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Ypsilanti. Sunday June 28, 1903. 1

I have decided that Monday is the very best time to start for Charlevoix. for I had everything about packed yesterday and have today to rest before starting tomorrow morning. Ben left for Grand Rapids this P.M. expecting to make some purchases of groceries at wholesale. It is a venture which may not be a success.

Mon. 29.

Leonard wakened me at 4-30, he was so fearful that we should be late for the 7-40 train. There were hurrying times at 602 Congress St. but we got off in good shape not forgetting anything. We had a comfortable trip - and a little visit with Bastian & Helen in Jackson, while I sewed on the handle to my telescope, which broke as we took it from the cars. At G.R. we met Papa and later, our new girl, Edith Hayle came up and was introduced. She appears very nicely & looks strong and well balanced.

Ridie & her boys came down, with their usual box of goodies, and Jen brought a few cookies. We had five chairs in the parlor car, and there were very few other passengers. We had a fine luncheon and plenty of it. I was determined that they should have enough. It is like

Reached Charlevoix about nine o'c. and they took our trunks to the other side in spite of my carefully spelling Bel-ve-dere to the ticket-agent at Ypsi. Fortunately Ben discovered a dray-man who was a Midson. and so he brought everything up before 10 o'c. Otherwise we should have had to sleep without nighties. Wed. July 1st.

Have been un-packing & settling. Washwoman came this P.M. It is so lovely here that we hate to work. Letters from the southern part of Mich. say the heat is unbearable. So we got away just in time. Raining here for the first time in weeks.

Thurs. 2d.

We had our first family sail in the Amy, but the wind died down so they had to sail home, and it was hot. The girls went in swimming as soon as we got back. Aunt Ida takes her dinners with us, but prefers to sleep & stay at her cottage, where she is getting ready for her tenants. Mrs. W. Mahon & boys came tonight - also Josephine Wheelock & Mai came in the rain, about midnight - having had a break-down of the engine. Ben met them with a lantern.

Frid. 3d

Great doings in Charlevoix: Odd



Town decorated with flags and evergreens and, tonight, a great display of fire-works to which we all went, but the boys.

Sat. 4th.

The boys have some crackers & fire-works and keep things lively for us. We tried to have a family picnic at Lake M. but it rained just as we got out of the bus - and continued to do so, by spells until three o'c. when we started home. Had our lunch under umbrellas, on the platform in the park, while about twenty people ate their's sitting under it - and numerous others were scattered on the benches with their pies & cakes spread out - soaked. In the village there were such throngs of people that we could hardly make our way through. Were greatly surprised to come upon Laura Moore, Frank & two children. They had been at the cottage some time waiting for us - and finally left a note. We took them home & had supper, and they left about 7-30 for Bay View.

In the eve. Mrs. Mahon & the boys Mary Bird G. & Josephine W. were over to see Ben's fire-works. Everything went off nicely until one of the Roman-candles exploded in his hand and burnt it badly. The poor boy tried to be brave but it hurt him terribly.

Sun. 5.

A quiet restfull day - such as I have not had in many a weary month.

The day is chiefly memorable for a scimpy dinner – because our domestic arrangements were so upset by 4th. + unexpected company. The dessert was fine though: Whipped Cream pudding + spice cake.

Mon. 6.

Ida has commenced her domestic activity – by planning the meals + baking etc. She takes hold much better than I had expected – but it is hard at first to assume responsibility.

Wed. 8

Edith wanted to go to Petoskey, so we thought it would be a good chance for us to go too. Ida + Helen stayed home to look after things and because Ellen Moore is in Coldwater. We took the boys – because they have not been there for several years – and Stanton never. Had a delightful day – doing just as we pleased. Bought a number of things curtains for the dining-room + H + I's room brass tray, dinner bells + jar for ferns, and Auntie bought me a chop-plate. We took luncheon at a Vegetarian Restaurant, where nuts were used instead of meat. Cost me 95 cts. for five dinners. Cheap enough. Then Edith went to her friends and we took the steamer trip on the bay which the boys enjoyed greatly. Stopped at Bay View – and the first person we saw was Laura M. who had come down to meet Ellen. She was delighted to see us – and we went home with them for supper. Ellen has grown nearly as tall as our Helen – and she is a very sweet girl. Of course supper was so late we couldn't catch the 6-45 train – and the next one was 10 o'clock



They went down with us and visited on the benches at the depot until our train came. Edith got on at Petoskey and was surprised to find us there. All dusted and glad to get in bed. During our absence the machine + oil stove came from Ypsi. The latter broken in five places. I have fixed it though, so we can use it.

# Thurs. 9. July # #

Helen + I are not feeling very well today. Auntie is washing Thyough the mending this week, as I have to be in the kitchen so much. Edith is as new at house-work as I. + H. – she has been clerking so long.

Friday 10.

Ida making her first bread – and did it up splendidly. My bushel of cherries came – and we picked them over + I canned them – making seven solid qts., without sugar + a jar of spiced, and 2 qts. to the Prices + 2 for us.

Sat. 11.

Ellen Moore came to spend the day. We had our new chop-plate, with lamb chops, and scalloped corn, pickles, baked potatoes, first blk. raspberries + whipped cream. I invited Abbie over for tea and gave them

vegetable salad, dried-beef, Ida's fresh brown bread, & white, cherry sherbet and nut-cake. After tea we went up to the Drisett's cottage, to hear Ellen play. Then the girls went to the train with her and we called at Weidemanns, Chamberlains & Gillespie's. Quite a rainy night.

Sunday July 12.

Beautiful sunshine again. Helen made potato-balls for dinner, & then went to church with Abbie. She is in charge this week. We have had four p.o. cards & a little letter from the dear absent Daddie. His speech in Boston at the N.E.A. was Thurs. morning. How proud I should have been to have heard it. He is in N.Y. city today I suppose. We are lazy as we can be today. Actually I cannot see that I have any more time to be lazy here than at home, — except that I am free from church work.

Mon. 13.

Auntie & Bird & I called on Lois McLaughlin at Prof. Patten gill's — where they are spending a week. Then Lois & Mrs. P. went with us to call on the Dennisons. It was a delightful experience. Their cottages are both charming in soft green staining over the walls and furniture, beautiful India rugs, and Japanese draperies and vases & blue-bells & pink clover, and water-colors & a few posters on the walls.

It made me want to fix up our cottage right off.

Tues. 14

Ida not feeling very well. It is cold — so we have a grate fire. The girls helped me pick over 10 qts. of currants, and I made jelly & jam with raspberries. Heard from Morse in reply to my letter — that our groceries were shipped the 27th of June. It is a good thing that there is nothing perishable in the boxes. Auntie left this morning for A.A. Kittie Hattstaedt & family are here every day nearly. It is nice to have Kittie running in with her work. She is such a Dear. She brought embroidery for under-waists for both girls.

We were at the hotel party again last eve. I wish the girls didn't want to go every time.

Wed. 15

A bright day — fine for sailing!! I wrote inviting the Mc. Laughlins for 4 o'c tea Sunday hoping Ben will be here. In the P.M. who should call but Mrs. Mc. & Mrs. Pattengill.

In the eve. (after making goose-berry jam) we were at a vegetable party at Drisett's. Sort of stupid — each one had to represent a veg. or food. Ida was Mellin's food baby & H. dressed in red was radish — and had a radish for button-hole bouquet. I was peas.

Thurs. 16.

The Gillespies invited a lot of folks to eat cherries, and left me out because we had sent with them for cherries.

I told Josephine she and I would in-

vite a lot and not ask them, and let them see how it feels. Reading Castle Inn by S. Weyman. Sunday July 19.

Wrote to Ida. Had a nice quiet day in fact all our days are so quiet and uneventful that I have nothing to record. Leni's hands healed up as they would not have done if he had not had good blood and good care.

Edith Helen & Ben went to church. Hattie & Ella didn't come, so we called there after lunch. Papa is coming on Tues. to return before the annual meeting. It shame! but he will come again next week.

Mon. 20

Baking & brewing, getting ready for our company. D. & H. went to the party without us. Shall not let it happen again. Ben went for the first time this year, and enjoyed it.

Tues. 21.

We were all up early to meet Ben, who came at 7-40. Had a little fire in the grate, it was so cool. We were glad to get a glimpse of the dearest Daddie on earth.

Of course we had to attend the annual meeting but it only lasted until 12-30. and so we had him all the afternoon. He was re-elected trustee, so he will not have to pay his fare up there for three years longer. The resort is several thousand dollars in debt - and this is what Mr. Foley calls heart-breaking weather. The hotel will run behind if it does not get warmer soon.



We had luncheon at noon, and a six o'c dinner and everything that Daddie liked. It rained like fury but we didn't care. Took walks between whiles, and heard all about his trip east, and everything. Mr. Price & Mrs. came over in the afternoon. Mr. Emerson is still sick with malaria.

Ben took back four cans of cherries, under protest. I shall send a few each trip. There isn't a cherry in southern Mich this year. Papa went on the 8-15 train, and we have settled down again to our quiet, busy life. I finished Stanley Weyman's "Castle Inn" and "Sophia". The latter is an improvement on the first. Both of them stories of the time of Geo. III of England, when every-one was coarse and vulgar. When ladies of high degree swore and told yarns fit for sailors and scolded like viragoes. In "Castle Inn" there was not a single fine character, not one that I liked. In Sophia, the two principal characters were lovable. Certainly they both have a fascinating rush of incident.

We now have "Cinderella" by Crockett. Am lengthening Ida's white piqué skirt & making church aprons.

Wed. July 22.

Another dark day. Cannot wonder that people will riot throng northern hotels at from $14.00 to 16.00 ℔ week, and up. Kittie H. was up. She only comes every other day now, for fear we will "get tired of her." Mrs. Wood & Mrs. Coffin & Miss Putnam called then I went up to see Mrs. Pope & Mrs. Hall of Chicago. Reading "Cinderella" by Crockett a dear little English story of a persecuted orphan in a snobbish family of recent wealth, but who gets her rights at last, I presume - from the title of the story.

Thurs. 23.

At last we have perfect Charlevoix weather, and nothing more need be said about it. Ida made bread & H. & I darned stockings sitting on the veranda with Mrs. Putnam in a breeze on the corner. In the afternoon Edith had two friends from Cedar Springs. Gave her the boat to use and I guess they had a good time. The young man stayed to the hop in the eve. but we didn't go, because we had promised to go to aunt Kittie's. Her sister Flo. (Mrs. Hackett) came with her dear little girl, Dorothy.

