

Louisiana Moore Ricker Diary
1873

Wednesday, January 1, 1873

The beginning of this new year finds me still at home in my father's house where I have been ever since my marriage, almost twenty six months ago. I am still hoping to get into my own new house soon but almost without any encouragement for the work has been standing for some time. Mary spent the day with Mattie Gaylord and her friends Misses Lizzie and Nellie Waddle and Mary Ross. Our girls Jennie and Lizzie with my daughter, scarcely seventeen (months) received calls at home. These married gentlemen Mr. Rumsey, Reed and Lynes called on me. It was a long tiresome and dreary day but we have so much to be thankful for that we do not complain of weather. Ma came down to her three meals today, the first time for eight weeks or more. She has suffered long and severely during those weeks but we hope she is permanently better now. Maggie, our precious baby is very well and looking better than she has for a long time, is talking a little and learning every day where she has so many teachers it would be strange if she did not but it is quite remarkable how apt she is at imitating what she sees and hears. When we put her bonnet, won at the fair, and her grandmother's glasses on her she will seat herself upon her little chair, fold her arms and draw in her lips to cover her teeth and look the very picture of a little old lady.

Thursday, January 2, 1873

Mary did not come home from Mattie's until nearly noon and then she went directly to work to get up a little entertainment for Mattie and her friends. Will Brayton visiting Mr. Gaylord's family and Maggie and Davy Jones, Addie and Joe Dunlap were the only others present. I did not feel at all like going down in the evening but Mary would have been disappointed had I not done so and I went. It was beautifully clear and sunny in the forenoon but in the evening it rained very hard. I have been working on a calico dress which I have had in the house for months and have not been able to make, not finding the time.

Friday, January 3, 1873

Have been married twenty-six months today and my only regret is that I am not yet in my own house which is where I can see it every time I go to my window and might have been finished long since but for the mis management of the carpenters. Mary, Jennie and Lizzie went up to a party given by Addie Dunlap this evening. I had the pleasure

of helping them get ready and the satisfaction of seeing them look well. Mattie and her friends are having quite a gay time this week.

Saturday, January 4, 1873

I had a note from Sallie Peebles inviting me up there to tea this evening. When I went I found the company consisted of Mattie and her friends and both Jimmie and I were surprised at the character of the entertainment having superseded would be a plain tea drinking. When we came home it was beginning to rain and we went to the house and closed the western windows. It was so dark we could not see each other except when before a window.

Sunday, January 5, 1873

I went to S. S. for probably the last time, I find I will be obliged to give up my class and take care of my baby. I was at church both morning and evening. Mr. Richeson formerly of Vicksburg was here today.

Monday, January 6, 1873

Maggie is seventeen months old today. Pa Ricker came on the noon train and brought her a new tin plate and a pair of stockings from Grandma who is not at all well. They have finally made up the new furnace company and expect to move there soon. I dread to see them go on account of her health but for other reasons am very glad she will be settled once more for I know she will be happier. Dr. and Mrs. (?) buried their baby, an only son this afternoon and my heart aches for the poor mother though she has three little girls still left.

Tuesday, January 7, 1873

This was such a bright beautiful morning that I took Maggie down and had her picture taken with her bonnet and glasses on. I had written a part of a letter to Maggie Peebles and wanted to send her Maggie's picture. We succeeded very well. After dinner I cut out the skirt of my new black silk dress. I could not do much on account of several callus. Mrs. Gibbs and Mrs. Glover were here to see Ma and Mattie Gaylord, Lizzie and Nellie Waddle, Mary Ross and Addie Dunlap to see the girls.

Jimmie brought up five of Maggie's pictures this evening. Will Brayton had taken one of them. She has on her bonnet, won at the fair, and her grandma's glasses and looks quite old lady-like.

Wednesday, January 8, 1873

Pa Ricker went home on the noon train. After dinner Mrs. Tewksbury and Sallie Peebles called. It is quite bright and sunny out but is windy and not pleasant. Mr. Ketchum was here this afternoon also but I did not see him. I have spent what time I could on my dress. Was down street to pay a bill and do a few errands.

Thursday, January 9, 1873

The weather has turned very, very cold again and the wind is dreadful, I can think of no other word to express my meaning. Jimmie said the Telegraph went up today, the first time for weeks, and the boat rolled so that it seemed impossible to keep the freight from falling overboard. I had to go up to Mr. Connolley's in the evening to settle a bill and it seemed as though the cold and wind would take my breath. Jimmie and I went to church in the evening and left Maggie with Miss Switzer and Ma.

Friday, January 10, 1873

The Bostona came up after dinner, the first trip she has made for some time, and our carpets came on her. The weather is so cold and the wind so high that it is thought best for the boat not to attempt to go back. Jennie has been suffering with neuralgia all day and all last night, Ma is enough better to be head nurse for Jennie which is wonderful improvement for her. I have just finished a letter to the folks at Jackson. Had a letter from Mrs. Singleton this evening and she tells me that they have had four cases of small pox in their family this winter.

Saturday, January 11, 1873

I sewed a little on my dress but could not do much as Jennie is still suffering a good deal with her face and Ma was not able to attend wholly to her. Mrs. Jno Nichols was in this afternoon quite a while and suggested hot salt as an application which served to relieve her some.

Sunday, January 12, 1873

I have finally resigned my class to Prof. Brown's care until I hear from Maggie Peebles and consequently did not go to S. S. It is a strange feeling to me, not being obliged to go as I have been in the habit of going ever since I can remember. Went to church in the forenoon only.

Monday, January 13, 1873

The weather has moderated wonderfully within the past thirty-six hours and today has been quite spring-like. I gave my room a thorough cleaning after breakfast and then did my mending which occupied the time until noon. After dinner I took out my dress and worked on it. Miss Switzer and our three girls received invitations to a party given by Mr. Damarin and his sisters next Thursday evening. As we have service through this week it is doubtful whether they go.

Tuesday, January 14, 1873

It has been trying all day to rain and now about 5 P.M. a slow rain is falling. I have been sewing nearly all day but have not yet finished my dress but hope to soon. Mrs. Lodwick was here this forenoon the first visit for some time, she has been sick herself.

Wednesday, January 15, 1873

Have been sewing on my silk dress today and will soon have it done. Did not go to church this evening. Jennie has not been well enough to go out this week either.

Thursday, January 16, 1873

This was such a mild, pleasant morning that I hurried to get my work done and went out to attend to some errands. Made Aunt Mary and Grandma a little visit, went to Connolley's, then to Mrs. Tewksbury's and then to Brodbeck's and rather the store first and B's afterwards where I bought some scarlet and blue delaine to make Maggie a couple of dark dresses and some bird eye linen to make some aprons. There is a large party given this evening by A. M. Damarin and sisters to which Miss S. and our three girls are invited but Miss S. is the only one going. We have service this evening. Finished the skirts of my black silk today.

Friday, January 17, 1873

This has been another very cold day, I have been trying to get something ready for Maggie to wear and have sewed, washed, ironed and gone almost through the catalogue of works. A good deal of time was spent in trying to minister to the comfort of my baby who does not seem to be feeling as well as usual. Both Jimmie and I went to prayer meeting in the evening but had to make a flying trip to the council chamber first to attend to a little business matter.

Saturday, January 18, 1873

The first time Mrs. Tewksbury came to see me after Maggie was born she asked me to come up, as soon as I was able, and spend the day. I promised, and today fulfilled the promise. That was about seventeen months ago and today seemed to be the first opportunity. It was very cold and snowy but we went and spent a very pleasant day. Sallie was there with Mattie in the afternoon.

Sunday, January 19, 1873

Went to church in the forenoon but not in the evening. Ma went in the forenoon, the first time for at least three months.

Monday, January 20, 1873

The weather has moderated a good deal. Every appearance of snow vanished today. I finished up my usual Monday fore noon's work of sweeping, dusting and darning and then took a nap before dinner. After dinner I cut out Maggie's blue delaine dress which proved to be all I could do and attend to her wants. After that I went out to see Ella Overturf's baby who is very sick. It made me feel badly to see the dear little pale face and hands which looked so life less. John and Ella seemed to feel so badly and so discouraged too. I fear they will lose it and it will be their all if they do.

Tuesday, January 21, 1873

Anna would have been ten years old today had she lived. It rained all night but after break fast the sun came out and gave promise of a beautiful day which was not fulfilled however. The wind blew, it clouded up and the day proved to be unusually gloomy. I would have gone out to see Ella Overturf's baby again today had it been more

favorable weather. Jimmie has had one of his severe headaches ever since yesterday evening. He brought home a pineapple at noon, also a turkey and at supper time he brought a package of dates. The pineapple I sliced in sugar and treated the members of the family to a taste. The boys had a cocoa nut so we had quite a party among us.

Wednesday, January 22, 1873

I lost this entire after noon trying to put the machine in order. It has never gone wrong before but something makes the upper thread too loose and I worked long and vainly trying to right it. It has rained all day and prevented me going out to see Ella Overturf's baby.

Thursday, January 23, 1873

All this week I have been trying to make a blue delaine dress for Maggie but all kinds of hinderances have occurred to prevent. I have finally triumphed and this afternoon saw it ready for the fastenings and the scarlet one cut out and basted on to the lining. Spent the forenoon trying to find some machine and finally got a suggestion from Mrs. Tewksbury which helped me out. I think the tension spring had become too much compressed so I drew it out a little and made it stronger.

Friday, January 24, 1873

This has been about the coldest most disagreeable day on record. About two inches of sun covered the ground in the morning but the wind was so high that in many places the ground was soon uncovered and it continued to blow and snow all day. I sat up this evening until I succeeded in finishing Maggie's scarlet delaine dress all but the fastenings. It is trimmed with bright plaid and I think she will look very sweet with it on.

Saturday, January 25, 1873

After my morning work was done I went down street to get the buttons for Maggie's scarlet and blue dresses and some gingham to make large aprons for her. Met Maggie Hempstead on the street so I made up my mind to go up to Sallie's after dinner and take Maggie to see Maggie H. She wore her blue delaine, her first appearance in a dark dress, I've always kept her in light ones until now. From there Mary and baby went to see Mrs. S. G. Johnson and I went to see Ella Overturf and her baby and then

called a few minutes to see Clara Pursell her new home where she has been settled since Tuesday last. Miss Fanny Switzer came.

Sunday, January 26, 1873

Have not been out of the house today. Stayed with baby in the morning and would have gone in the evening but Mr. Ketchum is helping Mr. Gibson in Jackson and Dr. Pratt was not able to preach twice. Pa is sick in bed today.

Monday, January 27, 1873

The weather has grown very cold, the papers are filled with accounts of hundreds of people being frozen to death in the west and north west. After doing my regular Monday work I cut out a gingham apron for Maggie and made it in the after noon, would have finished it entirely before going to bed but Jimmie brought me letters from Maggie Peebles and Clara King and when they were read I did not feel like sewing any more so I left a few stitches for morning. Maggie is in Rome and writes a very interesting letter about the sights she is seeing there. Maggie Hempstead called a few minutes this morning.

Tuesday, January 28, 1873

Miss Fannie Switzer went home on the morning train and I did not get to work very early in consequence of her departure. I managed to get our room in order and Maggie's apron finished and on her in time to meet Grandma Ricker at the door when she came. Very much to our surprise and disappointment Pa Ricker did not come today but will be down Thursday. I cut out three more aprons for Maggie and made them after dinner all but the fastenings. It was so cold that I could scarcely sew at all.

Wednesday, January 29, 1873

This is Ella Murray's sixth anniversary, I just happened to be looking over some old cards yesterday and came across hers among them. After finishing Maggie's aprons about noon, I made ready to sew carpet as Ma Ricker came down for the special purpose of helping me with them. We commenced on our bed room carpet which is the largest of all the strips being twenty-one feet in length. We got all the ends darned and just began the seams when it was time to lay it aside. Grandma kept Maggie for me and I went to church.

Thursday, January 30, 1873

As early as possible we took up the carpet again but I seem fated to interruptions. Ma went out in the morning and when she came back, told us that little Arthur was very sick and she would have to go back to him but as I thought I ought to go some time during the day, I chose to go immediately and so I spent about two hours there and then stopped at Julia Young's awhile on my way home. Served all the afternoon and finished the carpet after supper which was doing very well considering there were only two of us working at it and it was so large. Grandpa Ricker came on the noon train.

Friday, January 31, 1873

The last day of January and it is moderating a little, indeed there has been quite a change since Wednesday. Mud has taken the place of snow. We have had such a run of company today that we did not do quite so well at our work. Soon after dinner Sallie Peebles came to see Ma Ricker and after she had been gone a few minutes, Mrs. Tewksbury came and took Ma Ricker home with her, afterwards Aunt Jennie Ricker called to see her and then Uncle Drew was here. Just before dark Maggie Jones made a flying call. I am tired, very tired tonight and hope I'll soon be asleep.

Saturday, February 1, 1873

Ma Ricker came back as early this morning as she could and got to work before I was ready. I had a little washing to do for Maggie and when I did get ready we soon finished the parlor carpet and then went to preparatory lecture as we have Communion tomorrow. Mrs. Gilbert and Miss Gould called in the evening.

Sunday, February 2, 1873

I did not get out of the house today on account of a lame foot which was so sore I could not wear a good shoe. I was sorry to miss Communion but some one had to stay with Maggie any way.

Monday, February 3, 1873

We commenced and finished the spare room carpet today which was a good day's work considering what I had to do in the morning before beginning to sew on it. It is twenty-seven months today since I was married. Jennie and Lizzie went out to Capt. Coles to a club meeting tonight.

Tuesday, February 4, 1873

Jimmie and I went over to the house early this morning and measured the hall and dining room so I could cut those carpets. We made the hall carpet all except binding, before dinner and then I cut out the dining room carpet which is one of the home made ones and we began to darn the ends but did not get along very well.

Wednesday, February 5, 1873

We were rather unfortunate today, spent the whole forenoon nearly in putting in some work which it took nearly half the afternoon to rip out. We had matched the room wrong. Mary went out with Dell Ramsey to visit a S. S. district and Ma, Ma Ricker and I went down to look at china but as the gentleman Jimmie wished to buy of was not in, we did not make our purchases.

Mrs. Connolley brought Ford Halderman in this after noon to see Maggie and later Mary, Maggie and I went to call on Gussie who just came Saturday.

Thursday, February 6, 1873

Maggie is eighteen months old today and only weighs 22 ½ pounds. We finished the dining room carpet this evening. Mrs. Geo Johnson was here to see Ma and Ma Ricker. Pa Ricker went out from breakfast and did not come back until after Maggie and I had retired to our room for the night.

Friday, February 7, 1873

Today we finished the carpet making. I bought a piece of Brussels carpet at Mr. Brunner's this week and cut it in five pieces and bound the edges with bright carpet binding making five very pretty rugs for bureaus and washstands. They cost me just 80 cents each and I could not buy them ready made for less than \$2.25 each. Our rag carpet was quite a serious piece of work but I think I will be paid for the trouble it has been. I am glad when I think of all the carpets, rugs and drugget being folded away ready for us. I can never return all Ma Ricker's kindness I know for she has worked faithfully both on the rags for the home made and in sewing them all.

Saturday, February 8, 1873

We felt rather lost without our regular business today but managed to find enough to do. I am always busy Saturday fore noon and after dinner Ma and I went down to select the china ware. I found just what I wanted and to my great surprise, Ma made us a present of it. It is plain white china and will take the place of a common and also a fine set so we need only have the one. Ma Ricker was to have been with us but she went to the hotel to see Mrs. Van Dyke and did not get back.

Sunday, February 9, 1873

Went to church both morning and evening and also to the 33rd Anniversary meeting of the S. S. union held in our church Mr. Ketchum presiding. Mr. Jno McDowell one of the three charter members left, spoke a few words.

Monday, February 10, 1873

I determined today to turn over a new leaf and try to go out some where every day as I know I am better physically, mentally and morally when I do. When I remain shut up in the house day after day I do not feel well and such physical feelings affect my mind and make me almost if not quite cross sometimes so I think I'll go out more. After I had worked long enough this afternoon I went up to Connolley's store, got a velvet bell for Ma Ricker, then to Mrs. Tewksbury's but found no one at home. Went to Sallie Peebles' saw her and Ella Murray, then to Maggie Jones. I've not been there before for a long time. Went to the store and walked up with Pa and Jimmie.

Tuesday, February 11, 1873

A slow rain began to fall this morning and continued at intervals all day, never the less I kept my resolution and went out about 4 ½ o'clock. Took a pair of pillow covers to Aunt Mary from Ma which seemed to gratify her very much. I then went to two or three stores and then went to walk up home with Jimmie.

