stayed with us last night, and I took a negative of them this morning. Been working at pictures most of the day. It has been raining slowly all the afternoon. My head aches a good deal today. I worked on a scrap book to night.

Sun 24 Had a good rain yesterday, and the holes in the creek are full. It is clear and windy, but not very cold. Fiftly out at Sunday school today, it is so muddy that I did not feel like walking up to church.

Christmas 93 This has been a very nice day
and I spent it very pleasantly. Daniel with Mrs Campbell,
Mother, and George's family, and Lula and Frazier were there.
After dinner we had music and games, and at four o'clock
the train brought the Misses Christian. Maude's music tea-
hers, very pleasant girls. Maude came in Friday.

Dec 26 Last night the Sunday School was entertained at
Bre Geo's, and a royal time we had. I think every body en-
joyed themselves. The band boys were up, ^{and} gave us some good
music, and Miss Christian sang a few songs, and we had
games, and a free and easy frolic generally. When it was
time to go, each teacher passed their classes in line in the
big hall, and gave them their presents, then marched them
through the dining room, and handed each one a box of candy
and bag of fruit, and sent them out, one class at a time, and
there was no confusion, and every thing passed off lovely, and
I think it beats Xmas trees all to pieces.

Lusie and I have sewed and stuffed animals all day. They
came last night and should have been here a week ago.
It was raining this morning, and has been damp all day.
May stayed with Ella last ^{night}, and to night she is with May M.
They were over awhile to day, with Lucile, and she got choice
of the animals.

Wed 27 Worked on the animals all the morning. May M. brought
May B home in a new phaeton, it is Xmas gift from Mr Arm-
strong, and nice one too. I spent the afternoon at Sallie's. Lula
was there. May came back with us, and every ^{one} on the hill is out
to the band concert to night, and I am holding the Fort alone.
Lusie was out to a party last night, and has a bean to night for
the concert. I felt a little weary, and thought that a gray haired
grandmother ought not to be going to everything. I had a
long letter last night from Nathan.

Polished silver for party

Thurs 28 Polished silver and cleaned dining room this
morning, and printed pictures all afternoon.

Fri 29 We entertained the bible class last night, and had a
very enjoyable evening. Lula and Frazier were over this morning
and I took a picture of their baby. Went to prayer meeting this after-
noon, and my mother died. She is 80 years old today. I had good
long sweet letter from my children to night. May went to
George's party to night. Great Grandmother's birth day.

Pordellible Painting

Mix Winsor & Newtons oil paints with Pordellible medium in little bottles to prevent evaporation, to the consistancy that it will sink into the fabric like a dye. When painting on wash fabrics, or light goods of any kind

If too thin they will spread, and leave a dim streak about the outline. If too thick they will not soak in well. When painting on paper mix to the same consistancy, and apply in the same manner, When painting on dark fabrics, as dark silk, satin etc do not mix so thin, not quite thin enough to cause the paint to run.

Apply with soft brushes, sable or camels hair, and cut some short for blenders, so the colors may be blended by rubbing. Never wash a piece till from three to four weeks after painting. To produce the
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To produce the bright-pink, mix geranium lake and white, shade with geranium lake. For darker and more purplish pinks, use crimson lake or carmine and white, shade with crimson or carmine.

For the bright-red use geranium lake and shade with crimson l. and black equal parts. For darker reds use

crimson l. ^{or} carmine, and shade with ivory black.

For lighter and more yellowish reds, mix more chrome yellow with the red shade. Shade with the red used, and mix in a little vandyke brown for the deepest shading. For purple use a red and permanent blue, and white, shade with the red and blue mixed, if a very deep purple is required, use a very little white in the first coat, and add a little black in the shading. For blue use permanent blue and white and shade with blue. For yellow use chrome, lemon, and shade with chrome, lemon and ivory black, equal parts, or use with chrome yellow medium, and shade with chrome yellow deep and a little vandyke brown.

Deep yellow use chrome deep and shade with vandyke. Shade orange with burnt sienna. Shade pure white lightly with ivory black. Cream tints, mix white and yellow as for yellow, only more lightly. Before using chrome green to take away the vivid tint, shade light-greens with chrome green no 2 and burnt sienna. Shade dark greens with chrome green.

No 3 and burnt sienna

Indelible painting material. Windsor and Newtons
oil paint White, ivory black Burnt-Sienna Cadiz blue
burnt ochre green No 1 2 x 3

" Yellow ochre medium

" " deep

" " Lemon

Permanent blue

Geranium lake

Carmine "

Carmine

Indelible medium

Impermeable paper. Sable and camel hair brushes

Aunt Lula went home

Dec 30 93 Sat. Went to call on John and Tom

Matthews wives this afternoon. They came in from the ranch
yesterday to see Lula, and were just in time, for she went
home this morning. It has been quite cold all day, &
met Mrs Edie Kielwell today

Sun 31 A bright and beautiful day, just cold enough
to be crisp and fine. Went to church and Sunday
school, went to hear the new Methodist minister, and he
made a very good talk. Susette Lucile and Bessie are
over. May went to see Maude after dinner. The little
girls had a slide off the hay stack, and got so much
straw in their stockings and clothes, that they had to
undress to get it out

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