Friday 24.

Thank goodness it is nearing the end of the month for my cash is very low. Another glorious day & so warm in the sun that it must be very hot down home. But it is lovely on our S.E. corner piazza. Found it rather torrid when I went to see Miss Ward's art leather work. She makes beautiful little chatelaine bags & purses & card-cases. I could do it myself if I only had the time. The girls try to help but their interest is apt to wane when they have company or a book to read. I suppose it is because they know I am here, and weak-minded enough to spring to the front whenever they hold back.



The Hallstaedts thronged here, all day, and Amorys & Hacketts. This morning I had a great scare, when I came home.

No-one was in the cottage and a crowd on the dock and no-one in the water. It seemed as if I could never get down there, for I knew Ida was in, with her class.

It was a waitress from the hotel who walked off the terrace into deep water & was drowned. It was a dreadful time that they dragged the lake - not finding her for two hrs. We had seen her at the station the night before and she was one of the wildest of a wild lot of girls. She had heart trouble, and had nearly fainted in shallow water & been drowned a few days ago.

Kittie stayed and served all the afternoon. She is such a Dear, we all love her.

We visited on the Price's porch after supper, and Mrs. Pope & daughter (of Chicago) called later. Have nearly finished "Cinderella", an English story which is charming.

Sat. 25.

Letter from auntie that she has rented her house and will be here Aug 6th. Now I wonder what she will find to worry over. Everything seems so propitious in her affairs

Here is one of those hot windy days with the wind from every quarter. Am glad we are not going sailing this morning. Ida making bread. and H. writing to Papa.

Sun. July 26.

A glorious Charlevoix day. Edith, H, & Stanton went to church, and the rest of us stayed home & got dinner. Was going to have ice-cream, but E. tipped the cream over in the ice-box. so had lemon sherbet. Went over to see the sunset with Mrs. Dissett & sister, and afterwards to song-service, where the girls' new friend Edwina Pope played and Mrs. Beaman sang two solos. Afterwards when the children were in bed, I had a beautiful time drawing plans for re-modelling the cottage. Was so interested I did not go to bed until after eleven o'c.

Mon. 27.

Stanton had a tooth-ache, but peppermint and Wizard Oil drove it away again. Poor Baby - I should have taken him to the dentist before we came north but Dr. James was out of town. I wish Ben were here this glorious sailing weather. Perhaps he will come next Saturday. A letter from cousin Nan in Berlow. It is months since I have written to them. so I answered at once.



The girls & Ben went to the hop under Edith's chaperonage. I read "Firebrand" by Crockett. It is what the boys call "hot stuff." Story of adventure in Spain at the time of the Carlists & Nationalists. He introduces three young fellows: an Englishman Scotchman & Frenchman, who start out on a life of adventure, and have great times.

Tues. 28.

Steve took Ben to E. Jordan yesterday, just the two, on the steamer. They seem to have had a good time - eating peanuts principally. We are invited to Dissetts again Friday eve. Each one to sing. Ben invited by the Hollingsworths to a beach party and afternoon to Dissetts for "fudge" & games. I called at Lewis' & Chamberlains etc. getting orders for eggs. We sent to E.'s home for a 12-doz. crate and her father sent a 30 doz. Ref. @ 15 cts. Sold 24 doz. for 20¢. a doz. and after paying express etc. my five doz. cost me 8¢. pr. doz. I have the true commercial instinct. H's have not been here for three days. I've had such a good time mending things up, piecing down sleeves etc. without interruption.

Wed. 29.

Minding & sponging Ben's summer suit, and making a church apron for Fair. Mr. Hattabaugh came and they all

were here. Mrs. George & Jackson came & brought the cover to Mrs. Smith's canoe. We started to sail up here, last Monday morning at 4 o'c. Pres. Jesse & wife called in the eve. Afterwards we three D'Orge girls had a regular lark, singing and speaking German things. I regret that I have so little time to play with my babies.

Thurs. 30.

Invited to Dissett's for tomorrow eve. for a musical. The girls will each sing a solo. Ida's first appearance as soloist. Ben was at a beach-party given last Tues. but already recorded. Tonight the girls & I were at Price's for tea with Mrs. Dissett & the Wilcox mother & daughter. Had their usual lay-out: Hot beef loaf, pear rice croquettes, gelatine jelly & raspberry jam, chocolate, raspberries, maple mousse cake & wafers. Afterwards I took Ida & Helen Wilcox to the hop - against my better judgment. Ben & H. had a crowd of youngsters here for the eve. Friday 31.

Was in the midst of making an Angel cake & salad dressing etc. when Mrs. Chamberlain came and invited us for a sail. So I dumped things into the ice-chest and off we went. She had the "Sea-gull" which carries twenty or more. Had a pleasant sail - (not too much wind) and a jolly crowd. Then I baked and brewed in the afternoon. Had a good enough time at Dissett's - a lot of mediocre music by frightened youngsters. Served lemonade & two wafers on a plate to each guest. About fifty there.

Sat. Aug. 1st. 15

Up early to meet our 7 o'c at the Station - and found his train was six hours late! When he finally came, he was nearly starved, as they could get nothing to eat on the cars - and only two sandwiches at Traverse City. Had dinner about 1-30 and he enjoyed it hugely.

After dinner we were off sailing as soon as they could get the 77 boat around to the dock. It was a good stiff wind and we went flying. Home in time for supper. In the eve. I asked the Hattiesdale contingent, & Stanleys over - (12 people) & served chocolate & whipped cream and finger cookies. Everyone has a white dress but I have none. Guess I'll get white alpaca for a skirt like my waist. There is a cheap dress-maker down town who made Mrs. Mahon's white linen very nicely.

Sun. 2d

A gray day, and a head-ache. I tried to sleep while Ben was writing and managed to keep up all day - and go to afternoon service at Music Hall, as it was the first of this season. Rev. Rhodes of St. Louis preached & ranted. Ben left at 8-15 and it did not seem as if he had been here ten minutes.

Mon. Aug. 3.

Bright again. D + N. gone to Petoskey & Bay View to visit the Moores. Lew & I to Mile Creek for dinner with the boys.

It commenced to rain about 11 o'c and poured all day - so the girlies telephoned and stayed over night.

I sewed and wrote letters and slept & had a beautiful time. In the eve. We had Ralph over & had a grate fire and fudge and Flinch. Because I did not want Lew to go to the hops. I do not want them to grow into the notion that there is nothing in the world but hops.

Tues 4th.

The girls came home just before noon. & had a beautiful time. I am dissipating doing something for myself: making some collar & cuffs for my white alpaca dress waist - and have sent for a skirt of the same. I haven't a thing nice to wear but my blue muslin and it is not always warm enough for that. People make such a fuss when I wear white that I feel like indulging in white - for I'm getting so inexcusably, inconceivably homely homely. I must wear anything that ends to make me presentable. I tell the children if I only did not have to push so much and do all their thinking for them I wouldn't get so tired. The dear things do really try to remember but I must give them time. The girls are certainly trying to help this summer more than ever before. Tonight they are at Edwina Pope's with their sewing.



* Wed 5th *

Helen was sick yesterday from over-eating and was up in the night. Today she & I rowed down to the village & got her some oranges & bannanas and a letter from Papa. Spent the day quietly sewing.

Thurs. 6.

Dark grey. The girls have great good times with Edwina & Mary Pope of Chicago. Today they came for Helen to play tennis. In the eve. raining, and we had them down with their sewing and Edith made some of her lovely Fudge. for us.

Ralph & Lew & Stanton played Flinch.

Friday 7th.

A beautiful busy day as usual. Teddy D. came as usual, before we had finished breakfast. & Edwina & Mary to go for tennis. Then Mrs. Disett dropped in to say: "It is Charades tonight at our house" She has a party every week. Mrs. Kimball came and stayed about an hour - so I got a good deal done on my collar & cuffs. It is good to have catch-up work on hand. Stanton was awake most all night with tooth-ache (and the rest of us also). This morning we went down and the dentist said it would be just as well to pull it - so out it came. He says another may grow this year or next.

We had a boat-ride & some plums to pay the

plucky little boy for being so plucky. He is the dearest baby that ever was born.

After dinner, Willard Barbour came & took us three girls to sail. He manages a boat as well as anyone. We had a great sail - and came home wet to the skin in spots. Hustled & changed everything and went with Mrs. Price to a tea drinking at the Mahon-Stanley cottage. I suppose it was really given to show off her pictures. She sells quite a number of water-colors each year. After tea, as we were dressed for the Dissetts, we three went to the hotel to call on the Snitzlers of Chicago. Nouveaux Riche. Nouveaux Riches. The charade party was a great success. Each family gave a charade - some of them were really acted. Ours was "harum-scarum. - Adrem - Scare. Did not get to bed until eleven o'c. because I had to scrub out some spots of coffee on Ida's white duck skirt. She was passing a tray of coffee cups, and Mrs. Chamberlain knocked it with her elbow.

Sat. Aug. 8th.

Bright & glorious. Auntie came on the early train. Last night we were surprised to have the Snitzler gang come to call en masse - and kept us until half-past eight. So we were late for the D's charade party. Had some very good family charades, and served coffee & wafers.



Auntie & I went down at, marketing and paying bills, in the morning. After dinner we slept until four, and then went to children's Cotillion at the Casino. They were supposed to be dressed in Japanese costume - and many of them were very cunning. But it made me ill to see some of those little tots at the hotel with cheeks painted & eyebrows darkened. In the eve. we went up to Pope's - the girls to sew, and we went after them. Reading Merriman's "Velvet Glove" - one of the strongest story of Catholicism I ever read.

Sun. 9th.

Helen is sick - either biliousness or from using her eyes too closely sewing on her pillow. Poor Darling. All of her muscles are flabby. Ida went to church with Edwina, and I read aloud to H. all the morning and most of the afternoon from the "Velvet Glove" by Merriman. Fine. The boys Ida & Auntie went to service and to song-service in the eve. but I succumbed to another Sunday headache and went to bed at eight o'c.

Mon. 10th.

Am glad to record that I have rented the Amy to Mr. Van Brunt for a few days at $1.00 per. day. This is Mabel Barbour's 12th. birthday and I have asked them down for supper and we will go to the party at hotel afterwards.

Pries. Aug. 11th. #

We had a good supper of rice-and-ham croquettes, with sweet peas, fresh biscuit & jelly, Apple & celery salad & crackers. Ice-cream (the Barbour brought) and chocolate sauce (which I had intended to freeze) & Angel cake.