Wednesday, February 12, 1873

Ma Ricker and Pa came in this morning from Uncle Drew's just in time to escape the rain. We remained in doors all day I believe I did go out a few minutes just to keep my resolution.

Thursday, February 13, 1873

It has been very dark and gloomy today. Ma Ricker intended going to look through her boxes and getting a feather bed to make up into pillows while she was down this time but the weather has been to unpleasant. Ma Ricker and I were out nearly all this forenoon. While we were at Mr. Connelley's store she made me a present of two linen table cloths one an unbleached for ordinary use and the other an extra fine white one. We went to see Mrs. Ketchum and the baby while we were out.

Friday, February 14, 1873

Pa and Ma Ricker went home this morning and I suppose we will not see them again until they stop on their way to Missouri. I went to Prayer meeting this evening and it happened to be the first Temperance meeting I had attended where the pledge book was passed around so I put down my name. Wrote to the folks after church. Mr. Hosford, Jimmie's cousin was here this afternoon and made quite a call. They expect to move from Columbus to Ironton in a few days.

Saturday, February 15, 1873

At 8 o'clock this morning several of us went to the room of our church to attend the funeral services of Mrs. Jas Bell, who died last Thursday morning I believe. She was almost 79 years old and until within the past year has been remarkably active and a faithful worker in the Sabbath School.

Sunday, February 16, 1873

I went to S. S. this morning as substitute for Miss Emma Bell who went with her brother and sisters to Circleville with the remains of her mother. I heard Mr. Ketchum preach an excellent sermon on Martha and Mary in the morning but did not go in the evening.

Monday, February 17, 1873

As usual I had a whole day's work for today, mending and getting the wash ready. Aunts Mary and Maria were here to spend part of the day and take dinner. Arthur and Maggie enjoyed themselves very much and she did not sleep a wink during the whole day. After the folks went home I went down street and when Jimmie and I came up to tea we bought a dozen cakes of soap, it grows better as it grows older so it is said and we are going to try it. After I got baby to bed I cut out and nearly made two little waists for her, no they were cut out I only sewed them.

Tuesday, February 18, 1873

This has been a very bright pleasant day but I have not had an opportunity of enjoying the sunshine very much. I did up my morning work and then gave my whole time to Ma and the girls, helping them get ready for the tableaux. Ma and Pa, Jimmie and I went to Aunt Mary's to dinner but we went late and left early. When I came home I put the grill scales on Mary's bodice and got it all ready for wear except the fastenings. The after noon was very tempting but I had to resolutely shut my eyes to its charms and stitch away. Maggie has a real sore eye affected by the eye tooth on the left side I think.

Wednesday, February 19, 1873

Pa Ricker came on the noon train today, he insisted buying goods for the new furnace this week. This afternoon Mary and I went to Dr. Stephenson dentist, and had our teeth examined. I had a tooth refilled which had been filled once but the filling came out last night. After leaving there we went to Julia's but she was not in, then to Emma Voorhies and found her gone so I came home.

Thursday, February 20, 1873

I wanted very much to go to the tableaux this evening but as there were nine going from the house and no one but Barbara and baby left, I would not go so Jimmie came home and spent the evening with us. I was almost sick any way. Have spent the day very quietly within doors.

Friday, February 21, 1873

I was in the house all the forenoon and half sick with a cold. After dinner Ma was going down street and said she would be glad of my company so I dressed and went with her. We went first to see Aunt Mollie and them sat quite a while with Mrs. Spry. Emma and Therza were not in. We then went to see Mrs. Sam Nichols and her little daughter. Found Mrs. E. B. Lodwick there. We went to the store and then made a call on Sallie Peebles and Ella Murray and their children. Jimmie and I went to the Tableaux in the evening. Mary and Lizzie took parts in several scenes. The Ladies deserve great credit

for their work. The Tableaux were a decided success so far as they were concerned and I hope it was a financial success. Pa Ricker gave me a dozen napkins today.

Saturday, February 22, 1873

It has been so cold and windy today that I have not ventured out of doors at all as there was no real necessity for it. Pa Ricker left for Jackson this morning expecting to return next week sometime. Jimmie and I received cards to a party to be given at the Biggs House by nine young gentlemen on next Monday evening. Pa brought home a kitten this evening and Maggie is almost beside herself with joy, in consequence.

Sunday, February 23, 1873

Ma started to S. S. again this morning to take charge of my scattered flock. I was out to church.

Monday, February 24, 1873

Jimmie and I have an invitation to the young men's party at the Biggs House tonight and as we have not been out very much this winter we decided to go. I wore my new black silk for the first time. I did not enjoy the first part of the evening very much as every body was huddled into the dining room with the dancers and I do not enjoy dances but after supper we got out into the parlors and enjoyed chats with some of our young married friends which was far pleasanter.

Tuesday, February 25, 1873

I cut out and commenced a night shirt for Jimmie but did not feel in a working mood and did not get much accomplished. Half the afternoon I spent in debating in my mind whether I should continue my efforts to sew, or go out and make a few calls. It was a very tempting afternoon and I finally decided to put on my things and rush out before I could change my mind again so I got off. I called on Mrs. Morrow and then Mrs. Droilliard and her sister Mrs. Morgan but they were out too so I did not see them. I found Ella Greene at home and lying on the lounge not much better I fear. I made my last call at Mrs. Miles, to see her niece Mrs. Geo Singer who has an invalid husband and of course was at home.

Wednesday, February 26, 1873

The sun shone out very brightly for a while this morning and then it clouded over and before noon began to rain. It rained all the afternoon and I was very glad I had gone out yesterday instead of waiting until today. The girls and boys went to church not withstanding the unpleasant weather.

Thursday, February 27, 1873

I finished off Jimmie's second night shirt today so that is off my hands for a while. His last pair has been worn nearly two years and are yet good enough to last nearly all summer by saving them until warm weather comes. Ma was over to see Mrs. Connolly and Gussie this afternoon and did not get home until late. She has been sick for a week or two.

Friday, February 28, 1873

Ma Ricker came down on the noon train and Pa came in the evening driving Charlie in the buggy. It was a cold day but not so bad as yesterday because not so windy. They have come now to make their last visit before going to their new home in Mo. I can't feel reconciled to having Ma go without knowing what kind of a place she will have to stay in and wish she could be persuaded to wait and see us settled first and make us a little visit. I have been sewing a little today, made Maggie two little skirts. I want to gradually get my spring sewing done up so I won't have much to do after I get moved.

Saturday, March 1, 1873

It is not as windy and blustery today as we might wish March to be if there is any dependence to be placed in the old saying that coming in like a lion it might go out like a lamb, still it is not very lamb-like today. I made Maggie two little skirts. Mrs. Tewksbury and Mrs. Cutler were here to see Ma Ricker and Lizzie Cochran to see Mary and me.

Sunday, March 2, 1873

Ma went to S. S. again this morning, she has taken my old class which is a very agreeable arrangement to all. I am glad of it, so are the girls and she enjoys it. I hope she will be able to attend regularly. I went to church in the fore noon and Jimmie in the evening, taking turns staying with Maggie.

Monday, March 3, 1873

Early this morning Sallie Peebles sent me a note asking Pa and Ma Moore, Pa and Ma Ricker, Jimmie, Maggie and me up there to tea this evening. Ma had been talking of having a little tea party herself this evening but decided to defer it and sent word that we would go. Ma Ricker, baby and I went about 3:30 o'clock but Ma stopped on the way to make a few calls and did not get there until later. Mr. and Mrs. Tewksbury, Uncle Drew and Aunt Jamie, Joe and Ella Murray and Isabell were there. The three babies would have had a fine time but Isabel is lame from a strain in her foot or something and can not walk. The others enjoyed themselves very much. It was half past nine when we came home and very, very cold but I had bundled Maggie up well and she did not feel it. Ma and I called on Mrs. S. G. Johnson and her mother.

Tuesday, March 4, 1873

This afternoon we were to spend at Uncle Drew Ricker's but we did not get off until about 4 o'clock. The company was almost the same as at Sallie's. Ella and Joe were not there but Mr. and Mrs. Bannon, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Wood were there which made two more than last evening.

The day was bitter cold and the evening not much warmer. Ma and Pa Ricker, Ma and I went in the omnibus and escaped the wind but those who went in the carriage and Pa and Jimmie in the buggy got the full benefit of it. Jimmie drove Charlie in the buggy and it was his last drive with him as he leaves tomorrow for Missouri. Grant was inaugurated today for another 4 years term. John Peebles was twenty-five years old today.

Wednesday, March 5, 1873

This being church evening the tea parties will cease for a season. No one wants to have company to tea and then hurry through supper to get to church. Jimmie and I went to church in preference to going to the social tomorrow evening as we could not go both evenings and leave Maggie.

Thursday, March 6, 1873

Every body but Maggie and I went to the social at our church this evening. I had Maggie out in her buggy a little while after dinner I had an errand or two to do and it seemed so pleasant that I thought it would do her good. Her eye is almost well but I thought it was not improved by her being out in the sun light. I only went up to Mrs.

Connolley's and down to the store. Mary went part of the way with me and then went to make a few calls.

Friday, March 7, 1873

Our folks, six of us. Uncle Drew and Aunt Jennie, Mr. and Mrs. Bannon and Mrs. Smith, John and Sallie, Mrs. Murfin and Mrs. Cutler were invited to take tea and spend the evening at Mr. Tewksbury's this evening and we were all there. I was almost sick with a cold and my cough was very troublesome but the evening passed very pleasantly and it was almost 11 o'clock before we started home. It was just sprinkling a little when we left there but was raining hard by the time we reached home. I turned my dress skirt up over my furs and sack which was all the protection I had.

Saturday, March 8, 1873

The last of the tea parties given to our departing friends was given by Ma this evening. We had the same company as Mrs. Tewksbury's only instead of Mrs. Murfin and Mrs. Cutler we had Mr. and Mrs. Ketchum. We had a very pleasant evening and as tea was over early, the company left early.

Sunday, March 9, 1873

My cough is too troublesome to allow me to go to church and as it was my turn to stay at home any way, I was not out at all. We had a very hard wind and rain storm just after dinner but it cleared off beautifully before evening.

Monday, March 10, 1873

We will long remember this as the day where Pa and Ma Ricker left us to go to their new home in Missouri. It does seem hard that they should go so far away at their age but as persuasions, entreaties or reasonings availed any thing though they seemed towards the last to regret leaving baby and Mr. Wood. The Tewksbury's, Prescott's, Ricker's and our folks were down to see them off. Pa Ricker kept up pretty well until he told Jimmie good bye and then he could not keep the tears back. Ma R will have her worst trouble today and tomorrow, she will have a spell of sick head ache I expect.

Tuesday, March 11, 1873

Mary has been wanting to give us a little tea party before we move and had fixed on Thursday as the day but the YMCA lecture will interfere so she changed it to this

evening. She did all the work herself and invited her guests who nearly all came and we had a very pleasant time although I was almost sick myself and not fit to enjoy any thing. Mr. and Mrs. Prescott, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Cochran and Mrs. Ketchum did not get here but the following gentlemen with their wives came. Will Pursell, E. F. Draper, Jno Peebles, Jos Murray, Jas Bannon. A. B. Voorhies, Will Bonsall, R. P. Rifenberrick, Mr. Ketchum without his wife, Mrs. Glidden, Mrs. Chris Young and Mrs. Halderman. Sallie Peebles, Ella Murray and Lucy Rifenberrick brought their babies. We had tea early and they all went home early.

Wednesday, March 12, 1873

Maggie Jones came in this morning and made us quite a good long visit. I almost promised her I would go down and take a walk with her in the evening but it was too windy and we concluded it would not be prudent. I am not trying to do much now except to get well, I fear I shall not be able to move when the house is ready. Aunt Sallie Young came up today. All the other members of the family were around to see her except me.

Thursday, March 13, 1873

This afternoon I went to see Aunt Sallie and after a long call then I went to the store and Jimmie and I went to Mr. Nichols to look at furniture. We spent as much as two hours there I should think but did not decide on any thing. Made a selection and got the figures on all the articles we would want. I did not get home until rather late and found my self worse after my walk. My cold was much worse so I think I'll not go again. I missed several callers.

Friday, March 14, 1873

Aunt Sallie was here to dinner and part of the afternoon. It was a delightful day and Jennie had Maggie out nearly all the afternoon. Ma and Aunt Sallie went to see Grandma and while they were gone we had several callers. Mary and I were over to see Mrs. Sherman Johnson and her baby a few minutes. She has a nice baby and they say he is very good too.

Saturday, March 15, 1873

I was not down stairs at all today. Spent most of the time on the bed. I managed however between times to finish one of the pillow covers for Ma Ricker.

Sunday, March 16, 1873

I was not out of the house today. Ma was not well enough to go to S. S. but went to church in the evening. Part of Pa and Ma Ricker's photographs came this morning and we think them very good. Lewis Currie was buried this afternoon. A large number of Odd Fellows turned out and the funeral was largely attended.

Monday, March 17, 1873

I did not get up to breakfast thinking perhaps a mustard plaster would help the pain in my side. It did not and Ma thought she had better send for the Dr. whom I momentarily expected from 10 o'clock until nearly night. I dressed my self and put my room in order to receive him and waited all day before he came. My cold seems a little better but it has been running on so long that it won't be cured in a day.

Tuesday, March 18, 1873

My chief occupation now is to take my three kinds of medicine three times a day with occasional dresses between times and sewing on the pillow covers I am chainstitching for Ma Ricker. Aunt Sallie Young came around soon after breakfast and as it began to rain soon after she came, she stayed until about 3 o'clock. It stopped raining and she went home. Mrs. Foster, Mrs. S. G. Johnson's mother came in a few minutes later and stayed until supper time. She is a very pleasant lady and talks so well it is quite a pleasure to listen to her. In the evening, Pa, Ma, Jennie, Lizzie and Miss Switzer went to the Bigelow social.

Wednesday, March 19, 1873

Ma was out all the forenoon with Maggie so I made the most of my time and wrote about six pages on a letter to the Mo folks and then finished the last pillow cover just as the dinner bell rang. After dinner it was so pleasant that I took Maggie and went up after Maggie Jones to go with me to see after the material to make Maggie a bonnet. We had quite a walk and then went to make a little social visit at Clara Pursell's.

Thursday, March 20, 1873

I have spent quite a pleasant day with my scrap book scraps and paste. I have been saving pieces for several years and more than a year ago Jimmie gave me a very nice book but never until today have I found time to arrange and paste all my pieces in it. I

feel that it is something accomplished and have enjoyed doing it very much. Mary has devoted herself to my interests most assiduously all day, gave me several pieces and kept Maggie from interfering with my work. I did not get the last piece in until nearly bed time and by that time felt quite tired.

Friday, March 21, 1873

I devoted my time and energy to my pillow cover all day hoping to finish it by tomorrow evening which would be quite a work accomplished as I have been at it so long. I did not go out and have not been out except on Wednesday afternoon for more than a week.

Saturday, March 22, 1873

This has been quite a pleasant day after all the predictions to the contrary. Mrs. Ketchum and her baby were here soon after dinner and when she had gone, Ma and Miss Switzer went out and made calls into supper time. Maggie Crosby walked home with Jennie from Mr. Gaylord's but did not stay very long.

Sunday, March 23, 1873

I went to church in the forenoon and Mary stayed with baby in my place. It began to rain just as we got home and during the afternoon there were two or three showers.

Monday, March 24, 1873

It has rained almost without intermission today and in consequence of the rain, I suppose, Maggie Crosby failed to come as we had all anticipated. She was to spend this week with the girls. She is now at Mr. Gaylord's. I have tried to finish my linen pillow cover today but was not successful. There was more work in the letter than I thought and then I stopped to help Ma with one of the shirts she was anxious to finish. Therza Spry was here this forenoon a little while.

Tuesday, March 25, 1873

A very gloomy dismal day is ending as it began. It has rained all day and this afternoon we had a little thunder and a few flashes of lightning. This forenoon a strange freak induced me to go out and do some errands though for two weeks past I've not even dared to go on pleasant days for fear of adding to my cold. I went first to see Mrs. Cutler and Dell Ramsey in their new house and business as milliners. They are nicely

fixed and I hope they will do well. I went to Mr. Nichols to see about pillows and then to see Emma Spry whom I found still in bed. Her chances of life seem to be few and growing less each day. I attended to several errands and reached home about noon. I really finished my pillow cover today after many months of patient work on it.

Wednesday, March 26, 1873

Today I got out my old white Marseilles dress and cut half a dozen bibs out of the skirt for Maggie. It will do quite as well as new material. I only finished one of them. Maggie Crosby was to have come Monday but she did not come until this evening. Jennie did not go to church so she entertained Maggie and I came up stairs immediately after supper and finished off another bib and wrote a letter to the folks before I went to bed.

Thursday, March 27, 1873

I devoted myself to the bib business and made the other four today. I was out awhile in the afternoon, went to Aunt Mary's and got a pattern, to Mrs. Samuel's to get a pair of pillow covers stamped for Ma. Returned a book for Ma at the book store and ordered a picture of uncle Robb Wood framed to send to Ma Ricker. Maggie Crosby brought the picture today for her. I was also at the store and up to see Sallie but she was not at home. Jimmie had a letter from his father tonight saying that they were well and quite happy but will be more so when they get into a house by them selves.

Friday, March 28, 1873

This was such a beautiful pleasant morning that I went with Mary and baby down to Mrs. Cutler's to see about getting a bonnet made for Maggie. After we left there Mary and Maggie went to see Gussie Haldeman and I went up to Aunt Mary Moore's. When I came home Ma had just come in and after talking awhile with her on the subject I decided to go and get Mrs. Cutler to fix up my black cactus for this spring. After dinner Ma, Miss Switzer, Maggie Crosby, Mary, Jennie and Lizzie went to school to the Exhibitions and Maggie and I stayed at home and cut out a dress by Arthur's apron pattern. When that was done I took baby out again in her carriage a little while and came home just before a rain set in.

Saturday, March 29, 1873

It rained all day today so I did not go out as I had thought I would. Late in the evening the girls went down to Mrs. Cutler's and got my hat and baby's bonnet. The two only cost \$4.00. My black hat retrimmed in last summer's trimmings with the addition of straw buttons was \$1.00 the rest was for Maggie.

Sunday, March 30, 1873

I was out to church this forenoon and again in the afternoon to Mrs. Churchill's funeral. She died last Thursday evening in her 73rd year. Mr. K. preached the sermon, Dr. Pratt being absent as he has been when the last three of our oldest members died.

Monday, March 31, 1873

It was very windy this forenoon as it has been much of the time this month. Miss Switzer went to Ripley to spend her vacation week and the boys took a trip to Cincinnati. After I was ready to sit down I finished Maggie's Marseilles dress all but the fastenings and cut the rest of the dress skirt with four more bibs for baby which I will make as soon as I get the time. Jennie and Lizzie went up to Mr. Murray's to their club but Maggie Crosby did not want to go so she stayed with us. Capt. Jno Lodwick and his wife spent a part of the evening here. I was very tired and when I came up to put Maggie to bed, I stayed also.

Tuesday, April 1, 1873

This has been a very pleasant day. I put my room in order and then began to tear out my pillow cases. I soon found that a bolt of muslin would not be sufficient for all I needed. I cut out a dozen or rather eleven pairs of slips for the sleeping pillows, Mary had given me one pair ready made. I want about ½ dozen large slips and then some for baby's bed. Jimmie was to have ordered a half bolt from Brodbeck's but he forgot it. I wrote a letter to the folks today to go in the package tomorrow which Mr. Crandall promised to take to Ma Ricker.

Wednesday, April 2, 1873

This forenoon I did not get much sewing done because I had the package to get ready and take to the store. I had the picture of Uncle Wood, two magazines, a pair of pillow covers, cake of silver soap, machine needles and when I went down street Jimmie and I went to Reilly's and got nearly a dozen varieties of flower seeds which Jimmie put in a package and Mr. Crandall took this morning. After I came back I began work on the pillow cases and sewed up five pairs ready for the ruffles.

Thursday, April 3, 1873

This has been a very warm day. After dinner Mary, baby and I went out to enjoy it and make a few calls. We went first to Maggie Jones' and from there Maggie walked all the way up to Mr. Gaylord's. It was so warm that she did not wear any kind of a wrap over her white dress and she looked so sweet and pretty. At Mr. Towell's gate we saw Addie and so Maggie wanted to go in and we followed her. Mrs. Towell and the girls entertained her so well that we could scarcely coax her away. We stopped again at Mr. E. B. Greene's and saw Ella, and Amy Dickinson. We had had quite a pleasant visit there and then went on up to Mr. Gaylord's. Would have stopped at Mrs. McCall's but she was not at home. I stopped at Mrs. Reilley's but she was not in.

Friday, April 4, 1873

We had no fire in our room today at all. Only had a little in the morning and evening yesterday. Summer has come in a day almost. I wore my fur collar yesterday because I was afraid to go out without it but I do not think I can wear it any more this season. I sewed on pillow cases today but do not get as much done as I would like.

Saturday, April 5, 1873

I tried to get done in time to go out about 3 o'clock but it was five before Maggie and I were ready. We went to the store and walked home with Jimmie and after tea he went up to Connolley's with us and then left us at Jno Peebles where we stayed until he came after us. Maggie wore her new bonnet which her grandma has just finished retrimming in very pretty medallions of embroidery and lace which she made for her.

Sunday, April 6, 1873

I went to S. S. to teach Ma's class as she was not well enough to go herself. I was at church in the forenoon but not at night.

Monday, April 7, 1873

Our room has reached that point where I could no longer withstand the temptation to do a little house cleaning. I gave it a very thorough sweeping and dusting and cleaned out the fire place, which it seems, will be needed no more this season. I did not dare to wash paint so I could go no farther in that kind of business. I did not get to work at my pillow cases until after dinner. Jimmie came home about 10 o'clock with two nice little cherry trees to set out so I went with him over to the house to watch him while he set them out. At noon I put on a calico dress, the first of the season for me. About 4 o'clock I went up to Connolley's to settle a little bill and then went to the store and we went together to look at Mr. Spry's gas fixtures.

Tuesday, April 8, 1873

Jimmie got a man today to work in the yard and when that is in order the place will be very much improved. I was over once or twice when he was there at work and directing his assistant. It seems a long time since we first expected to have possession of our house and still we are only waiting. It has been very warm today and I have not been out except to go over to the house. I did not get as much sewing done as I wanted because Ma would not let me sew.

Wednesday, April 9, 1873

Maggie Crosby was to have come back here today but she did not. She seems to be improving and perhaps she had better stay there where Dr. Hempstead can see her every day. Jimmie, Maggie and I had a good long letter from Pa Ricker today saying the things we sent arrived safely.

Thursday, April 10, 1873

Maggie Crosby received word today that her father was very sick and she would have to go home. She was at Mr. Gaylord's and I did not see her after she heard the news except from front street after she was on the boat. It was very late getting off and it will be nearly midnight when she gets home. I have been wanting some pearl pillow case studs very much but when I came to look at them and price them I concluded I would have to deny myself and sew on small ones. I was very sorry too, but thought I could not afford to get them. In the evening Jimmie brought me ten pairs of pearl sleeve buttons which are almost the same, and just as pretty. He is so good about everything.

Friday, April 11, 1873

Jimmie received a telegram from Dr. Hempstead saying Mr. Crosby was no better and the case was hopeless and he had better go up so he got ready and went on the Ohio. He was ready before 11 o'clock but did not get away until 3 PM. I was at home all day working button holes in pillow cases, there are sixteen in one pair of large ones so it is no small matter to finish them off even if they are made perfectly plain.

Mr. Crosby died before Jimmie got there. The family are greatly to be pitied, they are so helpless, Sadie has five children four of them very small and Maggie's health is very poor. I feel so sorry for them.

Saturday, April 12, 1873

I was down street this morning to do some errands and one of them was to draw the \$125.00 and interest that I had in the bank. Met Mrs. Tewksbury who told me that Mr. Crosby died yesterday evening. At noon I had a note from Jimmie saying for Ma and me to go up. Pa and Ma both advised me not to go so Ma took Jennie and I stayed at home. Mrs. Tewksbury was here a few minutes in the evening and got the pictures of Pa and Ma Ricker which were for her and Sallie.

Sunday, April 13, 1873

I did not go to S. S. but was at church in the morning. The day was pleasant but it seemed very long with Jimmie, Ma and Jennie all away. This is Easter Sunday and Mr. Gunn died about midnight tonight.

Monday, April 14, 1873

It seemed quite lonely today with Lizzie and Miss Switzer at school and the three absentees missing at meal time. I got to sewing quite early though and before dinner had finished the plain pillow cases for my girl's room. After dinner I cut out a skirt for myself and got it ready to tuck, it was all finished even to the button on the hand. Mr. Crosby was buried this afternoon and Jimmie came home a little after midnight, I was glad to see him, it seems like a much longer time than since Friday forenoon since I saw him.

Tuesday, April 15, 1873

Ma and Jennie came home on the noon boat and Ma, Pa and I went to Mr. Gunn's funeral in the afternoon. I did not go out to the cemetery but they did. It rained very hard just as the procession was leaving the church. Mr. Jones preached the sermon

and Dr. Burr made remarks afterwards. He paid quite a tribute to the deceased and I think it was deserved. His family are no credit but I have always thought a good deal of him.

Wednesday, April 16, 1873

We have had a variety of weather today, I finished a green gingham sun bonnet for Maggie that I began about supper time yesterday which makes a very good half week's work for me considering I dare not apply myself very closely and have been out two afternoons and one fore noon this week. I was up to Mrs. Tewksbury's and Ella Bonsall's this afternoon. It hailed and rained this fore noon and we have had to have fires for a week past after thinking we were about done with them.

Thursday, April 17, 1873

I made another skirt for myself today which is the second one this week and then I've made two pairs of plain slips, a bonnet for Maggie and a cover for a pincushion besides. I've taken care of Maggie most of the time, done the work in my own room spent one after noon and one forenoon down street.

Friday, April 18, 1873

Had a letter from Maggie Peebles tonight, the last I will get I suppose as they will soon be home now. I have had a very busy day and although it tired me very much I am well satisfied with the result of my labor. After breakfast I decided to make my pillows so I just picked up things a little in the room and then dressed myself for the work. It was too damp and cold to go out to the dry house so I had to do it in my room. I took two sheets and made a bag for the feathers and then Ma helped me empty them out of the tick which she cut up so judiciously that we got four pairs of whole ticks and by piercing got another pair for a girl's bed. I got them all out of the way before supper time.

Saturday, April 19, 1873

After my morning work was done I sewed up the ends of my pillows which were only basted yesterday. I have five pairs of good pillows and am very proud of them and very grateful to Ma Ricker for the feathers and ticking and to Ma Moore for helping me make them. After dinner Ma and I went down to Geo Watkins and selected paper for our parlor and hall and then we went to Mr. Nichols and selected the parlor furniture which perfectly satisfies me. Had a letter from Pa Ricker in which was \$5.00 for Maggie.

Sunday, April 20, 1873

I was not out at all today. Mr. Morey of Cin preached morning and evening and held a meeting for Y.M.C.A. in the after noon but I stayed with baby all day. Mrs. Chas Pursell died at 2PM.

Monday, April 21, 1873

As usual I have spent the day working at odds and ends. Put my room in order and then took Maggie and went to see if any one was doing any thing over at the house. No one was there. I then went out to 7th street to see a colored woman who was not at home. Came back and ripped the trimming off a dress that I wanted to get Mrs. Monroe to wash and then took it to her out on 9th street. When I came home Maggie wanted to take a walk so I went with her and by the time I got home it was nearly dinner time. After dinner I worked my pillow slips and then finished a cover for a pincushion which I have been making for Ma.

Tuesday, April 22, 1873

This afternoon Ma, Jimmie and I went to Mrs. Chas Pursell's funeral at the Washington street Methodist church. There was a large funeral and it was a very sad one as she was a young wife and mother, leaving a baby boy 9 months old and the second one Charlie has lost in very much the same way, both wives dying young, of consumption, in the same house and leaving little baby boys. After the funeral we went down street, Ma and I went to Mr. Connolley's and selected two marseilles bed spreads.

Wednesday, April 23, 1873

Today I had two women at work cleaning windows and floors over at the house. They are working under great disadvantages as it is rainy and cold they have to heat water in our wash house and carry it through the muddy alley. They did a good days work however considering the state the workmen left the house in.

Thursday, April 24, 1873

Today I suppose the Peebles family leave for home, as it is the day appointed. I hope they will have a prosperous and pleasant journey across the deep. The loss of the Atlantic a few weeks since makes every one feel more anxious than usual. It has been bright but rather cold today and I have had nothing done in the house. In the evening

Ma, Mary and I went down to see Emma Spry. She looks as though she could not live much longer, but seems to think of nothing else than getting better all the time. While there Mrs. Gregory called Ma over and told her of two girls whom we could probably get so we went to see one, Carrie Jones who promised to come to me in two weeks and after supper Ma and Jennie saw the other one who said she would let Ma know her decision next week.

Friday, April 25, 1873

Mary Wilson finished cleaning the windows, and all the floors she could today. The range came and was put up so they had hot water there in the after noon. I went over in the morning and commenced working at the windows but Ma would not let me keep at it. I finished another pincushion cover, buff java canvas worked in turkey red floss. I was down to Emma Spry's again with Ma and they kept us to tea. When I came home it was raining a little and it has been snowing a little every few minutes today.

Saturday, April 26, 1873

There was nothing we could do at the house this morning as all that we can do until the painters are done inside, is done so we must just wait as we have been doing for months. I cut out five bird eye linen aprons for myself today which with the plain linen one I have, will make half a dozen. I nearly made two of them but Ma wouldn't let me finish them. Aunt Mary was here in the afternoon and Gussie Halderman called as she is going away next week.

Sunday, April 27, 1873

Pa Ricker is 50 years old today and Mr. Tewksbury is 55 years. I went to church in the forenoon and Jimmie in the evening.

Monday, April 28, 1873

Providence does not seem to favor our going to house keeping. We had intended putting down the carpets in our room and the dining room today but it began to rain this morning and we will have to wait for fair weather before we can get straw to put under the carpets. Jno Peebles was to have gone on the train this morning to be in N.Y. to meet the family when they land. I suppose he met Rob at Hamden as that was their intention.

Tuesday, April 29, 1873

It rained, no I believe rain did not hinder us today. The man went after the straw although it looked as though it would rain, and after all forgot to bring any to me. I made another trip out to his house after tea and he promised to go immediately after supper and tie up a bundle to take to the house in the morning.

Wednesday, April 30, 1873

This morning proved favorable so we went to work and put down the carpets in my room and the dining room and when that was done we had time enough left to move our bed room furniture which we did and stayed in our new home this evening. We will have to take our meals at home until we get supplied with the necessaries of house keeping here. I feel sorry to think the time has come to leave my father's house but know it had to come and console myself that I'll not have to go far.

Had a letter from Grandpa Ricker who said he hoped we were in our own house by this time and we just were and that was all. Did not get the letter until we were nearly ready for bed.

Thursday, May 1, 1873

We ate our supper here, the first eating we have done in the house. The little round table, that I have all my life been wanting, was set out covered with a beautiful white, new linen cloth, plain thin white china and silver forks and spoons with the handsome ivory handled knives that Pa gave me. The best part of the meal was to hear my husband ask a blessing at our own little table. I never heard him but once before and that was at Mrs. Chris Young's table when we were taking tea there. My rag carpet in the dining room is an object of universal admiration. Every one who sees it says it is the prettiest one they ever saw. The table and chairs are oak and with my sewing machine complete the furniture of the room. I have no pictures hung yet but hope to soon.

Friday, May 2, 1873

I cooked our first breakfast here this morning and when I went over home to get cream for Jimmie's coffee I asked Pa to come to breakfast and he did, ate the first meal that was really cooked in the house, as I did not cook any thing we had for tea last evening. This seemed like the parting day in reality as we are now absent from the table which has been made much smaller. Jimmie, baby and I all sat together on one side and it makes a good deal of difference when three are away.

Saturday, May 3, 1873

Carrie Jones came this after noon according to promise and went to work. Got her room ready for the furniture which was soon after moved in and she was ready to get tea for us at 5 o'clock. We had preparatory lecture this after noon but I could not leave the house and so missed it.

Sunday, May 4, 1873

We feel quite settled as for a dining room, kitchen and bed room go and had several family callers today. Uncle Enos, Sam and Jas Wood were here. Jimmie and I went to church in the fore noon. Mary kept Maggie, Miss Switzer kept her while we went to Communion in the after noon.