We went to the dance at the hotel and had great times watching the funny couples who thought they were so fine. I was particular to go across the hall and speak to the Snitzler crowd and behold! They barely recognized me; and when we left and I (tho'sed if I hadn't imagined they were so rude) bowed and said "good night" the old woman just stared. Helen said she couldn't be pleasant because her powder was so thick it would crack.

Am glad they are going Wednesday. They are "not our style" as Ben says.

Mailed letters to Mrs. Beach, Mrs. Lodeman Miss Clara Brabb, Mr. C. H. Somebody (Cedar Springs) (for eggs) and to my husband a long one, the last before he comes north I hope.

Must finish Helen's duck skirt today for it is a dark day - good for work.

At Mrs. Beaumont's for a cup of tea, with about thirty ladies - Had a good time sewing rags for her rugs, and Mrs. Chamberlain's.

We have postponed the "rag-shower" until next week when Miss Pierce will be here. Pries over in the eve.

Wed. 12.

Glorious day. Helen & M. Barbour went up to the lumber dock in the boat & took their dinners and stayed until supper-time. 21

We mended & sewed and I made bread and burnt a card-case & two stamp-cases for Xmas. Card from Ben. We can not wait for him to get here Sat. night.

Auntie & I made calls after tea.

Thurs. 13.

Sewing & baking. Ida not feeling very well. Has caught cold and it settled in her side.

Dorothy Hockett was here for the afternoon - and declared when they all came for her that she was going to stay for supper. Her mother thought that was not proper and she was coaxed home. But we must ask those youngsters up some time. We have so many people in all the time, that I cannot get anything done except catch-up work. Ida & Ida & I went to the party. Ida is getting where she is not so content to watch the dancing.

Frid. 14.

Ida is wretched. Helen reading aloud to her. I baked and brewed, getting ready for Ben. Had a beach picnic but I didn't care to go, and we had asked Louise, Dorothy and Rosalie & Alice Stanley & Teddy Dissett & a friend to play with Stanton. They had a grand time and enjoyed their supper in the yard.

It was a pink & white party - for each youngster appeared arrayed in white & pink.

Sat. 15

Baking and getting ready for Ben. Were all surprised in the afternoon to see Bastian Smith coming sauntering up the walk and asking if we would take in a tramp. He did look like Sancho, in a blue flannel shirt. Lee went home by rail and Benjamin also - and B. had his canoe

shipped here from Frankfort.
In the eve. after tea - B. & I rowed to the village, and then we went up to the Dissett's cottage, where they had a show. Had tableaux & the advertisements seen in the magazines - very good indeed, and well represented. Had a Peter Newell picture by Carrie & Ed. Chamberlain which was perfect. Jane Stanley was "Queen Louise" and Mrs. Beaumont read a poem & Mr. Price read: "Side-talks with the Resofters" which was capital.
She had a great crowd there and served lemonade. Should think there were 75 people.

Sun. 16.

A telegram from Ben yesterday saying he had missed connections & would be here today. So we all went down early - to find his train was an hour late. We brought him up in style & led him on to talk about Bastian, and made him say something likely to arouse him, and then Bastian bounced at him out of the closet and we had a lively time watching them bat each other around.
Bastian is nearly worn out by his canoe trip. Said he had come here to get a little rest. His canoe is for sale for $75.00
We were all glad to see Deddie and to feel that he can stay a while now.
After luncheon tonight (B. at Barbours) we all went down to the village to see a great lake car-ferry which brought an excursion from somewhere.
We had a great joke on Bastian, because



while we were standing there in the dark a half-drunk indian came up to him and asked where the nearest saloon was. What good times those four boys: Mr. Price, Barbour, Ben & Bastian do have together. Mon. 17.

Had our first sail with Ben. Took the Hattstaedt & Amorys, and had a fine one.
Mr. Price has sold his cottage for $1500. & talks of buying the Everhard cottage, just back of us. It is sold to a Mr. Birgle, who intends to put up a fine cottage.
We ought to move ours further to the south, (just as we first expected it to be) so as to give them room.
Ben went to the Lofs and stayed until eleven o'c. - coming home with the Van Brunts. He is getting notions, our Ben is.

Tues 18.

Grey & very windy. B. & Barbour played golf in the P.M. Bird G. was over for a long visit on the piazza. She is really very feeble this summer. Mrs. Hackett & Dorothy came over & brought some sweet-peas & pansies. A letter from Mart & Lawrence saying they were coming here Sat. (just as Edith goes home!) That will be ni-ce?
In the eve. we were all at the Chamberlains rag-shower. It was very pleasant.

and there were really some remarkable poems. Mrs. Pope & Miss Pierce had the best one I thought.

Friday Aug. 21st.

We were up early and off on the Pilgrim to Ellsworth, where we found our private car waiting and went to visit an immense lumber camp and mill. Had dinner in their camp at long tables covered with green oilcloth. Good enough dinner & better than we had expected: boiled potatoes, cabbage, corned beef, beans, good enough bread & butter, cookies & raisin pie. Of course there were some who affected to be unable to eat. But we were hungry and the victuals disappeared before thirty hungry people. I never saw such giant trees as we saw felled. They made a thundering noise as they swept downwards to the earth.

Then we went by train again to the mill and saw them slice the logs up (like cheese) into beams, boards, lathe & shingles. It was immensely interesting.

I have not written letters, and now I hardly know what we have done.

Wed. it seems to me was a quiet blank. Am sure we did not sail except in the morning with Mrs. Amory & Kittie & the children — a family party.

Thurs. we took the Hattiladts out in the morning, and met Mrs. Warner & daughter of Jackson as we returned to the dock — so took them. They are at Bay View and have not been on the water this summer.

Had great fun watching over two Dutchmen



squabble over everything. They act like two boys who have run away from school.

The Lewis party Thursday eve. was very pleasant indeed. They pinned named & celebrities on our backs for us to guess.

Later we were each given a paper and pencil with a list of pictures, and told to go into the dining-room and write the names of articles on the table. It was the same as the old-fashioned "Art gallery" of church fame. Afterwards she served coffee & sandwiches & olives.

Sat. 22.

Edith's last day. Yesterday the girls & boys took their dinner on Lake M. beach, and she enjoyed her last picnic at Chx. She has been, I think, quite contented with us — and not so lovely as she had expected to be. She will meet the girls at G. R. when they go down to Ypsi. That dear blessed husband of mine painted all the floors at home and put down the dining-room rug so things will be in good shape when they reach home. We half expect Mart & Katherine Verdier tonight, but are going to the Baptist Swapping Party at Disett's. 10c. admission 5c. chocolate 5c. lemonade, & as much more as they can extract from us. Ben is kicking on being auctioneer but they say he is "just the cut."

Sun. 23.

Another fine day. Bastian & Stanton represented the family at church, and we got up a good dinner. Auntie bought three chickens & we had green corn, creamed potatoes, jam pickles — plum-ice & cake. B. enjoyed it. He is invited out often. The other morning

When we called him to breakfast, we found him eating at Price's.

Mr. Barbour preached in the P. M. and we had intended to invite them down afterwards but Cora invited us four up there for luncheon.

I shouldn't call it that though: baked beans & pork, two kinds of bread, baked apples, blk. berry & cake. — and I sent up our sherbet — which was de trop. We came home when they went over to have some music at D. S-setts.

Mon. Aug. 24. 1903.

Mr. Smith's last day. He is sleeping at Mrs. Dissett's these days, because there have been so many burglars here. Several cottages entered & diamonds & money stolen. Kitty H. spent the morning here & stayed to luncheon. Helped the girls make "Marguerites" out of embroidery which she brought them. They are delighted with them. Ida takes hold of sewing splendidly but Helen is a great flutterbudget yet.

Mrs. Coffin's sailing party for today postponed on account of weather. The boys Martin & Lawrence came on 8-20 train tonight. The girls were all dressed for the party and we carried them off at once to the Hall.

The girls were delighted to have some-one to dance with.

Tuesday 25.

The boys slept late and then we had breakfast & then hustled to bake & brew.

After dinner we went on a private yacht belonging to two Detroit boys from



Detroit. I went as chaperone to a lot of youngsters. The others sailing the boat were Jennings & Morris. All nice boys, and good sailors. Did not reach home until after six o'c. In getting from the boat to the dock the boat lurched as I jumped & I fell just on the edge. They hauled me in but I wrenched my knee, and made me lame.

Early to bed, but could not sleep very much.

Wed. 26

Up at 5:30 to get the girls and boys off on a trip to Bear Lake with Miss Hales. About 14 of them going. I might have gone if I had felt better; but preferred a quiet day at home, instead.

Took Kitty & Louise & Ralph Price to sail. He sneaked off with us on account of his grandfather, who is such an old crank. Ben & I were invited to take supper at the Hallet's with the Hattstaedts.

Afterwards called at Putnam's. Just finished Crockett's "Silver Skull" another tale of secret hands of brigands, stilettos, catholic rascals & treachery. I seem to have struck a lot of that kind of novels this summer.

I tried to do a little painting today — copy my water-color sketch of Schloss Ermgard. But so many people were here all day, I couldn't get a chance. Ben says this is a stopping-place for everyone.

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in the village, coming home at 6-30 for supper. They sent up a bushel of peaches which came in very handy these days. Thy knee is almost well - and I and truly thankful - for I was worried at first. Knees are such very dangerous places to hurt. I rubbed it thoroughly with Wizard Oil, which is our panacea for all ills. Tonight the Bunch have met for Abbie's party at Disset's cottage - so they can dance. Our girlies looked very sweet in their duck suits & bright ribbons. Auntie & I are asked up to watch the fun, but we think this is a fine night to sit quietly at home; the east wind continues to howl about the cottage in a most exasperating way.

Sat. 29th.

Rain again. The girls worked faithfully helping as I could get things ready for tonight. Auntie & I went to Disset's about nine o'c and found them in the midst of charades - afterwards closing with a dance or two. Howard Lee shows a marked preference for Ida. He told Edith that Ida was the best dancer he ever saw - and was a "bully girl anyway". He goes to Princeton next September. Abbie served apples and fudge & stuffed dates.

Mrs. Webb came in the rain this morning to ask us to a surprise party on Mrs. Disset tonight. I made chocolate & Ida whipped cream & Helen shelled peanuts for the sandwiches - and I bought some cookies and the table looked very pretty with the new blue cups & saucers & little paper doilies under each plate.



Ben & I called on Pres. Jesse before going to Disset's. All the neighbors were there & they played games and had picnic refreshments. I like Mrs. Pope & Chamberlain and Beaman & Lee - but the rest are a bore. They have absolutely nothing to say but - I have certainly won them all over from the distant, rather disturbed observation of our first summer here, after we were abroad. When we came home the youngsters were playing "Teakettle" and said they had had a glorious time. Aunt Ida had seen to the refreshments for me.

Sunday 30.

Edwina Pope is to be baptized this morning at 10½c. and so the girls went down with them. I am reading "Seats of the Mighty" by Gilbert Parker - a story of Quebec in the wars with England. It is strong & well written descriptions, but has a French philosophy of life & love rather emphasized in Voltaire and other characters from the French court.

Alixe Duvarney is a fine one, and Gabard a typical fighter. Robt. Moray has as many adventures as the "Prisoner of Zenda."

In the eve. we went to song-service at Dissett's cottage. after calling on the Hacketts at the Hallet's.

Monday 31.

The girls are having lively times with the "Bunch:" tennis, rowing & sailing. Tonight will be long remembered as the hop where they (first) had partners and danced every time. Auntie & Papa & ~~Walter~~ & I went also, to look on.

Tues. Sep. 1st.

Sewing - getting the girls ready to go home next Saturday. Mrs. Price had a porch party in the P. M. and Leonard had the youngsters over in the eve. Busy times.

Wed. 2.

We planned to have a beach picnic, so of course it poured, and we had to give it up. Mrs. Loving had brought bananas and Ida some cakes & things, so we had a nice picnic supper. In the evening we had Mr. Barbour & Miss Pierce, Willard and Ralph George to play cards. Had a lively time, and gave them chocolate with whipped cream & cake.

Thurs. 3.

Rainy in the morning, but cleared up nicely. Invited about eighteen ladies to meet Mrs. Loving. They brought their work and had a pleasant time.



Served tea and kisses & wafer sandwiches & cocoanut macaroons.

In the eve. papa & I went to the Barbours and played Pedro. Served plums.

# Friday 4. #

I sewed nearly every minute, making Helen a night-gown. The dear girl is so tall we couldn't buy one long enough. She helped sew on the lace & auntie made the button-holes. So many callers I had to pack their trunks after nine & and with a tired head-ache. Papa carried me off for a row down to the village, and we took Josephine Wheelock.

Mr. & Mrs. Hatch from Ypsi. called & Mrs. de Bow & Mrs Loving were here a long time.

Sat. 5.

Our girlies left on the morning train and we started off about 12 & C for "Holy Island" - The Barbours went in their boat & we took Mrs. Loving & Ralph Price. It is a charming place for a picnic, and we had a fine sail right there without tacking once. We cooked corn & potatoes & the Bs made coffee. Had to start back early, fearing the wind would drop. But there was no sign of a drop when we reached home at 5 & 30. Auntie & Mrs. L. got rather wet.

Stanton fell in the lake at the island so he had to have all the golf capes and shawls about him, and the rest of us had to take it. Early to bed, after writing some letters. Mrs. Brabb and Clara called while we were away.

Sun. Sep. 6th. 1903

Our girlies are spending today with the Smiths in Jackson. I hope they are all right - and shall be anxious until I hear from them. Ben and the boys went to church in the morning and I cleaned up and auntie washed the dishes + Then I had a beautiful nap until half-past-one o'c. Then got dinner 2 pea-soups, fried hominy croquettes plum jam, pickles white & rye bread with blackberries & whipped cream and chocolate cake for dessert. We sat down at five min. before two o'c. Had a very late breakfast. Rained some, but we took a walk afterwards, and stopped at Barbour's a minute. Reading "Kim" by R. Kipling; a perfect picture of life in India and the character "Kim" is a study of a vagabond, happy in his vagabondage.

Mon. 7.

Rain again, and we enjoyed a lazy day. In the P.M. Mrs. Loving, Ida & I called at Stanley's and then walked to the village. Mrs. L. was here for supper and she and Ida went to the hop. Ben & I sat here reading when we were surprised to see Mart Verdier come in. He was with a party of boys on a private car, and had been to Mackinac. Having a swell time with two darkeys to wait on them.



Tues. 8.

Baking. Auntie & Mrs. L. went to Petoskey in the morning, and I went over later, returning at 4-20. They came later, and Ida went with Mrs. L. for supper. Ben & I called at Dissett's & Stanleys and Gillespie's in the eve. I haven't been sketching a single once with Jane Stanley! Where does all the time fly!

Wed. 9.

Ben & Ben went with the Prices to fish at 26th Lake and we took Stanton & our dinner and went out on Pine Lake in the row-boat, letting him row us where he wished & land wherever he wished, and float at his pleasure, for it was his picnic. He was such a darling about not going fishing. We ate our dinner sitting on cushions in the bottom of the boat as we floated. Then auntie & I read while he rowed, and we all had a beautiful time. In the eve. we had The Barbours, Stanleys (Dissett could not come) Prices (five) and Mrs. Storrs & Miss Josephine over to play Flinch & Euchre & cards. Served lemonade & Baker's cakes. and they had a jolly time.

Thurs 10.

Auntie gone to Petoskey again with Mrs. L. I finished the ironing & we had a good dinner and no sail afterwards - it was so windy.

Ben & I and the boys went in the row-boat to Old River - taking our supper (not Ben's) and he went and played Golf while I read "Kim" and the boys played in the boat. Ben had to play on a raft and tumble in, up to his arms. So I sent him home to change his clothes and bring the pears & Graham wafers which I had forgotten. Very convenient to have a picnic so near home. Ben came soon after six o'c and we rowed home and had a cup of tea while he ate his supper.

\# Frid. Sep. 11. \#

Have finished "Kim". It is a very unusual book - and I found it interesting because of the Oriental flavor - the bits of philosophy and glimpses of life and of the secret service in India. The old Lama who was seeking to be delivered from the "Wheel of Things" was a strange character, hunting for a river which was supposed to start from the spot where an arrow fell (which was shot by Christ) and was said to cleanse one from all sin. He said: The husband of a talkative woman is deserving of great reward hereafter." He carried a "begging bowl" - that the charitable might be enabled to "acquire favor" by giving to him. His frequent remark: "We are all bound to the Wheel of Things". Every one left for home today and we shall have some quiet days, here. The girls write for us to stay north as long as possible for it is terribly hot down there.



They are into school work and I do hope they will be all right without us.

Ben will go down Monday with Ben as far as Grand Rapids and alone the rest of the way. He is anxious to be home for the opening of school.

Sat. 12.

Very hot & windy. So gusty that few are sailing. Ben played Golf and I finished my little copy of the sketch made of Schloss Grünewald, near Munich. I shall give auntie one of them. It must be terrible down home, for it would be insufferable here if it was'nt for the breeze from Lake Mich. In the afternoon Ben & I sailed down town to do the errands. It was not so very bad on Round Lake, although our boom went into the water once, six or eight feet.

In the eve. we read and at 10:30 Ben & I called on the Prices - the men all in their shirt-sleeves. Am reading Mary Wilkins' "Portion of Labor" - a very strong study of social conditions & labor agitations from poor man's standpoint.

Sunday 13.

Glorious. Who would dream it was so hot yesterday. A sad accident on Pine Lake last night. A naphtha

crammed full of last fall club / rous
E. Jordan was going up the lake without
any light and was cut in two by the
Pilgrim. Five boys drowned, and
ten saved. I keep thinking all day /
the poor mothers.

Mon. Feb. 14. '03

Have got another trunk packed to send down
by Leck today. Papa goes as far as G.R. with
him and I want them both to stay all
night there - but probably Ben will let him
right on - and trust in Providence to get
him through all night. They left in the rain,
and after they had gone it certainly felt as if the
wheels had stopped. We spent the day
loafing and reading before the grate fire.
In the P.M. I started my night-gown
which has been waiting all summer.
In the eve. we were at Price's cottage with
Mr. & Mrs. Barbour, to play Euchre,
The last time in the "Smuggery" - for they have
sold it, and one of the finest cottages on the
Resort will be built there next year, by
Mr. Birge of St. Louis or Cincinnati.

Tues. 15.

Pitched into the sewing, and finished my
night-gown (all but the lace, which is in Ypsi)
and cut out my Kimona, made from
large handkerchiefs. We went down st,
and then made some calls.
Had a late picnic dinner - roasting the
potatoes in the grate. Stanton is having
beautiful times these cold, rainy days /
playing with Forsyth Fremont /. He loves



invited there yesterday for luncheon.

Wed. 16.

Ben returned last night and said Dan
went home yesterday, getting there in
the eve. sometime. / Which / greatly dis-
turbed my peace of mind - and I felt like
giving Daddy a piece of my mind.
Raining as usual, and cold.
We took a walk, after sewing all day -
down to see a wreck on the point South
of the harbor. Could see it plainly
with our marine-glass. It is a great
barge which ran aground in the fog last
night, and they cannot get her off.
Prices came over in the eve. and we
played Euchre again. It is quite a
game. Thurs. 17. Rain.

Ben working between showers, at getting
the ballast out of the "Anny". Hardly /
a chance to dry the sail. It is so wet.
Finished my Kimona and it is the cut-
tiest one I've seen. Also fixed over my
old white waist, with strips of insertion to
make it fuller, and my new one which
my Ben brought me from G. R. - making
it a little smaller, and commenced /
my last "church apron" for the Fair.
In the eve. we went down to see /
our good friends, the Prices + Mr. Doug-
las, also Mrs. Chamberlain + family.
Then we three played Euchre. /
Auntie's cottage is bringing her $25.00
for Sept. beside $125.00 for the summer

Friday Sep. 18.

The first sunny morning in a long long time. Sewing & making last calls.

In the eve we had the Jovreses & Mr. & Mrs. Tribon (Florence Hackett's friend) over and Mrs. J. made some of her "fudge" & we played Flinch.

Sat. 19 is lovely again.

Baked six loaves of bread & cake & ironed everything but one waist. Sewing on my blk. skirt - fixing new braid on it.

Down town in the eve.

Sun. 20

Glorious. It is a shame to leave Chic. now when everything is so lovely.

We got nearly all packed yesterday, and today we are reading and resting.

Mr. Kirkpatrick called after dinner, at Ben's request, to look over and discuss our plans for remodelling the cottage.