Monday, May 5, 1873

Had breakfast about 6:30 and when Carrie went after milk I told her to tell Pa to come over if their breakfast was not ready so he came walking in a few minutes after. After breakfast I had a good many little things to do to get the clothes ready for washing and had to send down street for a wringer, pins, starch set. Ma came in just as dinner was about ready and ate her first meal with us. All the family but Mary have been here to eat with us now. Carrie got through with her washing in very good season and by tea time when the walks are washed off and every thing in order the place will look better. Ma and Miss Fanny Switzer were in to spend the evening with me. I was over there a while after my tea was over. Sallie Peebles was here an hour or more this after noon and is quite pleased with the house as far as it is finished. Miss Emma Bell and Sadie Collins were here after tea.

Tuesday, May 6, 1873

Carrie was doing her ironing today and I was doing little things that had to be done, principally cleaning, and was very tired when night came. I cleaned Maggie's buggy with Sapolis and it is wonderful what a change it wrought in its appearance. The metal

parts shine as bright as when new and the paint looks like fresh except on the outside of the wheels where it is worn. Maggie and Emma Jones came in soon after tea and spent the evening with me and Jimmie took them home. Ma and I were down street a while in the evening and I got material for a new dress for Maggie and a red table cloth to put over the table when not in use.

Wednesday, May 7, 1873

Mary came over to spend the day with me and help me sew on some dresses for Maggie but I had to go down street first and did not get to sew until after dinner. She brought the Marseilles and trimming for one dress as a present to Maggie. We got one done all but the fastenings and the other nearly done. She stayed until after supper but as it was prayer meeting evening, none of the family came in after wards. Jimmie came home early and brought a letter from Pa Ricker in which he sent me a check for \$50.00. He is constantly adding to my load of obligations which is beyond my power to repay long since.

Thursday, May 8, 1873

Carrie and I put the carpet down in the front room up stairs this fore noon and could have put another down after dinner if we had only had the straw. Not having the straw I sewed on Maggie's dresses. Mary came over to see that I made the pockets to put on the over skirt of one of them as she had ordered. I did not get much else done but by improving every movement until bed time I succeeded in getting the second dress nearly ready for the button holes and put eight button holes in a pillow case which was not at home when I made the others. I have at last got a pair of large pillows for my bed and one pair of slips that will fit them.

Friday, May 9, 1873

When Lizzie came over this morning she said Ma was not very well so I went over, Pa went to Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Lloyd's 40th anniversary last night but Ma was not well enough. She said I could have the straw in a bed she had so I sent Carrie after it and we put down the parlor carpet. I had to finish it alone. The Peebles family came home on the evening train and I would have gone with Pa to the depot to see them only the train was behind time as is usually the case on special occasions.

Saturday, May 10, 1873

This morning Ma, Jennie and Lizzie went to see Mrs. Peebles and the girls but I could not get ready until after dinner when Mary, Maggie and I went together. I was glad to see them of course but the call I make will not be very satisfactory until after the general rush is over and I can have a quiet visit. Maggie gave Maggie Ricker a beautiful little gold locket with blue and set with three little pearls, her picture in one side. Before we had gone a square from the house Maggie put it in her mouth and ruined the picture which was a cause of deep regret to me but perhaps I can replace the picture.

Sunday, May 11, 1873

Went to the church in the morning but not at night.

Monday, May 12, 1873

Carrie washed as usual and I assisted a little with the dinner. There is so much that I want to do about the house and can't because other people fail to come up to their engagements. The straw man won't bring straw, the painters won't paint, the upholsterers won't bring the furniture and so on through the whole catalogue.

Tuesday, May 13, 1873

The house work went on as usual this forenoon and after dinner Ma and I went down street to see about shades and some other things and when we were through with the errands, she stopped at Mrs. Little's and I went on to see Maggie Jones a few minutes, from there we went to Mr. Peebles but as usual there were others in and my visit was principally with Sallie. We did not stay long as it was late and I have made up my mind to go with Jimmie so I must make a little preparation for that. Nearly all the family were over in the evening.

Wednesday, May 14, 1873

We were off, Jimmie, Maggie and I, at 6:15 this morning in a buggy for Buena Vista where Jimmie has some business to attend to and I wanted to make Aunt Maria McCall a little visit as it was a good opportunity. We had a delightful morning ride, reaching our destination a little after 9 o'clock the distance being seventeen miles. The lower part of the road is rough being nearly covered with broken stone and not even granted

as yet. Aunt Maria was delighted to see us and Maggie was soon enjoying herself very much, running after the chickens and turkies.

Thursday, May 15, 1873

We did not get up quite as early as usual this morning as Aunt Maria's girl went home with the tooth ache about an hour before we got there and consequently she has to do the work. Besides there was no hurry as the sale which Jimmie is attending does not begin until 10 o'clock. The days seem very long to me having nothing to do but follow Maggie around as I forgot to put my work in the basket after getting it ready. We left Aunt Maria's after 5 o'clock PM and reached home about 8 ½ having had a delightful drive. Carrie had gone out with the key and we could not get in the house so we had to stay at Pa's for the night. He went to bed before we got there as he was expecting to go up on the Bostona about 3 o'clock in the morning.

Friday, May 16, 1873

As Pa was gone this morning everybody indulged in a good long sleep and 7 o'clock found the family still in bed. Jimmie dressed in a hurry and went to the store when he found how late it was and Maggie and I came home to get our breakfast as Carrie had been to the house twice to see if we had come. I was all day long trying to get into my old routine and did not succeed very well at last. It being the last of the week I did not care to begin any thing.

Saturday, May 17, 1873

Maggie and Mary Peebles made their first call on me in my own house this afternoon. I was very glad to welcome them into it and hope it is the first of many visits from them. Maggie brought me a pretty pair of little tidies for the sofa and a large crocheted tidy for the large rocking chair. Our first invited guest to tea, out side of the family was Mr. Van Allen who took tea with us this evening. He is a business friend of Jimmie's.

Sunday, May 18, 1873

I was not out to church at all today, did not feel well and Maggie is not well at all and required a good deal of attention from me. Henry Tracy was here a few minutes this evening.

Monday, May 19, 1873

It rained today and Carrie did not wash as usual. Ma was over this morning on her way to see Hattie Sterett who leaves this morning for a visit home after an absence of nearly three years. Jennie and Sallie Gilbert came in this evening and sat with me until Jimmie came home. I am not getting much done for Maggie takes up nearly all my time.

Tuesday, May 20, 1873

It was a bright clear day and Carrie got the washing all dried and out of the way. Our water arrangements are so complete in the kitchen that it is much easier to do the washing than in most houses and Carrie gets along nicely with it. Lizzie came over this forenoon and helped me cut out my pink percale dress, or a part of it. We did not accomplish much for Maggie is unusually troublesome. After dinner I did not do any thing at it at all. Will and Ella Bonsall and Jennie McFarland were here this evening and made a call.

Wednesday, May 21, 1873

This day seems to be a blank, I can't remember any thing that occurred at all. Our ironing is one day behind so that was done I know but after that I do not know. I do remember how that Mrs. Gregory was here just before church and that I missed a call from Mrs. Towne by being over home about five minutes.

Thursday, May 22, 1873

After dinner Maggie and I went out to make a few calls. Called to see Mrs. Lodwick and Mrs. Goshorn but did not get in, went to Mrs. Chas Greene's and did not get it. Did an errand at Mr. Connolley's and then stopped at Mrs. Pursell's a little while and finished the after noon with Maggie Peebles who was alone. Her father and mother being up the river, Mary down street and Sallie and Mattie had just gone up to Mrs. Tewksbury's and tomorrow they intend going out house to stay.

Friday, May 23, 1873

I believe I've been at home all day Miss Switzer came in to sit with me until Jimmie came home as is her custom. I can always depend upon her for company on Friday evenings.

Saturday, May 24, 1873

It has been very, very warm today but I had the courage to go out and stir up two cakes, one in the fore noon and another after dinner. I took Maggie down to get a picture taken this morning and after we were through there, we went to see Maggie and Mary Peebles a few minutes. I was at home all the after noon, sewing when I had a chance on my pink dress. Jimmie brought me a "polka dot", white with a large black dot, this evening.

Sunday, May 25, 1873

Jimmie and I went to church in the morning but did not go in the evening.

Monday, May 26, 1873

Have been at home all day except a few minutes before tea when I went over to my other home. The girls there were preparing for a club meeting and I was preparing to have Charlie Greene here to tea. Mary came and when we were about half through eating and Pa came in just in time to eat a dish of ice cream. After tea Mrs. J. K. Lodwick and Mrs. Goshorn called but made a short call on account of an approaching shower. We have had three sudden showers today which was good for the grasses if not for the clothes on the line. I bought three plants today, they looked so bright and pretty that I could not resist the temptation though I do not know where to put them now I have them. Jimmie sent up a refrigerator this evening which he bought at a bargain from Charley Pursell only paying \$10.00 for a \$25.00 one and it is as good as new though it has been used.

Tuesday, May 27, 1873-No Entry

Wednesday, May 28, 1873-No Entry

Thursday, May 29, 1873

I have been sewing on my dress all I could today and have the waist almost done. I do not usually get to work until after dinner. Miss Switzer was here to tea but left immediately after to fulfill an engagement with Miss Sheldon at the Seminary.

Friday, May 30, 1873

This being Decoration day the schools have a half holiday and we were all going down to Turkey creek but began arrangements too late in the day and could get no team. I took my sewing over home and thought I would spend the afternoon there as I have never been over to stay any time since we moved. The folks wanted us to stay to tea so we did. Had strawberries for supper. I have my pink dress ready for the band after so long a time.

Saturday, May 31, 1873

This morning I baked some sponge cake and made what preparation I had to make in order to be ready for the after noon's expedition. Immediately after dinner Ma, Mary, Jennie, Lizzie, Miss Switzer, the boys and Ralph, Jimmie, Maggie and I started in the bus for Turkey creek, stopped for Maggie Jones and as she could not go, we took Emma. Had a delightful drive down and back and a very pleasant time while there. It was bedtime when we were back and ready for bed.

Sunday, June 1, 1873

Jimmie went to S. S. and I went to church in the forenoon. Cousin Duvall, Julia and the children, Mr. Voorhies and his baby, Uncle Jimmie and nearly all of our own family were here this after noon. Jimmie went to church in the evening.

Monday, June 2, 1873

Our warm weather which has been a long time on the way has arrived in full force and it promises to be permanent. I was down street this forenoon doing some errands. Ma and I went to inquire about Emma Spry, Ma and Maggie saw her for a few moments but I did not. I went on down street to see Geo Watkins about the pictures and Mr. Beardsley about the frescoing and then to the store, coming home from there. On my way I saw Geo Bell who is here on a visit. The reading club met over home this evening and Maggie and I went over and visited with some of the members quite a while before the exercises commenced. Jimmie came up in time for the cake and ice cream.

Tuesday, June 3, 1873

This morning I had to go down street again to do some errands for Ma Ricker and while I was at Mr. Towell's I selected a pretty honey colored spread for our bed as I do not want to use the Marseilles I have for every day. I went to Mr. Stillman's and found that the pictures we had order for Pa and Ma Ricker were finished so I selected frames for them. After dinner I did not do any thing for the morning walk had tired me out. Mrs. Graham was her just before tea and Jennie was here to tea.

Wednesday, June 4, 1873

Ma came over this morning to say that Carrie Kelley and Grandma Moore were over there and she couldn't find one of the girls and she did not know what to do, I told her I would go over as soon as I could get ready and would have them spend the after noon and take tea here. She wanted us to come over to dinner but I thought we had better not. Pa, Ma, Grandma, Carrie Kelly, the two Misses Switzer and our two girls were here, Lizzie was to have come but Nell Gaylord over persuaded her to go up there this afternoon.

Thursday, June 5, 1873

After tea Mary, Maggie and I walked out to see Sallie and Mattie, intended spending part of the evening with Ella Overturf but before we went over there her mother came along and Ella went home from Sallie's with her so I did not think it best to go. Her baby is not very well, never has been very healthy I believe. After Jimmie got the mail he came out and about 8 ½ o'clock we came home. It was a beautiful evening and we enjoyed the evening very much.

Friday, June 6, 1873

Misses Mary and Fannie Switzer were to have spent this evening with me but callers prevented them, so I spent it alone until Jimmie came home which was not very late. I finished a little dress which I have been making over for Maggie and am very well satisfied with the result of my labors. All of her last summer dresses are too long in the skirt and short in the waist. This one I made a deep yoke and put the skirt on to that which made it just right.

Saturday, June 7, 1873

Our new neighbors have finally settled themselves in the little school house which I hope they will tire of, not that they are annoying but the smoke from their stove pipe is. Maggie and Mary Peebles were here this after noon.

Sunday, June 8, 1873

I did not go to church this forenoon but went to see the babies baptized. There were eleven of them, Mary Edith Ketchum, Richard Parker Rifinberrick, Margaret Bell Patterson, Alber Foster Johnson, H. C. Wilson Croude, Julia Eda Pratt, an Irwin, a Mackey, a Thompson, Mr. Lukin's boy and one other that I did not know.

Monday, June 9, 1873

I gathered up and got the clothes ready for the wash and then began ripping the ruffles off my linen dress which is too short in waist and skirt this summer and I have it to fix before it can be worn. I did not succeed in doing more than rip it and Mary's dress like it which she gave me to fix with mine but have it ready now to work on when I get the chance.

Tuesday, June 10, 1873

This forenoon I began a work which I have not been anticipating with much pleasure. I put away the blankets and some other woolens in a box and put up the hooks in the back room closet and hung the things up there which we do not need all the time. I had a general straightening up of drawers and closets and feel quite relieved now that it is done.

Wednesday, June 11, 1873

I was hoping I would get the hall carpet down today but the workmen did not get through frescoing the hall until after 4 o'clock and as our tea time is five o'clock the hall was not scrubbed until after tea. It is six weeks tonight since we spent our first night her and the hall is not finished and furnished yet. Aunt Mary Moore and Arthur were here this afternoon a little while.

Thursday, June 12, 1873

One year ago today the Peebles family left here on their European trip. Ma came over soon after breakfast and helped me all day with the hall carpet and hanging pictures.

The carpet was too small and not cut right so we had a great deal of trouble making it cover the floor but by ripping, piercing and managing we made it cover all but a little place under the stairs. Aunt Jennie Ricker was here a little while, she had brought Uncle Drew in to start on his trip up into Virginia and she was going up to the Commencement exercises at the Seminary. Hattie Damarin was the only graduate. In the evening Pa, Ma, Mary, Miss Switzer, Jimmie and I went to Mr. and Mrs. Thos Kinney's reception at Mr. Samuel Reed's. I have not been to a party before since Mr. and Mrs. Charles Green's reception at Mr. C. S. Green's last November. I enjoyed the evening very much.

Friday, June 13, 1873

Jimmie told me last night that Gay and Hattie Norton were here so I sent her a note this morning asking them and Mattie Gaylord down to tea this evening. Before we were up morning Mary came over to ask Jimmie to go down to the boat and escort Mrs. Caton and Helen up to the house. They came very unexpectedly to her and only stayed until the boat returned at noon as they are on their way to Adams Co Springs. We had a very pleasant little visit from them and they were over to our house a little while too. Ella Greene was down to ask Ma about a girl and we had a short visit with her at the gate. After dinner Geo Watkins came and put the shades up in the dining room and china closet and I succeeded in accomplishing all I wished before Hattie, Gay, Bennie Norton and Mattie Gaylord came to tea.

Saturday, June 14, 1873

It rained very hard last night and up to almost noon today it is still raining with no prospect of a change. I am glad to see it on account of the grass and flowers and I suppose the gardens and crops need it too. We heard of a new cousin today who arrived about 3 o'clock this morning and as it's a girl, Uncle Sam and Aunt Mary's first daughter, suppose it will be another Mary in the family.

Sunday, June 15, 1873

I was not out to church at all today, I did not feel well enough to go and could scarcely take care of Maggie at home. Mr. Chester preached so Jimmie told me.

Monday, June 16, 1873

Mr. J. W. Collins died about 11 o'clock this fore noon, he has been sick or in very poor health for a long time. His will be the third funeral from their house within the last three years, and Mrs. Collins' mother, Mrs. Bell makes the fourth death in their family. This has been a very warm day and Maggie has not felt well at all. Her double teeth are troubling her a good deal. I have been altering my linen dress today and did not get it done. Mrs. Sherman Johnson was here with her baby just at tea time and after tea Miss Switzer came in and sat awhile.

Tuesday, June 17, 1873

It has not been quite so warm today, at least it has been a little cloudy and a pleasant breeze prevented our feeling the heat so much in our room. I was sewing through the day and after tea I spent about two hours in the yard weeding, watering and transplanting. I have several tomato and bean plants which I found growing in the yard and there are several melon and pumpkin vines which I am going to take care of and see what good they will do. Ma has been down at Lucy Rifenberick's nearly all day helping to make a dress for Mrs. Collins.