We thought he would never go - he is such an everlasting talker.

Auntie & I had expected to go over and call on the bride & see her new dresses; but we could get there only-til six o'c - as Ben, Stanton & I went for a last row on Lake Nicle. There was a lovely pink & gray sunset.

Mon. 21.

Up early, and on the "keen jump" to get things in shape to leave.

A fine day for our trip - not so very dusty or hot - until we got down near Grand Rapids. Stanton was a blessed kitten, and read nearly all the way, until we had lunch.

Had nearly an hour in G. R. and then Ben took us to our train, before leaving on his for Detroit.

Helen met us in Jackson, and Bastian at a station beyond there, as he was going home from a meeting in Lansing. Reached home at 10 o'c. and other children were glad to see us. Ben didn't come.

Tues. 22.

Plenty to do. Baggage to unpack and things to put in order. Edith had washed the windows and swept the house. She is a great comfort - but not such a scrubber as Mabel. We took dinner at the restaurant - and Papa didn't come until afterwards. We had been on the hunt for a sewing-machine - and had two or three to tell me about. Have about decided on "Singer". Sewing between times on my old Gray skirt.

Edith fixed crabapples and I made jelly. Went down st. with Ben to sign the deed for G. R. lot — sold for $600. and looked at gas ranges. 40 beds.
We rec. a check from Winn & Co. $150. and Ben says he will spend it for stove, sewing-machine, rugs, dishes & parlor curtains.

Wed. 23 Sep.

We had a nice long letter from Fran Taker, which I forgot to record.
Today it is cooler. Finished my jelly and made marmelade. and changed tables & things in the kitchen for the new gas range. Which came today. It is fine. — if the gas doesn't cost too much. Poor Mrs. Pease is sick now with the "Grippe."
Helen & I were sole representatives of our family at church tonight.

Thurs. 24.

Cold. Started cucumber pickles, and was glad to get hold of ½ pk. as everyone tells me that it is too late to can and pickle. Have a bushel of horrid peaches and will can them and make them good. — and make peach pickles & cucumber catsup.



Went down st. in the morning and up to Mrs. Rappelye's to see if she understood that we were coming for dinner. Then home and finished my jelly. Did pretty well to get 11 glasses of jelly and three bowls and seven jars of marmelade from 1 pk. of apples.
After dinner I took a little nap and then went to Missionary Thank Offering at Mrs. Holmes'. There were about twenty people there — collection $13.75. Served sandwiches & tea and cake. Was amused to see poor dear Mrs. George trying to get up a church supper, and no one responding worth a cent.
I am so delighted with my new gas range. It is a joy forever.
This eve, Mrs. Gardiner & daughter came, and brought me some flowers.

Sat. Sep. 26. Friday.

Yesterday was filled with canning & preserving and ironing & washing Helen's piqué dress for the Freshmen reception in the evening.
Mrs. Hoyt was up — and we went down street together. Papa gone to Detroit on Blk. Diamond Mine business.
I wish we had had sense enough not to go into that scheme.

An invitation from Louis Stanley for us to come in for lunch and a sail tomorrow – and the girls insist I shall go – in spite of the D.S. picnic. Dr. Edwards called in the eve.

Sat. 26. Dcp.

Hurrying to get the youngsters picnic basket ready before the 9-45 car. Then to get myself off on the next one for Detroit. Pop & Mrs. Pease were aboard, and we had a great visit. They went to the Russel house for lunch, and invited me to go. But I went to meet Louis & Jane at the waiting-room & Ben joined us later. Went to the Russel but found no table free – so went to Fenwicks for lunch.

Then Mrs. Louis King & son joined us and we took the car for the Edgemere Boat Club-house where Mr. Stanley keeps his boat. He was disgusted to find it up on the ways and an old man caulking her.

So he got another Man's boat and as L. was helping the Ladies aboard he stepped back off the boat and went down out of sight in the water, and up again in a trice. We all laughed until we nearly fell in. – but he only remarked: "Different men have different ways of entertaining their friends – and that is only one of my little ways". Ben sailed us a while until he had changed all his clothes and then we had a fine sail out into lake St. Clair. and back, reaching the boat-house about six o'c. Took the car down to the Detroit club house – where L. also has a membership – and there we had a fine six-course dinner, and looked over their beautiful Club-building. Took the launch back across the river – and car to the waiting-room (where they left us) & we reached home (after a very tiresome trip) at eleven o'c. Had a perfectly delightful day, and visit with Jane & Mrs. King.



Sun. 27.

It seemed queer not to have our Leonard go to church with us. He enjoys singing in the vested choir at Episcopal church.

All the people said they were glad to see me back. Only a few of my 3. S. class were there. Many of them sick. There is a dreadful amount of sickness around.

Mon. Sep. 28

Tuesday 29

All a mess of plodding work – but I like it all the same. Tried on my white dress today and hope it will be finished this week.

Wed. 30. #

I expected to go to Club, but Ben said I must stay at home because the machine woman might come to explain about my single-thread sewing machine. I have been staying at home all the week – expecting her. She did come and gave me my lesson. But I do not feel prepared to vote in favor of single-thread. She had trouble – as I did, trying to make the hemmers work. And the thread kept breaking – because I had not any glazed thread. That settles it – Ben said.

I went to bed right after supper with a tired out head-ache.



Thurs. Oct. 1st.

Rainy. Finished up cucumber pickles & canned a few pears. Grapes are about gone – and too old for jelly. So I must make some apple & lemon jelly.

Auntie wrote that Stella Nyrick Mead is in A. A. putting her 17 yr. old daughter in college!!! and they want to come down here. Asked them for Sunday P. M. lunch.

Making curtains by hand except sewing the long seams. The goods too soft to use the hemmer – so it simply stitched down the raw edge.

Ben gone to "lodge" in the eve.

# Frid. 2. #

Had to go to see the 3d. Grade exercises at the Training School. – Then around to see people about the church supper and home to work. Have got Edith's room about in order, and it certainly does look very nice.

In the P. M. I sewed until 3-30 and then hustled off to get my table ready for church supper, although my back ached and I felt too tired to move.

## Sat. Oct. 3.

The supper was a great success - made about $ 18.75 Served creamed potatoes, veal loaf, raw tomatoes, pickles, br. & bu. coffee cookies pumpkin pie & cheese. 16 ℄.

Today I made Angel cake although I felt extravagant with eggs at 24 ℄ pr. doz. and salad dressing for celery salad tomorrow night. I shall just serve a simple Sunday night lunch with bread all spread & sandwiches & olives - and for dessert pineapple & A. food. Made the curtains for the girls' rooms by hand because the single-thread machine is no good. I couldn't even baste the hem and sew it because that brought the loops all on the right side. So Ben packed it up and slipped it back to Detroit.

### Sun. 4.

Sallie Mead & her daughter Helen came with aunt Ida at about 4 o'c. Sallie was quite stunning in her white lined jacket & white collar & revers & her white hair. Her daughter is quite plain looking but is cute and lovable.

We went to the Episcopal church to see Ben in the boy choir. Was surprised to see such a small attendance. The first ten seats on one side were



empty except for Sam Post Stanton & Helen Mead struck up a great friendship.

### Mon. 5.

Up early and off to Detroit at 8-45 - to buy a blue tea-set, some rugs & curtains and a winter-hat for me & some Puritan shoes.

I got the dishes & shoes and had my lunch at the "Delmont" and took a lesson at the machine rooms, on my new lock-stitch machine. Then Ben came and we did the other things except curtains. We did not have time for them because we wasted so much time trying to meet each other. Moral: Never appoint a meeting where you must waste time waiting - but always where you can be looking at things.

We got two very handsome rugs - one Daghestan & one Bokarah for $ 50. cash. Original price $ 68.00 They will always make a reduction for a cash customer. We took supper at the Delmont and had a good one - bill 50 ℄.

I reached home about 10 o'c. and Ben stayed for Board meeting of Blk. Diamond Miner. I wish we had our money back.

### Tues. 6.

A tired head-ache. I tried to keep up and make some calls with Ben -

had to give up, after supper and go to bed. The Sherzers called last night while we were gone. Telephone from Mart that he is coming out next Sat. to see the children + to play golf with Ben. Wed. Oct. 7. Raining.

Sewing + baking + darning and forgot to go to prayer-meeting until too late. Donna Riblet came to say they are to give a reception tomorrow eve to the sorority students and want me to be there to "receive".

Telephoned Mrs. Pease and she said for me to wear my pink silk. So had to make over the sleeves. Had charge of the Missionary meeting and Women's Union + had to make quick time on my sleeves after five o'c. P.M. on Thurs. & which was a very short day, and busy. Went to try on my white alpaca waist at Mrs. Hall's but she was not ready. The skirt is horrid & I shall have to do a lot of ripping.

Fri. 9.

Another reception at the Gym. given by Pres. Jones. Tried on my blue silk at Mrs. Corrage's. It is going to be very pretty. Auntie was here when I got home — for Stanton to go there



and spend Sunday.

He promised to call on uncle Martin tomorrow before Mart comes here.

Glad my dress will be done for Mrs. Putnam's reception next Friday. My machine + rugs + dishes came yesterday — and I am delighted with them all. Sat. 10

Poor Mrs. Hoyt is feeling wretchedly - so she didn't go last eve. It was like all such affairs — a great bore.

Miss King wants me to go as delegate to Club meeting at G. R. No Thanks!

Mart and Hilary are coming to call on us tomorrow night. We did think of asking them for luncheon but we have invited them any number of times since they have asked us as a family. Of course Ben has been there — but "There are others".

Sorority meeting at Mrs. Pease's tonight. Discussing new girls to decide who are desirable for us. Served cold chocolate a little burnt and peanut sandwiches + some of her birthday candy.

Sun. 11th.

My throat is terribly sore. We started rather suddenly for Detroit (Ida + I) to buy parlor clothes + Ken's foot ball suit and a rain-coat for Helen, and Ida's winter suit — but she found none

to suit her. — except those that cost $25. to $35 We had our lunch at Del-Monts — for .45

Coming home it was so cold on the car that I took cold and am paying for it today. Stayed home from church & S.S. & slept every minute and took belladonna but it doesn't do much good.

In the P.M. Stanton came home escorted by auntie, the two Crowells & Mr. Jones. Auntie was disturbed because, at church they were ushered them in, back & Mart. and he took Stanton in his seat. Sheppers.

In the afternoon we called at Sheppers. Mart came in the eve. without Mary, (who was tired out from so many callers.)

He had a beautiful time, smoking a cigar, and drinking a mug of beer (and relating his experiences in the west this summer. He is such a Dear. The children each took a turn at sitting next him & hugging.

I read a little in Crockett's "Love Mart" the first glimpse of a book since our return from the north. This going to Detroit takes so much time. My work-table is piled to the ceiling with unfinished things which I shall tackle tomorrow if I have to buy bread & cake and everything.

The truth is I have to work about twice as much as last year — for E. is so slow. But she is a comfort.

## Mon. Oct. 12.

Trying to catch up with my work, left over from last week. How it piles up!

I left at 5 o'c & called on Mrs. Beardsley Mrs. McRoberts & Mrs. Hadley — inviting to the church tea on Thurs. at our house. I was so stupid as not to take my wheel — and it was way over the river and I was tired.

## Tues. 13.

Sewing again. Mrs. Hoyt came and we had a good heart-to-heart talk, about things in general, and her symptoms in particular. She is going to Detroit tomorrow to buy things, and dreads it like anything.

In the eve. went to the organization of the Choral Society & of course Ben was elected president almost immediately.

Afterwards called at Bowers. Misses Pierce & Mellencamp's.

## Wed. 14.

Baking bread & cookies. Mrs. Shepper came and stayed so late I could not go to dinner. She is going to assist me tomorrow.

Tried on my blue silk before going to Club. It is going to be a great success I think. Also went after prayer-meeting & tried on my altered waist.

Called on Mrs. Chapman, George Wood & Jefferson. The latter was not prompted by her Eastern courtesy to ask me in or to sit down. She was sitting on the steps, talking to a girl. It will be some time before I go there again.

She & Mrs. Sherzer were voted into the Club today. I am trying Ida's hat like fine we saw in Detroit for $2.50. She bought hers for .98 and the ribbon & wings cost $1.20

Thurs. 15.

Not a good day for L. A. S. tea. I hardly expected anyone. - but over 20 came in spite of the rain. Gave them tea and wafers & chocolate cookies & Mrs. Sherzer gave cream & helped me serve. Edna Childs sang and Mrs. Garrison played. In the eve. Ben & I were going to supper at the Club-house, but he had a committee meeting at A. A. so we had to give it up.

Friday 16

Not a very pleasant day for the Putnams' reception. Mrs. Hoyt Mrs. Roberts & I went together, and



I wore my new blue silk and people said I looked swell.

They had the house trimmed with dahlias & served cake and cream in the dining-room and coffee in the study.

In the eve. I repair to the church reception a little while - but didn't feel much like it.

Ben went down to the car in high feather - to go fishing with ~~Rubber~~ ~~Putnam~~ & Dr. Ford & Mr. Stone, at Portage Lake.

Sat. 17.

Dark & cold with semi-occasional peeks of sunshine. Ben went out to Hines for dinner. Nora K. was here for the night - after Beta Nu initiation. Walter H. + a number of the girls were in - and they had lively times. Then the girls went with Therese Kneip to the foot-ball game. Helen should have stayed home - but I made her bundle up with chamois jacket etc, & she came home early. I do not like her

cough — it doesn't respond to my medicine.

Sun. Oct. 18.

Mrs. Rappleye doesn't feel satisfied to give us dinners for $1.20 pr. day so we shall leave. Can't afford to pay her price $9.80 when we could get dinners at the café for $7.00 a wk. Mr. & Mrs. Hoyt were over in the P.M. and Matt Vordier came for lunch.

Mon. 19.

Serving all day to try and clear my table before Miss Breck's struggle commences. At Normal rehearsal in eve. with Edna Childs & Donna Riblet. Shall not go again to sing — for the chorus is full to overflowing, and I'm not needed, and it is too much trouble.

Tues. 20.

Made brown bread & finished most of the ironing. Miss Blodgett came and stayed about an hour. Am trying to finish Ida's brown dress skirt — piecing it down, under a yoke. No small job.



Wed. 21.

We are having delightful weather cool but bright & sunny most of the time. Have a little furnace fire however. Mrs. Mellencamp invited us there for Whist tomorrow eve. but I had to decline, on account of Sorority meeting.

Bert & Ida & I poked down to church — but there was none — and although it was announced Sunday we forgot it. Helen is no better — in fact I am worried to death about her. Her cough continues so bad, in spite of Dr. Frazer's med.

Poor girlie is so anxious to go to Helen Pease's party Friday eve. — but cannot.

Thurs. 22.

Mrs. Garrisson has not been here once to practice this week. I went at 2-30 to L.A.S. and worked on the church computer and then we had Foreign Miss meeting. Then went to Mrs. Hall's and got my white alpaca dress. ($5.00 to make it.)

In the eve. had to look after the Sorority meeting without Mrs. Peace

Voted on six new members + she should have been there. They are nice girls, and I hope we shall like the new ones as well.

Frid. Oct 23. ✻

Letter from Fannie Angell inviting us there to spend the day with them. Wish we might do so, before it gets any colder.

Mrs. George came down this A.M. and asked me to go with them to visit Mrs. Case in the country and get hickory nuts.

I hated to leave my Arlie who was at home today - but she urged me to go and promised to be good + take her medicine regularly - so I went. I had a fine time riding over the farm picking up nuts + apples. - Mrs. C is a very kind woman, with some literary preten-



sions. I mean pretense at literary taste + appreciation. and oh! such looking houses + children. She never worries about anything. and never picks up her trouble, I think.

The good soul gave us all the nuts + apples we could lug to the car. Found Helen no worse - but tired from having so much company. Her cold seems to have settled in her face and jaw. I telephoned to the Dr. and changed her med.

Sat. 24.

Great interest in ball games. Walter was here and wants the girls to all go and "root" - but Ida is going to the sorority reception with Mrs. Peace + me.

Sun. 25

Stayed home with Arlie. At noon we took a short walk in the warm sunshine.

Mon. 26

Helen not a bit well. Has a high fever. Dr. Frazer came and gave her medicine, and talked big about getting her up right away.

#Tues. Oct. 27 ✻

Dr. came twice. Poor Helen had a high fever all night & was out of her head part of the time. Coughing and vomiting most of the time when awake. Helen & Pease sent her some pretty carnations. I am feeling like a boiled fish myself, about these days.

Wed. 28.

Arlie ate a little egg nog made with orange juice. She coughs so hard trying to raise phlegm that will not come — that she has a dreadful pain in her side. Dr. here again. Mrs. Hoyt came and I sent my excuses to Miss King at Club. Mr. Beach came to see Arlie — & H. Pease stopped again. She has lots of friends — our baby has, and she is so sweet and patient and so anxious for me to rest when I have a chance. Papa & Ida went to prayer-meeting.

Thurs. 29.

We are thankful for these bright sunny days to cheer our dear Arlie. She coughs a trifle less frequently — but Dr. says she has some malarial symptoms that have bothered him. She eats almost nothing & her tongue is dreadful. Sent my 10 c. to Missionary tea but was glad to be free from it for one thing.



In the eve. the chaperones of the Halcyon Club met here to assign dates — so that there would be someone at each party during the winter.

Sat. 31.

Yesterday was aunt Ida's — th birthday. She came down today to see Arlie and brought some grapefruit & grapes, and stayed until eve. but had to get back home to look after Hallowe'en doings at her house. Helen is actually much better. We got Dr. F. stirred up so he comes every day and changes her med. often. She & I had a first rate good sleep last night. I was only out of bed ten times to give her med. & change her cloth on head & get fresh water. I suppose we have averaged 50 times a night during the week.

62 Ben & I went to a bonfire party at Peare's. Had a big fire in front and sat in chairs on the sidewalk & roasted sausages & marshmallows & chestnuts & had apples & doughnuts & cider; but I couldn't eat a thing was on the rack with a wracking headache. Dr. & Mrs. Ford were the guests of honor. Papa plays golf every day and enjoys these Indian summer afternoons. Today he took Ida out with him.

Helen Pease & Ellen Colvan & Theresa were here as usual.

Sun. Nov. 1st.

Had another good night except that Helen had two or three bad coughing spells. Dr. came unexpectedly this morning. Said the Hallow'een rowdies stole his door-mat, so he had to come up and get a dollar out of D'Ooge to buy another.

Helen ate a good breakfast & at noon, a bowl of orange-grape-fruit-banana mixture. I stayed home and we slept and slept and I read to her and we slept again. Just

63 what we both needed.

Ben home after S.S. with a headache but all right again, after a nap with wet towel on his head.

We gave auntie $5.00 for a nice umbrella, for her birthday.

Mon. Nov. 2.

Florence Batchelder telephoned to ask if I would substitute for her at Whist Club - but I couldn't think of it. Helen feels much better - and begins to eat a little. The poor girlie coughs dreadfully though.

The girls all came to see her - and Hazel Reed brought flowers. H. is happy to be dressed and down stairs.

Wed. 4.

Mrs. Beach came yesterday and brought her wee baby for Archie to see and hold. It is the sweetest little morsel of humanity. Mrs. Roberts & Arbaugh called. Auntie came out again and brought knit slippers for Archie.

Ida & I went to prayer meeting and Ben went to a "Special Communication" of the Lodge. Thurs. 5.

Have had three good nights - and begin to feel better about our Helen.

We sent for a bottle of "Malta-Yerbine" which was prescribed for a young "brother" of Ben's - with good results.

after an attack of bronchitis.

64 It is cold winter today, and no mistake. Helen ate much better today - but has a little pain in her side yet - which I do not like a bit. We invited two of her teachers Miss Childs & Miss Patterson for tea. They say for her not to worry at all about her lessons.

At 8 o'c. the carriage came for me to go to sorority meeting, with Mrs. Rease. She said she had been in the house all day, and would have been so glad to walk.

I was rather tired and enjoyed the ride. I had roast chickens & rice, jelly, pickles, lovely rolls, pineapple & cake for supper - and did every bit myself - even to setting the table. Edith waited on us beautifully, and is so nice and willing that I had rather work harder and have her than Mabel with all her tantrums. Sun. Nov. 8.

Every day is about the same. I trot all day, waiting on my baby - We have changed to Dr. Clifford who certainly is doing more things. We have an inhaler & atomizer & medicine & alcohol baths, and Malto Yerbine. It takes about all the strength I have, to rub her - so I lie down instead of going anywhere. 65

We both slept an hour or more during the church & S.S. time, while the house was all quiet. Auntie came in the P.M. and stayed with H. while I went to church. Mr. & Mrs. Rease called - and Rose Hoover came and brot H. some grapes & she & Ida made Fudge. I go to bed early every night to get strength for the next day.