Wednesday, June 18, 1873

Lizzie is seventeen years old today, she came over and took breakfast with us but unfortunately that was all we had to give her.

Thursday, June 19, 1873

I came to a sudden determination this after noon to go and make calls after an early tea and went to tell Mary she had better go too. We were all ready when Jimmie came home to tea and said a telegram had been rec'd announcing the accidental death of Mr. S. B. Drouillard while out hunting with his brother-in-law near Gallipolis. He shot him self while in the act of blowing out the barrels supposing them both to be empty. It was a great shock to his family. We had intended calling on Mrs. Sam Reed but as she is a near neighbor of Mrs. D's thought we had better not go there. Called on the bride Mrs. Toni Kinney, went to see how Em Spry was, made little visits at Maggie Jones', and Mrs. Geo Johnsons. The Peebles family were all out to tea. Called on Mrs. Perkins Pratt.

Friday, June 20, 1873

I do not remember much about this day, I suppose it was warm and I sewed and took care of Maggie as usual.

Saturday, June 21, 1873

The longest day of '73 has come and gone and it was a warm one as well. Mr. S. B. Drouillard was buried this afternoon but I did not go to the funeral. Maggie and Mary Peebles were here to take tea and spend the evening and John and Sallie would have been but for a telegram saying Mr. Blaine would be in on the evening train which of course did not arrive until about 11 PM as is usually the case when a body is waiting for some one. I sent word for Mr. B. to come too but John did not think he would so none of them were here.

Sunday, June 22, 1873

Was not out at all today I believe, yes I went in the evening to church, and Jimmie kept Maggie.

Monday, June 23, 1873

Miss Hamilton came early this morning and went to work on the overskirt to my pink my dress which I had left for her to do. I fixed all the ruffling and she finished it by night and did a little hemming besides.

Tuesday, June 24, 1873

My calico dress that Jimmie got some weeks ago was cut out this morning, while, with an immense black polka dot is the style of the goods. I did not expect to follow so close on the heels of fashion in that freak but he saw some other getting dresses off a bolt of the good at Towell's and said he would take what was left for me so I have a "polka dot" as well as every body else.

Wednesday, June 25, 1873

The polka dot was finished and Maggie's pillow cases commences today. The dress is made after a semi-wrapper, semi-duster pattern with a shirt waist and over skirt, quite a combination of styles but it promises much comfort for the coming warm days.

Thursday, June 26, 1873

Was not out any where today, devoted my entire attention to Miss Hamilton and the sewing. I can't do very much at best because Maggie requires a good deal of my time and I give it to her.

Friday, June 27, 1873

This morning Ma came over and said she had been up to see after Mr. Wood whom the Dr. told her was sick. She failed to effect an entrance but Jimmie went up to take him some medicine and saw him.

Late in the afternoon I went down street to do some errands and Jimmie and I went and saw him and asked him to come down and stay at our house but he would not. I stopped at Mr. Peebles' a few minutes but did not see any one but Mrs. Peebles. Maggie had sat up with the Johnson baby the night before and was sleeping and Mary was out.

Saturday, June 28, 1873

Today ends Miss Hamilton's first week with me and as the folks over home are needing her so badly, I told Ma they had better take her next week. I have a great deal to do but intend to try and get along without her until fall now. I have spent almost all week gathering and lasting ruffles on sham sheets and pillow cases.

Sunday, June 29, 1873

Felt almost too badly to sit up today, or rather this forenoon so I slept and by noon I felt much better. Jimmie and I both went to church in the evening and Maggie stayed over home with Ma.

Monday, June 30, 1873

Carrie was sick and did not wash today, I am not feeling very well and so there was not much done about the house. I sewed all day, can do that under almost any circumstances. Put a facing on one of my dresses, finished a pair of drawers for Maggie and made her three other pairs. Made a dozen or more button holes and took care of baby all day nearly myself.

This has been a delightful day, just the kind to enjoy. It has been sprinkling at intervals all day and the sun has scarcely shown his face. Miss Switzer left this morning for her summer trip and when she returns will go to the Seminary instead of our house.

Tuesday, July 1, 1873

Although Carrie was not much better today she washed before dinner then after taking a nap an hour long, did some of the ironing as she wants to go home the first chance she gets. Ma was not over here yesterday not today and only a few moments Sunday evening. Her time is so taken up with Mr. Johnson's baby that she does nothing but run home occasionally when they will let her leave them. I was over home this evening a little while and met the Kirk girls, two of them there.

Wednesday, July 2, 1873

Instead of going on the Potomac this morning, Pa and Ma will wait until tomorrow evening and go down on the Fleetwood, making their trip in the shortest time possible. Carrie went home this afternoon and just as I had put the tea on, her substitute came so I showed her how I wanted things managed about the kitchen. In the evening she held quite a (?) very much to our annoyance about bed time.

Thursday, July 3, 1873

Sarah went through her morning work but I am not favorably impressed. On the noon train a friend of hers arrived prepared to remain over the 4th but I told her she could not have company to stay here at night so they found other quarters in the evening. Pa and Ma left on the Fleetwood about 11 PM for a trip to the blue grass regions. We have had a good deal of fun out of their trip already. They have been talking of it for some time and it will be over before they realize that they have started.

Friday, July 4, 1873

I believe this has been without exception the most quiet 4th I ever saw. I was very glad to get Sarah and her friend off to the picnic and spent the forenoon until 11 o'clock cleaning up the kitchen after her one day's work. We all went over to spend the day with the girls. The boys went down on the Potomac as a celebration of the day. We spent a very comfortable quiet day. Almost every body went out of town under some pretext or other. After supper we were visited with one of the most terrific wind storms I ever witnessed. It only lasted a few minutes but in that time blew off roofs, chimneys, uprooted trees, among others one of Pa's shade trees, and killed one poor old beggar man who was under a tree that was struck by lightning.

Saturday, July 5, 1873

The friends and acquaintances of Maggie Noel received quite a shock in the news of her death yesterday morning. She was just the picture of health and was taken very suddenly. Jimmie says he thinks he saw her in town this week. Pa and Ma came home this morning before we were up. Jimmie, baby and I were asleep in their bed, having concluded to stay all night with the girls. Ma went right over to Mr. Gilbert's to see the Johnson baby and was not in the house until breakfast was ready. I came home and brought Jennie with me to spend the day. Dismissed my kitchen company, preferring their room to their work. Had Geo and Maggie Bell and Mary Glidden here to tea.

Sunday, July 6, 1873

Maggie is 23 months old today. I went to church in the evening.

Monday, July 7, 1873

Jimmie was quite sick during the latter part of the night so I did not call him when I got up to get breakfast. He was up in time to take a cup of coffee however and was better at noon. I got along nicely with my work today and was not as tired as I have been many times after walking a little too much. Jennie was here to tea and helped me get the dishes out of the way and then we went over to the other house to see Ella and Dwight Greene.

Tuesday, July 8, 1873

Just after I had finished eating breakfast, John came over and told me that Emma Spry was dead. She died about 7 o'clock or a little before, this morning. I was not surprised for I have been expecting it a long time. Poor Emma has been a great sufferer with no ground for hope of recovery for eighteen months at least. It was two years on the 4th of July since she took cold at Lucy Ireland's wedding and has never been well since but only last Saturday expressed a belief that she would get well and was hoping to be out soon. Ma has been down there all day.

Wednesday, July 9, 1873

I did not go down to Mr. Spry's today, I can not go more than once and want to see Emma after she is in the case, today they have her in a refrigerator and nothing but her face can be seen. It seems hard to realize that she is gone although she has been sick so long. How the family will miss her.

Thursday, July 10, 1873

I finished up my work early this morning and then took Maggie over home and waited for Ma to get ready to go down to Mr. Spry's. I stayed until they had put her into the case and then went and took a last look at my earliest Portsmouth friend. She was about the first girl with whom I became acquainted in school and we are the only two of the class that have kept up our friendship, now she is gone and I am left. I could not go to her funeral, all the family went but me and I had to stay with Maggie. Pa was one of the pall bearers.

Friday, July 11, 1873

Kate Glover and Jennie Stewart were here just before tea and after tea Sallie Seins Gilbert and Lake Leins were in to see the house. The weather is very warm as it usually is at this season of the year. Mrs. Dr. Hempstead met with a very serious accident, she broke a bone in her thigh or hip I do not know which, she will probably never be up again as she is very old and feeble anyway.

Saturday, July 12, 1873

I was very busy all the forenoon in the kitchen and had made very complete arrangements for tomorrow when Jimmie came home and said that he had rec'd a telegram from Mr. Brooks saying he and his wife would be here tomorrow. I had no girl but was ready for them any way. In the evening we went over home and got our suppers and then went riding.

Sunday, July 13, 1873

It is just ten years today since the union generals made their appearance at Yazoo City and we decided to come away with them. Mr. and Mrs. B. came this morning and in the evening Davy and Mr. Cadot were out to call on them. Uncle Jimmie Wood was here, also Uncle Sam and all of our own home folks. We all four went to church and left Maggie with her grandma.

Monday, July 14, 1873

I am very thankful indeed that Carrie has come back and is here to do the work today. I did not have her wash as I wanted to have Davy and Maggie Jones here to tea. Maggie Peebles came to call just before tea and as soon as tea was over, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, Davy and Maggie, Jimmie baby and I went to take a drive. We enjoyed it very much and when we came home about 8 ½ o'clock we found that Mr. and Mrs. Wm Pursell had been here to call.

Tuesday, July 15, 1876

Jimmie is thirty two years old today. Mary left home this evening on her summer trip with the Greene family. She went to the hotel at bed time to stay with them as they take the 3 AM boat for Huntington on their way to the sea shore. After tea Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, Jimmie, Maggie and I went over home to spend the evening with the folks. Maggie Jones came up too and there was quite a party of us.

Wednesday, July 16, 1873

It seems so lonely today, Mary having gone from the other house last night and Mr. and Mrs. Brooks from our house today. Ma, Jennie and Lizzie came over after breakfast and stayed until after our company had gone. We enjoyed their visit so much, and they seemed to enjoy being with us, particularly Maggie and she was fond of them too. We heard this morning that little Lottie Brown was dead. She has had scarlet fever and we thought she was about over it but there is no telling about that treacherous disease.

Thursday, July 17, 1873

The Johnson baby died today after nearly a month of suffering. Ma has been there all day. I have very little opportunity of seeing her lately but suppose she will have a little more time now.

Friday, July 18, 1873

The baby was buried today, I have been stitching away all day. Began the pillow case belong to Maggie's red chain stitched set for her bed, yesterday and as soon as I finish that the set will be done and I will then begin to put my other things in order. I fear if I do not finish it right now it will never be done.

Saturday, July 19, 1873

I spent the forenoon in the kitchen baking and preparing for tomorrow and wanted to have cousin Libbie Ferguson here to tea, or else have Maggie and Jim Jones but Jimmie felt too badly to have any one so I gave it up. After tea John had to go after Dr. McD. Who came back about bed time and found the trouble to be intermittent fever.

Sunday, July 20, 1873

Jimmie and I were both at home all day. He was not able to sit up long at a time. In the evening Uncle Drew, Aunt Jennie, Uncle Jimmie were here.

Monday, July 21, 1873

This has been quite a cool pleasant day except a while in the afternoon. Jimmie did not have any fever today but is not much better otherwise. Mrs. Peebles and cousin Libbie Ferguson and Eddie were here to tea. After tea Uncle Drew and Aunt Jennie were here and waited until the mail opened. Ma had a short letter from Mary who is at White Sulphur Springs but she did not say when they got there, how long they would remain or where they would go next. Mrs. Sherman Johnson left for her eastern home today, it will be a sad journey to her, going without the baby when she had anticipated so much pleasure in having it with her.

Tuesday, July 22, 1873

This afternoon Maggie and I accepted Ma's invitation to go over there and take tea with Mrs. Peebles and cousin Libbie. We went early and had to do all the receiving and entertaining until supper was ready as they have no body but little Kate to do any thing. Mr. and Mrs. Towne were there also and Jimmie was there to tea. He is still on the sick list though better than he was a day or two ago. We stayed until nearly or quite, nine o'clock and then Jimmie felt as though he must get home and go to bed.

Wednesday, July 23, 1873

Libbie was to have gone home today but did not she has stayed longer now than she had intended. Emma Voorhies was here with her baby after supper. The baby is so much better since their visit to the country. Flo McConnel brought Mollie's bay up for me to see. It was asleep and we did not take it out of the buggy but I thought it

looked very small. After Jimmie came home we went up to Uncle Enos' to see him a few minutes and I went on up to see a woman on 3rd street but did not find her.

Thursday, July 24, 1873

I have been in the mosquito bar business all day and succeeded in getting nine made up again and then made Maggie's new one. I feel quite relieved now, not so much on account of the mosquitoes for I've only heard two or three but the flies are perfectly dreadful. Words can scarcely express the state of desperation to which we are reduced. I never saw the like and never heard of their being as bad since the time of the plague in Egypt. It seems to be the universal complaint all over the country. There is a good deal of cholera in some parts of the country and some say the flies are a sign of a healthy season and some say the reverse, it is either one or the other and I don't know which.

Friday, July 25, 1873

Jimmie had a letter from Dr. Davis this evening proposing to buy him out if they could agree upon terms. Jimmie is very anxious to sell if he can and has been for some time. I wish he was settled here in some business which he liked, for as it is I am always in dread lest he wants to go away and I do not want to leave here.

Saturday, July 26, 1873

I spent a little time in the kitchen this morning as usual. Carrie's mother was here and will be in town until sometime this afternoon so I tried to let her have as much time to visit with her as possible. Uncle Enos and Pa took dinner with us today, Uncle Enos has not been well and stayed off the boat the last two trips. In the evening I took Maggie and went down street to do some errands.

Sunday, July 27, 1873

I was not out at all today and did not feel very well Lizzie and Uncle Jimmie Wood were here to tea and before church Uncle Enos, Ma, both the girls and Flo McConnell were here.

Monday, July 28, 1873

I have been feeling badly all day, was sick in the night and did not sleep much after one o'clock, the time from then until daylight seemed very long. I managed during the forenoon to cut out four little dresses and get them ready for Miss Hamilton to commence on tomorrow and after dinner Ma came over and cut patterns for covers for the cushioned chairs and sofa in the parlor. Ma had a letter from Mary who was still at White Sulphur Springs when she wrote. They seem to be making a protracted stay there and if they do not leave there soon they will not get half through their programme.

Tuesday, July 29, 1873

Sister Jennie is twenty years old today, Miss Hamilton came last evening and this morning we began sewing again after a four week rest. Dr. Davis from Cincinnati came up today to try and buy Jimmie out of the drug store and Jimmie will have to go back with him on the Fleetwood tonight.

Jimmie went and Jennie stayed all night with me. I do not like being left in the house with no man about but expect we will have to get along.

Wednesday, July 30, 1873

This morning when Carrie was getting breakfast she saw a man sitting in the window of Pa's old stable and when Enos went to feed the cow he found two there asleep on the hay. I don't like such neighbors. Ma wanted me to stay over home tonight but I thought I'd better not as Jimmie might be home on the 3 AM boat. Lizzie stays with me tonight.

Thursday, July 31, 1873

Jimmie did not come home today so I'll not look for him until the Potomac tomorrow morning. I did not sleep half the night, between my fears, and listening for the boat which did not come I was awake nearly all the time. We are getting on very well with our sewing, at present we are making little dresses or slips or whatever they maybe. Jennie stayed with me tonight.

Friday, August 1, 1873

Jimmie came home this morning without having accomplished what he wished in making a trade with Dr. Davis. I am glad he is back again. I wish he had some business here that he liked, he can not be satisfied in his present situation and I am so much afraid he will want to go away some where else.

Saturday, August 2, 1873

Maggie and Jim Jones were here to tea this evening. I asked Jennie and Lizzie over but Jennie did not come until after tea. We had a very pleasant evening. The moon was almost full and we did not light the gas in the parlor but all sat by the windows and watched the clouds and moon.

Sunday, August 3, 1873

It has been very warm today, Jimmie was out to S. S. and church in the forenoon and communion in the afternoon but did go in the evening. I was feeling very badly all day.

Monday, August 4, 1873

Ma was over this afternoon and while she was here Mrs. Jno Nichols came to call. Before she left Jimmie came up with Mattie Wood, Maggie and Harry Crossley who had come down to the Telegraph. They only stopped here on their way over to the other house.

After I had my supper I went over and entertained the company while the folks were getting their supper ready as they have no help.