Friday we did go to the tea given by the "Girls' Club" and in the eve. to a Dutch Lunch given by the Hoyts, to Dr. & Mrs. Ford, Mr. & Mrs. Stone Ben & me. Served all kinds of cheese & sausages & rye bread & cider & doughnuts.

Mrs. Stone is so poorly she couldn't taste a single thing.

I think we are going to like the Fords very well. Suppose we ought to ask them here before she is sick & Mon. Lecture - but I didn't go. Tues. 10. Party for Mrs. Preisson: (64 yrs. old). We played whist with Riff-raff.

Wed. Nov. 11th

Dear Helen is gaining strength right along, and everyone is so good.

Even auntie Mary came out today and brought some wine jelly (Helen's abomination.) Chas. Cleary came to supper with Lew, who

is getting tired of being shut in the house with sore throat.

I went up to Normal chapel to hear a program of Prof Pease's compositions. It was fine, and my baby was all right - as she didn't wake up until shortly before my return. It pouted in the afternoon so I didn't think of going to Club. But Mrs. Pease came along and insisted upon my going.

Arlie was working on her English exam. and reading a book of K. D. Wiggin's to read, and insisted on my going, also. Mrs. Paton had the program.

Thurs. Nov. 12.

Helen can't go out today - it is so cold. Aunt Ida came out for tea & stayed to give H. her alcohol rub. and help put her to bed.

I went to L. A. S. and carried things for the Missionary box. and came right home again. Therese Kmiss & Helen Read here to visit Arlie.

Ben was at Martin's last eve. for a "stag-party" in honor of Dean Worcester of





Friday 13.

Cold again. They are having snow in some parts of the state.

Helen feels so much better - "she is getting sassy" - papa says.

It is rather cold for golf - but Ben goes every day. It is fine exercise for him.

Helen is much better - sleeps much of the time and so do I. Sat. 14.

Trotted all day baking bread & rolls and getting ready for the Ford's, who came for supper.

Had baked chicken & rice, cranberry jelly & pickles, sweet baked apples & whipped cream. Played Euchre in the eve. as they do not play Whist. Had fun because Dr. Ford is funny, but it is stupid, after all.

Sun. 15.

At church the first in weeks & Helen came to S.S. Mr. Smith addressed the Y. M. C. A. at A. A. and they came down after service, and wanted the Barbours for late luncheon. It seemed good to see Bastian & Helen again, and we six had a pleasant visit.

Mon. 16.

Bandt. left at 3-15 We had dinner at home, which meant some high flying for me, but it rained so, I didn't want to take them down to Dewey Cafe for cold pickings.

We visited fast, and H. helped me darn my stockings. Helen D. went to school in the afternoon + with the understanding that Papa would send a carriage if it rained when school was out.

In the eve. we four went to the opera-house to see the episcopal show -- Vaudeville. Some of it was very good, and some was a great bore. We hope Helen will be no worse for it. We wrapped her all up in shawls - and covered her face and she didn't talk, while on the street.

Mrs. Sherzer telephoned for me to play whist at the club at Mrs. Merrill's - but I was glad that I "had guests" so I couldn't leave home.

Tues. Nov. 17.

Very cold. - but H. went to school in the afternoon - well wrapped. + H. Pease came home with her to study. I bought her a blue sweater to wear under her coat. Mrs. Gray came to see if Ida could take vocal lessons. Aunt Ida came out for tea - and Ben went again to Masonic Banquet.

Wed. 18.

Nothing happened, except work all day, and prayer meeting in the eve.



Thurs. 19.

Yesterday + today I have been making apple-cranberry jelly + canning some rather poor winter-pears with lemon syrup. I shall not put up any thing more — as I have nearly seventy cans of stuff.

Started early for the church and then solicited for Mrs. George, for the bonnet social tomorrow eve.

We had a combination day - tied a comforter for Mrs. Colvan, had 40¢ tea, and heard an Armenian woman talk. + Mrs. Beach served tea + cookies + I took some peanut sandwiches made. 9 wafers. Rec'd 1.25 for home nuts. sold.

In the eve. Ben was again away to lodge for supper and until 11 P.C.

Fri. 20.

Finishing the mending, baking bread and trying to finish H's brown skirt.

In the eve. went to a Bonnet social at the church. Some funny rigs, besides the hats + bonnets. We served doughnuts + coffee. + made over $6.00

Sat. 21

Papa + Helen gone for the day at Detroit. I hope she will not take cold.

Reception this P. M. at Strong's, with Mrs. Sherzer helping, as usual. It is funny how every-one asks her to serve coffee or something. She is such a dear little woman, and so willing. Why - bless me, I have asked her two or three times myself. Everyone was dressed in their best and everything was very fine but what a bore such an affair is! Mrs. Hoyt & I came home about 4-30 and I called on Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Ford. The latter is all swollen up with bad teeth & neuralgia. I feel so sorry for her.

The boys went to see the Glass-blowers and thought it great fun. What good times those dear little sons have together. They enjoy each other more every day. Bed at Masonic banquet until 40'c. A.M.

Tues. Nov. 24.

Helen is standing her school very well - but gets tired. I wish she might be out the rest of this year. And if she wasn't so tall and hated so to be behind her class, I should insist upon it.

Aunt Ida came out yesterday and stayed for supper, and darned stockings.

What a blessing these quiet days at home have been to me. I have almost caught up with the pile of sewing which accumulated during Annie's sickness. Sunday

Mrs. Ford's baby came Sunday morning - a nine lb. boy.

We shall have a family party at the Occidental on Thanksgiving.

We went there for dinner on Sunday, and it was very nice.

# Wed. 25 #

I was sick at home all day and retired when Stanton did - about 8 o'c. Mrs. Sherzer came in after club - and told me all about it. I was sorry to miss the Club magazine.

Thurs. 26

A cold Thanksgiving Day - but bright. Ben doctored me up yesterday, so I am all right today. Aunt Ida joined us at dinner at the "Occidental" and we had everything the market affords.

In the afternoon, we actually took time to play a game of "Flinch" with the boys & girls.

Sermon this morning by Mr. Allen (Meth.) at our church. - and he played his little tune on one string: His everlasting denunciation of the saloon, given with the manner of perfect conviction that he is the only man in

the state who does not in his heart rather dote on saloons.

Friday Nov. 27.

Ida went home with aunt Ida yesterday, to stay until tomorrow P.M.

Helen Pease & Therese came to see our dear Helen, who took cold yesterday afternoon when the furnace got low & the weather turned very cold. The dear thing is so sensitive now. we must be very careful of her. I am going to make her a chamois protector to wear - contrary to my previous convictions on the subject of chest-protectors.

In the eve. we had Prof. & Mrs. Bowen Mr. & Mrs. Mellencamp, Miss Pearce & Miss Shultes to play Whist, and had a good game. I enjoyed it especially because Prof. B. and I beat Bein & Mrs. M. It is a great day when I can beat my husband at anything. Served chocolate & whipped cream & cakes.

Sat. 28

A large package of Japanese photos came from Boston for my S.S. class to sell. We are working for the dining room furnishings.



Our Helen slept right through 'til eleven o'c. The best medicine for little girls who are not strong, I think. Helen Pease came down with her bead-work & took chocolate with our Helen. They are a great pair.

Sun. 29.

Went over to see Mrs. Ford - the baby is cute as he can be - and has a lot of dark hair. I took over some thing for her to eat - hot chocolate.

Wed. Dec. 2d

Had a special meeting of L.A.S. at Mrs. Spalsbury's - tying a silesia quilt & completing plans for the Fair. I have absolutely no worry about it - as my committee have everything in charge. I am to have charge of the fancy-work table, Mrs. Ainsworth & Mrs Becker the others. I have just learned how to be President of things and not worry.

Thurs. 3.

Finished my weeks mending last eve. so went to A.A. today and bought two frames to burn - one for Mrs. Shutts for her father's picture. Had a little visit with aunt Ida while I drew my design (evolved from a pattern she had) Went to dinner with her and saw Mrs. Loring & Nellie - and then down town and took the car at about 20 c.

Sent some papers & a book to the little Shergers, who are still in bed with tonsilitis. Poor little woman She is having a regular siege.

Frid. Dec. 4. #

Helen came home from school, so as to keep quiet & warm today. I am so happy that there is a prospect of her feeling better, now.

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Sat. 5.

Worked like a Trojan - catching up. & baked a cake for Mrs. Ainsworth - to get experience money. At the church in the afternoon - but not much doing. Think we shall clear $60. or so at our Fair & supper. Glad it is over.

Dem. 6.

Bright & not so cold. We are testing our gas - after paying $6.20 bill for ~~Oct~~ Nov. I'm afraid our water heater runs it up.



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Invited Mr. & Mrs. Shergers for whist on Sat. eve. A crate of pineapples for Helen came from cousin Ed. She must be sure and write him a nice letter. Ironing & baking. It seems as if the capacity of my family for good things to eat is absolutely unlimited. I have to buy just twice as much of everything as I used to.

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Sewing and attended club in the P. M. when Wm Griffith of the Detroit Art Institute lectured on Art - and the club had to pay him $10.00 Query: Was it worth it? Very small prayetme - two - nine? I think.

Thurs. 10

L. A. S. election - with [illegible] elected me Pres. of Un[illegible] Mrs. Coryell & Lee, and [illegible]

I made a work-bag for Xmas anyway.

At the meeting of the Woman's Union of the Congregational church Thursday afternoon, Mrs. B. L. D'Ooge was elected president and Mrs. Clarence Coryell secretary and treasurer. The meeting adjourned to meet next Thursday afternoon when other officers will be elected.

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In the even Papa & I were invited to a "Musicale" at Mellencamp's. About thirty present - Had a pleasing program, rendered by Mr. Ellis, Miss Bird, Donna Riblet, Isabella Carrisson, Clara Brabb & Ellen Wortley. Served thin slabs of cream and baker's cookies & cakes. Had a very pleasant time.

Friday Dec. 11.

Very cold. Helen went to A.A. and I hope and pray that she will not take cold. Our sorority initiation & banquet was very pretty, and passed off nicely - except the toasts were flat.

Sat. 12.

The first heavy snow-storm of the winter. The boys are having great fun shovelling & sliding. Mrs Sherzer is sick with tonsilitis, so we cannot play Whist tonight.