Uncle Drew and Aunt Jennie were here and I had a letter from Mary. The folks brought us some nice corn, tomatoes and a water melon.

This is Jimmie's last day as partner in the store, he and the Dr. have made a trade and the latter will be here in the morning to take possession.

Tuesday, August 5, 1873

This evening after tea we had quite a number of callers, first Mr. Meredith and little Mattie, then Maggie Peebles, Maggie Meredith and Mattie Wood, then Ma, afterwards Jennie and John, Lizzie, Maggie Crossley and Uncle Jimmie Wood so we had quite a gathering of friends and relatives.

Wednesday, August 6, 1873

Maggie is two years old today, we have ordered her silver spoon but it is not done yet. Aunt Maggie Peebles left a box of building blocks for her last evening and her Grandpa Ricker sent her a check for \$25.00. She has \$60.00 or more already. She seems to appreciate money very highly and strangely enough prefers large bills to nickel or metal pieces of any kind.

Jimmie took baby and me out riding this evening, I was very much tired out when I came back. Mollie and Mary L. Murray were here this morning. Mrs. Spry was up to see me this morning the first time I've seen her since Emma's death.

Thursday, August 7, 1873

We are still sewing away, particularly Miss Hamilton. I am not doing much but gathering ruffles. Jimmie went out to Bloom Furnace this after noon to attend the funeral of Mrs. Jno Paul who died Monday evening I believe. He was late getting back. Will and Clara Pursell were here to spend the evening. We had a watermelon but they were afraid to eat much of it. I am not and enjoy it very much indeed.

Friday, August 8, 1873

Miss Hamilton got through today and I have it to say that for once I am through with my sewing. Have nothing but some chain stitching and fancy work to do which I am expecting to enjoy very much. I have absolutely nothing which is necessary to be done right away. I have sheets, pillow cases, sham sheets and pillow covers enough to last me for years I think and they are all very nice.

Saturday, August 9, 1873

This is Saturday noon and I've finished all my day's work and when I am washed and dressed I'll have nothing to do but work on my baby flannel. Mrs. Connolly was here to see me this morning.

Sunday, August 10, 1873

I was not out to any service today but after tea Maggie and I went over home and stayed a little while.

Monday, August 11, 1873

This is Pa and Ma's 26th Anniversary.

I spent the greater part of the day in fancy work. I feel very much relieved to know that all my necessary sewing is done and I can indulge my love for such work with a good conscience.

Tuesday, August 12, 1873

I spent half this afternoon ironing and fluting ruffles. Carrie had a good many in the wash and I felt like doing it so I helped her. Ma came in about 3 o'clock and sat the rest of the afternoon.

Wednesday, August 13, 1873

Aunt Mary and Carrie Kelley were here after our tea time this evening. Carrie has just returned from a nine weeks visit down in the country and expect to go home Friday. I finished and pressed a flannel skirt that I have been scalloping and chain stitching with linen and like it very well. I also pressed one that I have lately done in silk and silk star braid which is very pretty. I put my closet and drawers in order, washed the silver I did not need for daily use and put it away and did all such things that I have been dreading for some time.

Thursday, August 14, 1873

I worked at my scalloping all day, was over home with it in the forenoon. I've nothing more important to do now and enjoy it very much. I was alone all the afternoon. The home folks are very busy as indeed they always are.

Friday, August 15, 1873

This has been a warm day. I have not sewed much today, finished scalloping a second flannel skirt with linen and began the chain stitching. Frank Cunningham was here a good while in the forenoon and it was raining while she was here. I wrote a long letter to Mary and sent it to the Revere House Boston hoping she would find it there some time. The Borhwells from Ironton are at Uncle Enos' and Ma asked them to take tea at her house this evening and then asked Jimmie and me over so we went. After tea Mrs. Jones and Maggie came to see me and I came home. Before they left, Mrs. Gilbert, Maggie and Miss Gould called. Mrs. Gharky and Mrs. Morrow were here while I was at tea so I did not see them.

Saturday, August 16, 1873

I began my day's work before 7 o'clock and it lasted until I could not see to take another stitch but I succeeded in doing more than I thought I could. Two new mosquito bars were the result of my day's work. One for my bed and one for Maggie's, hers had been made once after a fashion but I took it all to pieces and made it up on a hoop. Then both have lace on the bottom, the same pattern but mine is wider than hers.

Sunday, August 17, 1873

It was raining when we arose in the morning and when we went to bed it was still raining a slow steady rain, it seemed quite like fall. I was not away from the house at all but Jimmie attended all the services.

Monday, August 18 1873

I heard today that Aunt Sallie Young was in town and as I can not go to see her, I sent for her and Julia to come and take tea with us. I asked Pa and Ma too and they all came. Just after we left the table Mr. and Mrs. Borhwell came to make a short call, they were on their way over to the other house and Jimmie met them and told them the folks were all over here. They had their two youngest children, Ella and Lincoln with them.

Tuesday, August 19, 1873

This evening Jimmie, Maggie and I were over home to tea with Julia and Aunt Sallie. I did not want to go but Ma insisted upon it so we went. Before I came home the mail was brought in and I read three letters from Mary. Dan McFarland came in before I had finished reading and as soon as I was through I brought Maggie home and put her to bed. When Jimmie came home he had a letter from Mary.

Wednesday, August, 20, 1873

Aunt Sallie did not go home this morning as she had intended doing. I hemmed and marked the last pair of Maggie's sheets this forenoon which finishes my summer sewing. I wrote to the folks at Hamilton Furnace.

Thursday, August 21, 1873

Ma told me this morning that we were invited to take tea with Aunt Sallie at Julia's but I did not intend going until she came over again after dinner and insisted upon me dressing and going to ride with Jimmie and Aunt Sallie and stopping there to tea, so I did. She wouldn't go after all so Ma told us to take Jennie and we went out by the Lover's Lane road and had a nice long drive, took tea at Julia's with Pa, Ma and Aunt Mary and came home about 8 o'clock, I was pretty tired and got ready for bed and lay down and played with Maggie awhile before going to sleep. Jane Bass was here this morning and promised to come and stay when I need her. Mrs. Joe Reed and Mrs. Barnet were here a few minutes this morning.

Friday, August 22, 1873

Oh how thankful I was when I awoke this morning and realized what had taken place during the night. After sleeping until midnight I awakened suffering occasional pains and Jimmie went after Ma and the Dr. and Aunt Sallie and by two o'clock the much dreaded ordeal was passed and I was the mother of a son which Ma and Aunt Sallie took up stairs to bed with them and they all three slept there until morning. I feel so thankful for God's goodness and mercy in sparing me the protracted suffering that some mothers have to endure. A remarkable fact in the case is that Aunt Sallie Young dressed the boy and the only other baby she ever dressed was me, in New Orleans almost twenty-five years ago. Lizzie went to Cin today with Ella Wright.

Saturday, August 23, 1873

Mrs. Peebles and Mrs. Tewksbury were in today to see us. I am doing very well and feel that company is all I want but I suppose it would not be the best thing for me.

Sunday, August 24, 1873

Jimmie stayed at home with me this forenoon after S. School. Maggie went to S. S. with her Grandma.

Monday, August 25, 1873

I am getting along as well and comfortably as any one could but find it very warm. I have so much to be thankful for and not the least cause of thanks is having Jane to take care of baby and me for she is so good. Just the one of all others that I prefer and it seemed providential that she came just when she did for it has been almost eight years since she was in town before. The baby is as good as he can be, sleeps almost all the time and has never cried any yet.

Tuesday, August 26, 1873

Ella Bonsall was in this after noon and while she was here a thunder storm came up or rather a flash of lightning struck a house on 3rd street and was succeeded by one of the loudest reports I ever heard.

Wednesday, August 27, 1873

The races which were postponed yesterday were commenced today and Jimmie was very late coming home to supper. I began to fear that Jennie would miss her supper at both houses before church time. It rained again in the evening. It has rained every day this week so far.

Thursday, August 28, 1873

This has been a particularly long and lonesome day. Jimmie went to the races in the afternoon and the recent rains have so disabled the gate that no one could open it today and at least two of my visitors were shut out. Aunt Mary came to sit awhile but could not get in as I afterwards heard and Dell Ramsey was kept out in the same way and I was very sorry about it because I felt the need of their company very much.

Friday, August 29, 1873

There is not much difference in the days I spend in bed, they are all hot and generally rather lonely. The girls are in the kitchen and Jennie is here at meal times, often remains a while but there are few people coming in. Every body is busy or out of town and I do get lonely. Two of my neighbors Mrs. McFarland and Mrs. Lawson were in to see me this evening. Uncle Alex Ricker and Ned were in a few minutes this forenoon. This is the last day of the races and Jimmie took Jennie and the boys out to the track in the afternoon. Uncle Drew Ricker returned from Hamilton furnace this evening having left there after dinner yesterday. Had Letters from the folks.

Saturday, August 30, 1873

I had a letter from Mary written at Niagara Falls today noon and after dinner I managed to write her an answer eight pages long but it was almost too tiresome on me. It was rather difficult to write with the baby by my side and not say any thing which would lead her to suspect that I had such company. Mount Mullin picnic took nearly every body out of town today.

Sunday, August 31, 1873

Another long, warm day has passed but Jimmie stayed with me and it did not seem quite so long as some others have. Maggie and her papa were both at S. School. The family were all in during the day and also Uncle Enos and Uncle Jimmie Wood.

Monday, September 1, 1873

This is the first day of fall, the first of school and the first that I have sat up. After breakfast I got up and dressed after a manner and did not go back to bed though I lay down several times during the day. The weather has been so warm that I am very much weakened by perspiration. I could not walk without support at first but will soon regain my strength now that I can move about. Mrs. Pursell and Mary were here in the forenoon and in the evening Maggie Peebles, Uncle Drew and Aunt Jennie Ricker and Sallie Gilbert were here. It has been an excessively warm day. Ma was here all the afternoon and stayed to tea.

Tuesday, September 2, 1873

I did not get up until after I had break fasted and then I stayed up all day. Felt as though I might have done a little sewing but thought I had better not. I want to rest all I can while Jane is here for I feel that I can depend upon her to take the entire care of both Maggie and baby and when she is gone I will have it to do my self.

Wednesday, September 3, 1873

I am still doing well, not getting very strong on account of the weather but the very warm weather is enough to make the strong and well weak. Lizzie came home from Walnut Hills this morning and speaks rapturiously of her visit. The folks are over several times every day and I enjoy seeing them come in but I am anxious for Mary to come home again, she has been gone such a long time. Mr. and Mrs. Meredith and Mattie were here a few minutes this evening, they just came up from the Springs yesterday.

Thursday, September 4, 1873

I am at work again, yesterday I got Maggie's flannel skirt ready for scalloping and put a few stitches in it and today I have been working on it a little

I had a good long letter from Mary this evening. Mrs. Spry and Therza were in to see me, Therza seems as sad as ever. They will not get over Emma's death very soon. Clara Pursell was here this afternoon.

Friday, September 5, 1873

This morning I had an attack of "blues" or something similar which almost put me to bed again. I had been worried a good deal about Carrie and Jane left this forenoon and I just felt as though I must leave too. I would have gone over home if I had dared do such a thing but as I did not, I went to bed and stayed there until Ma came over. Mrs. Connolley was here early this morning after Ma to see about a girl. Ma found me feeling so badly that she stayed all day, except to dinner. Mrs. Towne came in and sat awhile with me just before tea. Mary Bell and Nish Ramsey were here a few minutes after tea.

Saturday, September 6, 1873

I have been almost as busy all the fore noon as I ever was before I was sick only I did no hard work. Made the beds, dusted, dressed both of the children, did a little mending and straightened up a little in the top drawer. Ma and Lizzie were here all the forenoon sewing on pillow covers. In the afternoon Mrs. C. P. Tracy, Mrs. Gharky, Maggie Peebles, Em Voorhies and her baby, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. A. McFarland were here.

Sunday, September 7, 1873

Ma was over early this morning but was so hoarse she could only whisper and could not go to S. S. so I dressed Maggie and she went with her papa, he stayed home from church in the forenoon expecting to go in the evening but when evening came baby had the colic and I was alone so I did not want him to leave me.

Monday, September 8, 1873

I am twenty five years old today, Pa came in to see if I remembered it, I had commenced a letter to Mary in the morning and noticed the date so I was prepared for him. I did not do much through the day but write on Mary's letter at odd moments. Ma and Aunt Maria McCall were here in the morning and when Ma went down street

she ordered some cantin flannel for me. I am going to begin on the fall sewing. In the after noon Mrs. Tewksbury, Jennie and Ella Murray called. Sallie and Mattie Peebles, Ella and Bertha Overturf were here also and made quite a visit. I wrote to Clara King this eve after finishing Mary's letter.

Tuesday, September 9, 1873

Aunt Hamilton and Capt. Meredith were here this morning and the latter came home with Jimmie to tea and the two played several games of croquet in which I tried to join them but the baby called me in twice and then I stayed in. Ma came over in the after noon and cut out some under waists for me and one for herself. Carrie Donhain was here this afternoon, she had heard that I was lonesome and came to see me.

Wednesday, September 10, 1873

After about two hours hard work this morning I got myself and the two children ready and went over home to see the folks. It was three weeks yesterday, or today, since I was over there. I stayed to dinner and just after dinner there was a shower and when that was over I came home as it looked as though it would rain again soon and it did. Lizzie came over and trimmed up my black cactus hat for me and not it looks as good as new again.

Thursday, September 11, 1873-No entry

Friday, September 12, 1873-No entry

Saturday, September 13, 1873-No entry

Sunday, September 14, 1873-No entry

Monday, September 15, 1873

Ma is 48 and Mary is 23 years old today. I took Maggie and the baby and went over home a while after dinner. Baby slept all the time we were there. While we were there Flo McConnell came in, she has just returned from a visit to Mollie in Newport and when Maggie saw her she inquired about the "York baby" as she always does when she sees Flo.

Tuesday, September 16, 1873

This is Uncle Sam and Aunt Mary's 10th Anniversary. I have had my hands full today. Baby has been in my arms nearly all of the time and after the usual morning work was finished, a peck of quinces came which I wanted to preserve so I was nearly all the rest of the day paring them and most of the time had baby on my lap. Jennie went up to Hanging Rock to visit Maggie Crossley and attend Jennie Ferguson's wedding which comes off next Thursday.

Wednesday, September 17, 1873

This has been quite a busy day for me, after breakfast Maggie waked up and I dressed her for breakfast and made her some toast. Baby very kindly slept until I got the quince juice on to boil for jelly and then he called for me demanding his breakfast and to be dressed. The room was to be put in order and the jelly finished and after that the quince preserves to be made. I was at work at the preserves when Emma Voorheis came but she did not stay very long. Ma was over twice in the forenoon and then again in the after noon. I got the quinces out of the way and while baby was taking a nap, I pressed and began to fix up my lustre dress a little to be ready for fall. Wrote the usual letter to the folks.

Thursday, September 18, 1873

Jimmie left early this morning for Ironton to attend Jennie Ferguson's wedding which takes place this evening. She marries Mr. H. M. Adams. I wanted very much to have gone but of course could not. I felt lonely all day and sent for Ma to come and stay all night with me. I thought I could not get along with the baby unless she or Jimmie was here. She came and before bed time Miss Vincent with Hattie and Mary came in. She and Ma have not spoken before more than two years.

Friday, September 19, 1873

Just before dinner today a wagon came along with some very nice peaches and I bought a half bushel of them and put them up in the after noon. I was just finishing when Jimmie came in rather unexpectedly as I did not look for him until the boat came down but Mr. Peebles offered him a seat in his carriage which he accepted and was thoroughly chilled when he reached home.

Saturday, September 20, 1873

I did my usual work this morning and tried to get a little extra work done on my black dress which I am getting in order for winter wear. My efforts did not amount to much

however on account of young master Ricker who wants my undivided attention. After tea Jimmie went down street and Carrie was out so I had the children all to myself and while baby suffered with colic, dear little Maggie coaxed me to put the little fellow down and rock her to sleep. In the midst of it all I answered a knock at the door and found Mary there. I was more than glad to see her.

Sunday, September 21, 1873

I have not been out to church yet and do not know when I will be, I can not leave baby at all.

Monday, September 22, 1873

Early this morning the cards to Nora Hutchins and Mr. Franklin's wedding were brought. The affair comes off one week from tomorrow and promises to be quite a brilliant affair. It rained nearly all day and at supper time Jimmie said we were invited to spend tomorrow evening with Will and Ella Bonsall at Mr. McFarland's. I want very much to accept the invitation for we will meet the married folks of our own age there whom we have met so often and enjoy a quiet, pleasant social evening.

Tuesday, September 23, 1873

The rain continued this morning and the dark clouds absolutely, and resolutely refusing to allow a ray of sunlight to penetrate them did not look very encouraging either to Carrie or me, she was anxious to get the clothes dried and Jimmie did not think it advisable for me to go out in the rain. It stopped in the afternoon and as Ma was anxious for me to go too, Jimmie had the bus man call at 6 o'clock and very soon after we went up to Ella's leaving Ma and Mary to take care of the babies. We had a very pleasant time and found upon our return that the babies had done very well.

Wednesday, September 24, 1873

Jennie came home from the Rock today and came straight to our house before going home. I wrote to the folks in the evening.

Thursday, September 25, 1873

I spent the forenoon working with quinces again and I think it is about the last I shall put up though I would be glad to have more. The 20th of Oct. will soon be here and we are expecting to get off about that time and as yet there is nothing done towards

getting ready for the trip. After dinner I put the parlor in order in anticipation of Sallie's visit tomorrow. I was very tired in the evening am not strong enough to endure very much hard work yet.

Friday, September 26, 1873

I had all I could do to get the house in order this morning and myself dressed by the time I thought Sallie would come. Ma dressed baby and put him to sleep and then he would not be still long enough for one to do any thing. Maggie rode around to Ma's with Mr. Kent the market man so she was out of my way but the baby would not lie a minute without screaming. I finally got dressed and Sallie and Mattie came about 11 ½ o'clock. John and Jimmie came soon after and still Maggie had not come home so I took her clean clothes over but as she was asleep I left her and she did not come until after dinner. We had a very pleasant day but neither Sallie or I did much else than hold the baby by turns.

Saturday, September 27, 1873

Before dressing baby this morning I picked over some grapes to make some jelly and then while they were cooking I washed and dressed him. Just before putting him in the bath, I weighed him and found his weight, minus clothing, to be just twelve pounds

Sunday, September 28, 1873-No entry

Monday, September 28, 1873

Carrie Donham came to stay a while with the girls over home and they came over here in the forenoon, I would have asked her to stay to dinner but thought they would not like to (?) her from the first meal, however she came again in the after noon and I kept her to tea. She is a very sweet girl and we all think a great deal of her.

Tuesday, September 30, 1873

The notable event of today was the marriage of Nora Hutchins to Mr. Franklin. I had not expected to go but the folks prevailed upon me to leave the babies with the girls and go. Ma, Mary, Jimmie and I went about 1 o'clock to the reception and stayed about an hour and a half.

Wednesday, October 1, 1873

I did not feel any the worse for my dissipation but Ma did, she did not feel like doing anything today and so she made me a little visit. I wrote the usual letter to the Mo. Folks this evening, the baby not disturbing me at all.

Thursday, October 2, 1873

I was very agreeably surprised this after noon to see Miss Hamilton come walking in prepared to come and help me out with my sewing. I have been working along with several things on hands at once and not much prospect of getting any one of them done very soon. Kate Glidden made me a visit this after noon and after she had gone Mrs. Connelly came in and said she was taking one of her crazy spells again. She came just the same way two years ago when Maggie was like the baby is now.

Friday, October 3, 1873

Miss Hamilton commenced sewing for me today. We were finishing Maggie's water proof cloak I had already finished the sack to it. My old black luster was the next thing in order. I had a part of that done also before she came.

Saturday, October 4, 1873

Miss Hamilton and I sewed, I did not do much sewing for the baby would not let me but I managed to get one of my under waists done. I have a great deal to do between now and the time for starting on our trip.

Sunday, October 5, 1873

Jimmie did not get off to S. S. this morning as he stopped to hold the baby while I dressed Maggie who went with her Aunt Mace. He went to church and we both went in the evening and Ma took care of the children for me.

Monday, October 6, 1873

It was rainy and gloomy in the forenoon but turned quite cold and cleared off. I was out nearly all the after noon but it was so cold and disagreeable that I did not enjoy it at all. It was the first trip to the stores I have made for many weeks. I was over to Mrs. Connolley's a few minutes. Miss Hamilton commenced my new black luster this forenoon.

Tuesday, October 7, 1873

Miss Hamilton and I sewed industriously all day. Mary was in part of the time to help take care of the baby. We had a letter from the folks saying they had commenced preparations for our reception which means they have commenced building two more rooms on to their house. Mr. Connolley called to know if Maggie could go up to the store with her and Jennie dressed her so she could go. They made a very happy couple and when Maggie came home she had a pair of kid gloves which Frank Connolley gave her, they are brown and the smallest pair I ever saw. Mrs. Towne and Mrs. H. S. Neal of Ironton called.

Wednesday, October 8, 1873

Pa is 58 years old today. It has been bright and pleasant and I have been busy as usual. Miss Hamilton wanted to take the afternoon for herself so I got some work ready and took it and the baby over to sit awhile with the folks. Grandma Moore was there and so she saw her first great-grandson. Barton Greene and Amy Dickinson came down to play croquet in our yard and take tea with the folks over home, I laid aside my work and Ma took care of the baby while I took a game with the girls and their company.

Thursday, October 9, 1873

We have worked away most industriously all day. I never have much to show for my work as it is mostly taking care of the baby. I was down street today and Jimmie and I went to Mr. Nichols and got the oil cloth for the hall up stairs.

Friday, October 10, 1873

Jimmie put the oil cloth on the upper hall this afternoon, it is not quite finished because there was not quite enough to finish it. He finished fixing the shelf in the cellar and we moved the fruit down from the china closet, there are 74 jars of fruit, two

jugs of peach syrup, 5 jugs of black berry cordial and I have glasses of jelly. Mrs. C. S. Green and her daughter Mattie called this after noon. It is so pleasant out I think I would enjoy being out myself if I had time.

Saturday, October 11, 1873

I have managed to get several little things done today that I have been wanting done. We are going to try and save a barrel of sweet potatoes for this winter and this after noon Carrie wrapped them in paper like lemons and packed them in a barrel. Miss Emma Bell called this after noon.

Sunday, October 12, 1873

I went to church this morning for the first time in months. Ma came over and said she would take care of the baby while I was gone.

Monday, October 13, 1873

This is Libbie Field's anniversary, sixth I believe, no I guess it has not been so long as that but it seems like such a long time that I can not remember how many years it has been so since she was married and I one of her bridesmaids too. We have been very busy as usual today trying to do as much as we possibly could for the day of our departure is rapidly nearing. In all my hurried notes made during the last four weeks I have made no mention of the terrible scourge the cities of Memphis and Shreveport are undergoing from the yellow fever. It is simply appalling hundreds have been swept into eternity by the fearful plague. I wish it was in my power to help the sufferers.

Tuesday, October 14, 1873

This is election day and a very quiet one, we are not on one of the thoroughfares to the polls so we see and hear nothing of it at all. We are working hard to get as much done as possible before the meeting of Synod which takes place Thursday evening and we will have some company to entertain at that time.

Wednesday, October 15, 1873

Barton Greene and Jim Wheeler were here this after noon with the girls playing croquet. I got Mary to take care of the children while I went up to Mr. Connolly's to do some shopping. The afternoon was quite warm, I hope it will continue so for some time.

Thursday, October 16, 1873

Mr. Gibson and Judge Evans came on the train this evening which was late as usual and some waited tea for them and then they did not want any, having been to tea before they left Jackson. The folks over home have several visitors.

Friday, October 17, 1873

Synod is the business of the day and I wish I could take part in it but I can't. What with Miss Hamilton trying to get the sewing done and the children and company to see after too I have my hands full. I went awhile this after noon with Ma and Mrs. Caton.

Saturday, October 18, 1873

There was a preparatory lecture at our church by Dr. Taylor of Cin. in view of the service to be held tomorrow but I did not get out. Jimmie was very much delighted with the sermon. I am enjoying the talks of Mr. Gibson and Judge Evans and their account of the meetings but that is about all the good I get.

Sunday, October 19, 1873

It was raining today but Jimmie carried Maggie to S. S. and then he went to church. In the afternoon I left the baby with Carrie for the first time and went to Communion. It was very impressive and I enjoyed the service very much. Dr. Skinner, Mr. Catin, Mr. Gibson and Judge Evans were here to tea.

Monday, October 20, 1873

This was a lovely morning and the time for the departure of the delegates to Synod. Dr. McKensie and his wife and Dr. Skinner left from the other house and Judge Evens left our house in the morning and Mr. Gibson, at noon. Mrs. Mck. came over and made a call before the boat left.

Tuesday, October 21, 1873

It rained all day and I was so busy I did not go over home at all and very few of the family were over here. Their company keeps them pretty close at home and I'm too busy to go over there.

Wednesday, October 22, 1873

Mr. Catin and his mother went home on the boat today noon. Mr. L. P. N. Smith was buried this after noon. He has been at the point of death for some weeks but his friends had hopes of his ultimate recovery to the last. He was a good man, an elder in our church and the first one holding that position that has died within the past thirty years I believe.

Baby is two months old today and weighs 14lbs.

Thursday, October 23, 1873

Miss Hamilton is making up a nice white dress for Maggie, one that Mary gave me the trimming for. It has been cloudy and cool all day. I was down street on an errand after dinner. I have bought about all that we will need now. I have been trying to finish my wrapper which I had Miss H. lay aside to begin Maggie's dress. Aunt Hamilton and Aunt Wood went home on the 7 o'clock boat this morning having had a very pleasant visit.

Friday, October 24, 1873

Miss Hamilton's three weeks were up today noon and she left immediately after dinner receiving \$15.00 for her services. Uncle Alex Ricker was here to dinner and Uncle Drew looked in at the dining room door a few minutes. The delegates to the Y.M.C.A. Committee came today and there are two gentle men and one lady over home a Mr. Jennings from Dayton and Mr. and Mrs. Cobb from Cleveland. Maggie went over home with Ma to spend the night with her and take a foot bath and blue pill for her cold. Jennie is paying up all our debts preparatory to leaving.

Saturday, October 25, 1873

Today I had Jimmie bring the trunks down stairs and I began to gather up and get things in order for packing. Baby was unusually troublesome and as the folks were too busy to keep Maggie, I had all I could do with them and did not get much packing done. Barton Greene and the three girls were over playing croquet awhile I the evening. Ma invited all the Cleveland delegates to take tea at their house this evening but several had other engagements so there were only Misses Smith and Sheaff besides those already there.

Sunday, October 26, 1873

Rained all day. Went with Mary to Y.M.C.A. meeting at Bigelow in afternoon. Uncle Alex Ricker came to dinner and to stay all night. Uncle Jimmie Wood was down to tea.

Monday, October 27, 1873

Ma and Mary came over this morning and helped me finish my preparations. We were ready in good season and the bus came for us about 10 ½ o'clock and then went over home where, Mr. and Mrs. Cobb, Mr. Jennings, Ma, Mary, Jennie, Lizzie, John and Enos piled in and made a pretty good load.

The delegates to the Y.M.C.A. State convention went down in the Potomac and we had a delightful time, service in the after noon and evening. I made the acquaintance of several very pleasant gentlemen. Missrs A. C. Scott and Gamble of Cin, Mr. Keith, Mr. Stager, Mr. Smith, Mr. Sheaff, Mr. Cobb and Mr. Cook of Cleveland. Mrs. H. Thane Miller and Mr. Cheever of Cin.

Tuesday, October 28, 1873

We did not reach Cin until too late for the morning train to St. Louis so we went to the St. James Hotel to wait for the night train. It was snowy and blustery all day and I did not leave the house until we went to the depot but Jimmie went to the Y.M.C.A. Prayer meeting with Joe Murray at noon. At 5 o'clock we left the Hotel and went to the depot where Jennie and I took a cup of tea and crackers before going on the train. We had a section in a palace sleeping car and were soon comfortably settled and on our way to St. Louis.

Wednesday, October 29, 1873

We were behind time and so missed making the connection at St. Louis and also escaped a smashup. Being behind time our train lost the right to the way and the next train which took our time, ran on a broken rail and was pretty badly wrecked but it was a freight train and no body was hurt. We were so thankful that it was not our train that we did not complain of the detention and consequent expenditure. It cost us about \$1.00 for every hour we spent there. We stopped at the Southern Hotel and as Jimmie had the head ache and could not eat any way, Jennie and I always went to meals together. Our trunks did not arrive until after dinner so we had to go twice in the clothes in which we slept on the cars. Write to Pa.

Thursday, October 30, 1873

We were up and ready for the bus which took us to the depot about 8 o'clock and we had a very pleasant ride of 71 miles over a very smooth road to Sullivan and there met Grandpa Ricker with a train ready to take us to Hamilton Furnace. The six miles seemed like sixteen the road was so rough but the day was delightful and we got over safely but our hair and clothes were in a very demoralized condition. Ma Ricker almost had the hysterics when we got to the house. She could not even hold the baby until I got out of the wagon. We found two nice comfortable rooms prepared for our reception and are prepared to enjoy our stay very much.

Friday, October 31, 1873

This has been another bright pleasant day but cold enough to freeze water in buckets out of doors early in the morning. I was nearly all the forenoon getting settled and straightened up. There are drawers for the children's clothes and every thing that Ma Ricker could think of and obtain which would add to our comfort. Mrs. Louis Terry, Mrs. Tillen and Mrs. Workman were in this evening.

Saturday, November 1, 1873

We were in the house all day and no one was in. There are not many to come in. It hardly seems possible that one week ago I was at home in such a hurry about getting ready.

Sunday, November 2, 1873

It was rainy when we got up and continued so all day. There was Sabbath school in the morning and preaching in the after noon but it was too wet for me to go out.

Monday, November 3, 1873

It is three years today since I was married, had we been home we wanted to have had an anniversary supper but we are not. It is the first time that we could have had a reunion of all the attendants and this time we away ourselves. I weighed baby this morning and found him weighing 14lbs.

It was very pleasant in the afternoon so Ma Ricker, Maggie and I went out to return the calls that were made us last Friday evening.

Tuesday, November 4, 1873

Ma Ricker's girl had to go to Sullivan today and it put them to some inconvenience. I would have done some ironing but they seemed to be bothered enough without

having me in the way. Matt had a girl to take her place during her absence the same one who washed yesterday.

Wednesday, November 5, 1873

I had a letter from Pa this evening and Jimmie sat immediately down and wrote him a letter. His is the first one we have received. We have written several. Jennie and I decided to take each member of the family alternately, I beginning with Pa and she with Ma and when we have gone through with them in that order and I take Ma, ect. I ironed a little today.

Thursday, November 6, 1873

There is not much variety to our days here. They are all very pleasant. I do not go out much but have become so accustomed to remaining at home that I enjoy staying in the house and working at my sewing when I can get a chance. Jennie, Mrs. Terry, Mrs. Yillar and Mr. Workman went to see the big cistern or whatever it is, on the top of one of the hills here today.

Friday, November 7, 1873

Jimmie and Mr. Lewis went over to Scotia Furnace again today. It was a lovely day for the ride, so warm that one thought it would certainly rain before night. Jennie has not been feeling very well, has cold. My cold is better and she took some remedies and went to bed early hoping to be better in the morning.

Saturday, November 8, 1873

Brother John is 15 years old today and it is also the 3rd anniversary of John and Sallie Peebles wedding. The day has been delightful and Jennie, Jimmie and I improved it by taking a short walk up to Primrose ore bank before supper time. I have stayed in the house very closely ever since we came but must try and get out more while the weather is pleasant. Letter from Ma and Lizzie.

Sunday, November 9, 1873

Mr. Fenton Pres preacher was here today and I enjoyed the privilege of going to church twice and S. S. once today. After S. S. there was a singing school, a regular country

singing master presiding and it was funny enough to me who had never seen anything of the kind before.

Monday, November 10, 1873

I wrote to Pa this morning answering his letter to me, also sent a note to Lizzie. Jimmie was going to Sullivan after Uncle Drew and took the letters. Grandpa took Maggie up to Primrose in the buggy the weather continues beautiful. Mr. Fenton left this morning.

Tuesday, November 11, 1873

Jennie and I ironed this afternoon. Ma Ricker was over to Mrs. Deffenbach's nearly all day, little Willie who has been sick almost ever since we came, died about 4 o'clock this afternoon. It is the first death that has occurred on the furnace ground. He was a pretty little boy about two years old and his parents are young and though they have a baby left, it will be a hard trial for them to bear. I began making a flannel skirt for him this evening which I will finish in the morning.

Wednesday, November 12, 1873

I finished the skirt and Ma Ricker took it over and the family left here about 10 ½ o'clock for their farm some 15 miles distant where they will bury little Willie. It is very cold and windy a gloomy day and a very sad journey they will have travelling nearly all day in the wagon with their little darling in a coffin right before their eyes. Mr. Terry and Uncle Drew left for St. Louis today, Mr. T. is on his way home, he has been out here ever since last Jan. except for one short visit home last spring.

Thursday, November 13, 1873

We have talked a great deal about a name for the baby but never came to any conclusions about the matter until this evening. We had letters from home and Ma I believe asked if we had named him so Grandpa said it must be done at once so I said I wanted to call him William for a first name and asked Grandpa to give him a middle name and he suggested Wood, Grandma Ricker's maiden name. There being no objection offered we concluded that William Wood would be his name. I was feeling rather home sick this afternoon until Mrs. Wheeler came in and as she was needing some patterns for baby clothes, I cut some for her and my occupation brightened my spirits a good deal.

Friday, November 14, 1873

This is Mr. J. P. Terry's 41st Anniversary. I believe and Mr. and Mrs. Voorheis' sixth if I'm not mistaken. We did not get any letters from home today, there was no mail brought from the station.

Saturday, November 15, 1873

This was such a lovely afternoon that Jimmie took me in the buggy and went over to the river after the mail. We had a delightful ride but did not get any letters for ourselves.

Sunday, November 16, 1873

There was a Methodist preacher here today and I went to church twice and to S. S. Taught the same two little boys that I had last Sunday.

Monday, November 17, 1873

It was cloudy today but did not rain. I took my work and went to sit awhile with Mrs. Terry this afternoon but had not been there very long until Ma Ricker came after me to go home and see Mrs. Bathurst.

Tuesday, November 18, 1873

This has been a very cold windy disagreeable day. We have had delightful weather most of the time since we came. No letters today.

Wednesday, November 19, 1873

Uncle Drew came out today. It was a windy cold day but not half as unpleasant as it was yesterday.

We do not have very much variety in our work or entertainment. Write letters and tend the children and sew when we get a chance.

Thursday, November 20, 1873

Had letters from Enos and Mary tonight. Poor little fellow he met with a bad accident last Saturday, he went into the woods and fell from a tree and broke his collar bone, he had to walk two miles to get home after it was done.

Ma Ricker, Maggie and I went to see Mrs. Bathurst this afternoon, it was a delightful afternoon.

Friday, November 21, 1873

This has been another lovely day but we have not been out walking. Ma Ricker and I went over to the store this morning and got some calico for another wrapper for Maggie. We had letters from Mary and John this evening, Jimmie, Jennie and I. Pa Ricker had one from Pa Moore. The furnace is in trouble again this evening. Pa Ricker has been in trouble ever since we came.

Saturday, November 22, 1873

Willie is three months old today and weighs 15 ½ pounds. Uncle Drew had to go home today and Jimmie took him to Sullivan in the buggy. It began to rain just before dinner and the present prospect is that Jimmie will have to go and come in a hard, cold rain.

Sunday, November 23, 1873

It rained nearly all day and I was not out at all. There was not preacher here so we had no service. There was a wedding on the ground this after noon but none of us were honored with an invitation. Gent" Grant married the founder's daughter, widow Cheeseman.

Monday, November 24, 1873-No entry

Tuesday, November 25, 1873-No entry

Wednesday, November 26, 1873

Mrs. Workman and her children took their departure this forenoon. Mrs. Terry and Mrs. Tillar went with them to Sullivan and both came back with the headache. Grandma Ricker has her cow to keep while she is gone and so she will have plenty of milk for a while any way.

Thursday, November 27, 1873

Thanksgiving day in Missouri, it doesn't seem much like it for it is so pleasant out of doors and then there is no church service to attend and the work is going on as usual. I have been rather busier than usual for I had some washing and ironing to do preparatory to our move on the morrow.

Friday, November 28, 1873

It is very cold today or was when we got up and there was a little snow on the ground, the folks seemed doubtful about the propriety of our starting when it was so cold but I thought we could wrap up well and as we were ready we had better not wait until we had the preparations all to make over again. We had an early dinner and before we had finished it several neighbors came in to say good bye. I felt so sorry for Pa and Ma Ricker it is almost heart breaking to them to take the children away from them. We reached the cars, in safety and after a pleasant ride of about 3 hours, we reached Kirkwood and found Uncle Drew waiting for us and then went home with him to spend a few days.

Saturday, November 29, 1873

The folks are very pleasantly located in this place and I am delighted with the look of the place from the windows. The weather has moderated some what and is quite pleasant. Mrs. Singleton called with her little girl this afternoon and Jimmie went to take a walk with her when she started home.

Sunday, November 30, 1873

Mr. and Mrs. Singleton called to see if any of us would go to church with them as Jennie was ready she went and I went with Uncle Drew and Aunt Jennie. Jennie stayed to dinner with Mrs. Singleton. In the evening Jimmie and I both went with Uncle Drew

and heard a good sermon from Mr. Warner their minister. Maggie went to S. S. with the children in the evening.

Monday, December 1, 1873

I called in a wash woman this morning and suggested for the washing of one dozen clothes at the "reduced" rate of \$1.00, the regular price being \$1.25. After getting the children dressed we went up to spend the day with Mrs. Singleton, Mr. S. remaining at home in honor of the occasion. In the afternoon Uncle Drew and Aunt Jennie called and we went home with them as the baby had the colic and was very fretful.

Tuesday, December 2, 1873

Mrs. Singleton invited us to spend this evening at her house and meet some of the young people of Kirkwood at a club gathering but I was afraid to venture with the baby again. In the afternoon I walked up to see how Laura was and bid Mrs. Singleton goodbye in case I did not see her again. Laura had been sick but was better. Mr. Warner was over to Uncle Drew's to take tea with us and after tea Clem Singleton called to take Jennie up to spend the evening at his father's and she went.

Wednesday, December 3, 1873

Our last day in Kirkwood dawned rather inauspiciously, it rained and blowed all day and the folks thought it was risking a good deal to start off in such weather but as Uncle Drew lives near the depot and the walk from his house to the cars was the only exposure we would incur, I thought we had better go. We had a late dinner and then got ready, bade the folks good bye about half past four and started, the train was on time and we were soon on the way. It was dark when we reached St. Louis. We took an omnibus and went to the Planters House where we waited for the transfer bus and after we were packed into that Willie enlivened the occasion and nearly distracted me by fairly screaming with the colic until the bus started, when he went to sleep. We reached the train safely and were soon in comfortable quarters in a "Pullman sleeping car".

Thursday, December 4, 1873

We rested very well all night but I did not sleep much on account of being anxious about the baby. He had a cold and seemed hoarse and croupy and I was afraid to go to sleep. In the morning we had time to arrange our dress a little and take a cup of hot coffee which was served on board the train and then we put in the rest of our time until

after 9 o'clock, looking at our fellow passengers. There was only one other child in our car besides our two and that was a little girl exactly the same age as our baby, they were both born on the 22nd of August. We arrived at Cin. safely and went directly to the Potomac and then felt as though we were almost home. There were only two lady passengers on board whom we knew and Miss Rachel Smith was one of them.

Friday, December 5, 1873

It was quite cold this morning and there was a little snow on the ground. We were at the wharf when we awoke but we did not leave the boat until after breakfast. We went directly to Pa's as we knew our house would be cold and we wanted to visit them a while. John made some fires for us and after dinner I went over to the house and got things in order so we could sleep at home though we intended taking our meals with the folks a time or two. Carrie had left word for me to keep her place for her but was not here when we came. I was glad enough to be home once more. Found Miss Helen Catin visiting Mary and was glad to see her.

Saturday, December 6, 1873

I worked busily all day arranging drawers, trunks and closets, washing and trying to get settled once more. We went over home for our meals but laid in previous so I could begin cooking in the morning. Carrie Donham, my faithful young friend called to see us a few minutes. She was the last one here before we went away too.

Sunday, December 7, 1873

We were late getting up and Jimmie did not get out to S. S. I was not out to church even. It was a rainy day.

Monday, December 8, 1873

I had engaged a washer woman for this week but she could not come today so I went to work myself and after getting breakfast and putting the house in order I selected some things that were needed and went to washing. I had a boiler half full of clothes on the stove where Miss Catin came in and accepted the invitation I extended for her to stay to dinner. I begin to thing I can do a good deal when I am obliged to exert myself. I could manage very well if it were not for looking after the children at the same time. Maggie Peebles called this evening.

Tuesday, December 9, 1873

This was my ironing day but I was late getting ready to go at the ironing and had company from the other house too. I had to go down street and as Mary and Miss Helen volunteered to take care of the children and finish the ironing for me while Ma and I went out. We went to try and find Mrs. Boal, wife of the new foreman but did not succeed. Called on Mrs. Jas Nichols and then went down street to see about a winter hat for me.

Wednesday, December 10, 1873

The wash woman, Mrs. Washington of illustrious memory, was on had this morning before I had breakfast ready though it was not very early. I am still my own cook, Carrie not yet having made her appearance. It has been a damp disagreeable day. Maggie goes over home every day, in fact almost lives there but I've not taken baby over but once since we came home.

Thursday, December 11, 1873

I went over home on an errand this morning and heard there that we were invited to spend the day at Mr. J. G. Peebles today. I came home and attempted to get ready but it is doubtful whether I should have succeeded at all if I had not called in the neighbors. Mrs. Washington promised to go home and come again tomorrow to finish the ironing. The water was turned off and the coal house locked and Jimmie had the key in his pocket. I had just ripped the feather and buckles off my hat and sent them to Mrs. Nichols. The children's dresses were in wash and the fates seemed against us but we finally got off. Mary took Maggie with her and Miss Helen and Jimmie, baby and I started together but I had to turn back so we went in three detachments. We began getting a quart of milk per day from the boys.

Friday, December 12, 1873

I am glad I do not have to go out any place today, I enjoy going very much but it is not much fun when I have no girl and have everything to do. The ironing was finished today but it will soon be time to do it all over again.

Saturday, December 13, 1873

I was busy today of course but I enjoy myself very much with all my trial and troubles. Jimmie helps me a great deal. Lizzie was not over at all today, I believe she has not been here since Wednesday.

Sunday, December 14, 1873

I was not out to church at all today. I could not get ready in the morning and as Ma was at home in the morning also, she went in the evening and I could not trust the children with anyone else.

Monday, December 15, 1873

This is the middle of December and the weather is as pleasant as it can be, the grass in our yard is as green as it was in June. Mrs. Washington came to wash today and three white girls came looking for a situation and I took the first one who was the one Maggie Bell had so long, Dora Seel. She is to come in the morning and stay a few weeks, does not promise to stay very long. Judge Towne and his wife called this evening and before they left Dora came to be ready for work in the morning.

Tuesday, December 16, 1873

This is the centennial anniversary of the Boston Tea Party and is to be celebrated by a Revolutionary tea drinking, the auspices of the Ladies SS of our church. I wrote or rather began writing letters to Mrs. Fisk at Denver, Colo and Clara King in Philadelphia this evening. All of our folks at the other house, except John, went to the tea drinking. John came here. Maggie was quite sick with cold this evening and as she grew worse rapidly, Jimmie had to go after the Dr. before bedtime. Capt. S. B. Hempstead was buried here today.

Wednesday, December 17, 1873

Finished the letters on hand and wrote one to Mother Ricker this evening. Maggie is a little better but still very hoarse. I feel quite relieved to have Dora in the kitchen and have devoted my whole time yesterday and today to the two children. Frank Martin's remains were brought here today on the Potomac and buried from our church this afternoon.

Thursday, December 18, 1873

This has been a warm damp day and this evening it is raining. I was down street with Ma this afternoon and settled with Mrs. Nickell's for my hat. Went to see how Mary Peebles was but she was out riding so I did not see her. Jimmie and Miss Caton stayed with the children while I was out.

Friday, December 19, 1873

Jennie was here today seeing about Christmas things. I have appointed her and Miss Caton and Jimmie a committee of three to attend to fixing up the Christmas tree which is to be in our parlor. Jimmie bought the tree today, I believe.

Saturday, December 20, 1873

Ma took a notion that Maggie was not dressed warm enough and today cut out and made with help from the girls, a black alpaca dress with four little ruffles on the bottom and also a pair of red flannel bloomer drawers.

Sunday, December 21, 1873

Jimmie stayed with the children and I went to church in the forenoon and visa versa in the evening. It was a lovely day. Mr. Ketchum preached, Dr. Pratt left last Monday on his southern trip. Mrs. Lee Brooks was here this afternoon to make a call.

Monday, December 22, 1873

Willie is four months old today. The weather has turned colder but still it is very pleasant. I've been busy all day, took care of the children and made a pair of bloomers for Maggie in the afternoon. The folks were over several times talking of the approaching festivities. I can hardly realize that such a thing as a wedding is to take place at our home so soon. It has grown in a night like John's gourd and will soon be all over. The parties have not yet been engaged ten days and the wedding comes off next week. After tea Ma came and stayed with the children while Mary, Jimmie, and I went to call on Ma and Mrs. C. H. Green and Miss Damarin and Misses Schackleford.

Tuesday, December 23, 1873

I believe I did not do anything very remarkable today. My endeavors to do things in that line are rather unsuccessful. I had some little things to make for Christmas but had to delegate the business to Miss Helen and Jennie.

Wednesday, December 24, 1873

Preparations for Christmas are going steadily forward. I cleaned the parlor this forenoon and got it all ready for the committee to fix the tree and then Jimmie and

John set it up and in the afternoon late Miss Helen and Jennie came over to take charge of it. They and John were here to tea and after church they came back and we popped, and strung corn to ornament the tree and foil the candy bags.

Thursday, December 25, 1873

I scarcely know what to write first about this Christmas day. It has been one of the most delightful Christmas days I ever spent. I asked the home folks including Miss Caton and Fanny Switzer over to take dinner with us and then sent Enos after his friend Lee Smith. Miss Caton and Jimmie fixed up the Christmas tree and it was displayed about 10 ½ o'clock to our admiring gaze. There was nothing costly except a pair of blankets which Jimmie bought for me and a pair of club skates for each of the boys but everybody had something and we all enjoyed it very much. Fannie and Mary Moore were here in the morning and again in the evening. The three little Cotton girls spent a part of the afternoon here and Mr. Henry Tracy made us a nice visit and took several games of parlor croquet with the young ladies.

Friday, December 26, 1873

Yesterday Pa selected my books and quite a number of others besides from his library and had the boys carry them over for me. We have moved a book case of them which they were not using and hope to have a good beginning for a library soon in order. Miss Helen, Jennie, Miss Fannie and Ma were over here with work this evening but when church time came the two Fannies went to church and soon after Miss Fanny went home and left Ma and me to have a good visit and talk. Miss Switzer took dinner with us today for the last time as Miss S I suppose.

Saturday, December 27, 1873

It has turned cold and is wet and disagreeable. We were busy all the morning and after dinner Mary sent a receipt and pan full of ingredients over with instructions for Dora and me to manufacture some cakes. The receipt was not just right and we had a good deal of jam over the cakes before they were done but they came out all right at last. I wrote for Helen Ricker to come for dinner.

Sunday, December 28, 1873

I was not out of the house today, it has turned very cold and quite icy in some places. I could not get ready for morning service and in the evening Maggie seemed very unwell and I was afraid to leave her. Ma and Enos were here to dinner.

Monday, December 29, 1873

Oh but it has been cold today. The folks came over all in a perfect whirl of excitement over the wedding. Our three girls, the two Switzer girls and Miss Caton, make a lively houseful. I do not get to be with them very much for I can't leave the children long. Aunt Maria McCall was here this afternoon and I left the baby with her and went up to the store to do some errands. Aunt Maria stayed to teas with us.

Tuesday, December 30, 1873

The event of the day, a evening rather, was the marriage of Uncle Enos Moore to Miss Mary Ellen Switzer. The ceremony was performed at the Washington Street M. E. church by Rev. R. Y. Manly and the attendants were Dr. W. McDaniels and sister Jennie. The bride and groom received hoots of friends and congratulations at father's house where extensive preparations had been made for their reception. At 11 o'clock they left on the Fleetwood for Cin and then to Lexington and Louisville on a flying trip as he has not much time to spare. Everything was nicely managed in the dining room by Mrs. Peebles and the entire company served to enjoy the whole affair.

Wednesday, December 31, 1873

Jennie and Lizzie went to Cin on the Potomac this morning expecting to meet the bridal party there some time this week and hear Madam Sisson in the opera. It has been severely cold all day but began to moderate in the evening. Miss Fanny Switzer had intended going with the girls but gave it out and stayed with Mary and Miss Caton.