Today I actually got out my carving tools and made a medallion for the cabinet-maker to use in strengthening my German chair.

This is a lovely evening to stay at home - with rain & wind roaring out doors. I felt sorry to have our dear Sonny-boy out delivering papers. But he came home in good shape - feet dry etc.

After supper I made five kitchen towels and then worked on the tickets for our S.S. class social. We are to have it next Sat. P.M.

Dec. 13

Meeting of the S.S. teachers trying to decide what we shall do to celebrate Xmas. I proposed a chimney built of boxes & candy.

Helen came home, after attending the Junior Endeavor. She is a dear faithful little christian. I am reading the "Pit" by Frank Norris - a thrilling story of Chicago & Board of Trade operations. A powerful book! - and the author has died in this early prime.

Mon. 14

A cold stormy day - a good one to stay at home and work. Ida home with a bad cold & cold-sores on her nose and face. We took a lot of comfort working on Xmas things together.

Telephone message from Mr. Beach that 70 lbs. of "Norka" is at M.C.R. office for the Cong. Ladies. I sent for it to sell at our Fair, - and now we must sell it in some way.

Tues. 15

Sent off our things to Germany. A card to Amri & Schlingensiepen a calendar for Henry Rubinkam & book for Herta Korten. Working on the Mat-time (& handkchfs) for Lucile Hoyt's Xmas. and blue collars & cuffs.

Thurs. Dec. 17.

Ida is at home all the week with a bad cold that has come out in cold sores.

The girls came to talk over our Japanese Reception next Sat.

They will all be dressed in costume and serve tea & candies and some Mezu-ame - Japanese jelly, and try to sell some of the photos.

Friday 18.

Getting chickens and stuff ready for company. Asked Mart V. and Christine Lohweese over. M. was coming with the Glee & Banjo Clubs, but their concert is postponed on account of the death of our good friend Mrs. Angell, who passed away this morning at 8 O'C.

Sat. 19.

Up at 5-30 and rushing and hustling to get as much done as possible before going to the funeral at 9-45.

Edith went home yesterday. She offered to stay over and do the sweeping, but I told her she could go home - for she had such a bad cold.

We rode up to A. A. with Eck. A. and May Cooley. Went to aunties and had a glimpse of Lou Stanton, who went there yesterday. Then went up to the President's house - for the funeral. Mrs. Angell looked so peaceful and sweet, it seemed as if her eyelids trembled. The coffin was a bank of roses and the house was just filled with flowers. The music was beautiful and Mr. Paton's remarks and Martin's prayer were very tender and appropriate. I did not see Fannie or Lois, but I wrote to them yesterday.

We went to dinner with aunt Ida - Stanton, and came home in a pouring rain - which did not make me feel very pleasant. Found some of my class here, all dressed and waiting for guests who didn't come. It rained so that only five people came. Receipts $2.10 but we do not know where it came from.

In the eve. we invited the Hoyt family up - and played "Pedro" & "Flinch" and served Ryk bread & cheese and candy (and beer for the papas).

Sun. Dec 20.

Slushy. I let the girls sleep, for the poor deats must be up early for school tomorrow A.M. It is too bad for them to cut off their vacation before Christmas. At the High School.

The Japanese tea and sale of colored Japanese photographs by Mrs. D'Ooge's Sunday school class of the Congregational church, will be given Saturday afternoon, Dec. 19, at the home of Mrs. B. L. D'Ooge. No admission will be charged, but it will cost 10 cents to get out. A brief paper on "A Glimpse of Japan," will be given and tea will be served by Japanese maidens.

## MOURNING AT ANN ARBOR

**MRS. ANGELL DIED EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING.**

**HAD BEEN ILL OF PNEUMONIA BUT A WEEK.**

**Was Always Active in Work for Betterment of Women.**

Ann Arbor, Mich., December 17.—Mrs. Sarah Caswell Angell, wife of James B. Angell, president of the University of Michigan, died this morning at 3 o'clock, after an illness of but a week. Pneumonia was the cause of the demise.

The deceased was born in Providence, R. I., on July 24, 1831. She was the daughter of Dr. Alexis Caswell, for many years professor of mathematics and astronomy at Brown university, and afterwards president of the institution. She was educated in



MRS. JAMES B. ANGELL.

the best private schools of her native city and later by such masters as Prof. George W. Green, the noted Italian scholar and historian, and Prof. Henry S. Frieze, then residing in Providence. In her early life, at her father's home, Mrs. Angell was thrown in contact with many famous men, among them being the earlier missionaries who first opened India and Burmah to the Christian religion. One of these was Adoniram Judson, and to this early association it is probable that the intense missionary zeal which always actuated her was due. For ten years Mrs. Angell was president of the Michigan branch of the woman's board of missions of the interior, resigning three years ago, on account of illness. She has also been president of the local auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Congregational Church for the past twenty-six years.

On Thanksgiving Day, 1855, she married James B. Angell, then professor of modern languages and literature in Brown university. From 1866 until 1871 Dr. Angell was president of the University of Vermont, and then came to accept the presidency of the University of Michigan. During the thirty-two years which have passed since coming here, the cordiality and wisdom of the hostess in the president's home has been an inspiration and pleasure to the thousands who have gone forth from here.

Mrs. Angell was very active in the work for the betterment of women and was of a most charitable and religious disposition. She was a member of the Woman's Board of the Chicago exposition, and in this connection was a member of the executive committee, of the committee on ceremonials, and was chairman of the committee on classification of exhibits. During her long and active life she accompanied Dr. Angell when he was minister to China and minister to Turkey. She was a member of the Sorosis and was the reigning patroness at all the most exclusive university functions. She was also an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and for six years was regent of the local chapter.

Mrs. Angell is survived by her husband and three children. The latter are Prof. James Angell, of the University of Chicago; Alexis Angell, of Detroit, and Mrs. Lois McLaughlin, of Washington. She also leaves one brother, Admiral Thomas T. Caswell, recently retired from the United States navy.

Although the city and campus were prepared for sad news, the death is nevertheless a shock on the community.

The funeral services will be held from her late home Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. The burial will be private.

The children rejoiced in being able to stay home in the P. M. as there was no Chr. Endeavor. Even our Prom Helen was glad. Stanton returned from A. A. about 4.0'c. — and had a big hug & kiss for each one of us. Ben & I called at Ford's and Barbour's.

Mon. Dec. 21. 1903.

Sweeping up stairs & baking Xmas cakes, and had a headache at night. Wanted to be out of doors, so called on Mrs. Lewis & Dr. & Mrs. Paton and Mrs. Garrisson.

Tues. 22.

Auntie came for Xmas. Today we repeated our Japanese reception with the result that nine people came, — and only four Cong. ladies. I think it is discouraging to go to so much trouble to make a little money for the church, and not rec. any encouragement. Mrs. Sherzer asked me to enter the Whist Club again as substitute for Mrs. Lyman. — The rest of the year. Have promised to do so — as there is almost nothing else, socially, in Ypsilanti.

Wed. 23.

Working on the blue collars & cuffs. and sending off things to people. We gave blue c. & c. to Abbie P. Rose Hoover and Sadie Mc Arthur. Hdkchf Matinée to Louise Hattstaedt & collar-case to Kittie, Edith Simons & Edwina Pope. I sent Fan a lovely embroidered-on-linen hair-receiver and a Jap. photo. and to Jane Stanley. The children have enjoyed this year



(for the first time) doing things for others because they loved them. Except Helen, who loves everyone, but is too rattle-brained to remember to make anything. Bless her heart! She would give away her last cent.

Had a nice Christmas prayer-meeting & papa went with Ida and me.

Thurs. 24.

A slushy, rainy day for our Xmas entertainment at the church. We got a mantel at the Normal and fixed a chimney for Santa Claus to come through. I helped Mr. & Mrs. Collins and Mr. Laird fix things, fill the candy-bags. After dinner at the Café, Helen took my place, so I did other things, got my S.S. presents for my class, etc.

There were about 30 children there and Len made a fine Santa, — followed by pieces & songs and stories by the children. Gave my class Jap. photos and paper-knives. There were only four of Helen presents.

Fri. 25. Christmas.

We had a lively morning, as usual on Xmas day. We are always astonished at the number of presents everyone has. I cannot begin to record them except a few of the most precious ones. Ben liked his guitar-case & foot-bag (for bed) and slippers & Ida — her white sweater, fountain-pen, dress for summer & German magazine for 1904. Helen prized most her sapphire ring duck dress, comb & brush, & umbrella.

and Ben – his cornet & Stanton & Ben their sweaters. They were mostly quite practical presents. I had a pair silver pepper-boxes & sugar spoon from Ben, handkerchiefs from auntie & Mrs. Ford box of candy from Mrs. Hoyt, gloves from Lola D. pins & a flannel from the boys & a hat-hook frame from Ben which he made himself.

Helen hemstitched a ~~lunch~~ center cloth for the table & Helen Spitz gave me a dear little Dutch poster, framed.

The girls gave auntie a very fine leather card-case, I gave her a hdkchf made in Turkey. Ben – a gas-plate, Ben – a stand which he made, Stanton – some pins.

a box of oranges came from Ed. 12 doz.

We went up to Martin's for dinner, although I hated to go without aunt Ida. I am sure Mart would invite her in a minute, if it were not for Mary. What would they think if Martin has a brother living here, and we should invite them down, not asking him. They would consider us exceedingly rude & impolite. Auntie went home on the car with us, and is coming down for Sunday dinner with us.

When we reached Marts, Stanton had run ahead and was ready to receive us. Mart is very fond of our babies.



We visited until dinner was announced and Mart offered me his arm. But before Ben could get to Mary – who should step up but our Faithful boy with his arm crooked up and "I'll take you out, sweet Mary," which we thought was very cunning.

They had a big dinner, topped off with ice-cream & nut-cake, and we all did justice to it. Nothing happened to mar the occasion, except that Stanton broke one of the fine initial-engraved goblets, which nearly broke his heart.

Among their elegant things are some brass finger-bowls from Egypt, some solid gold after dinner coffee-spoons (her mother's golden wedding present) and others from Sweden. and a silver carved bowl from Egypt which was valued in Boston at more than a hundred dollars.

They hunted for presents after dinner & had great fun. Each youngster received buttons or pin made in California from shells found in the ocean at Avalon – which is 30 miles from the coast on island.

They gave similar ones to their servant Ida – greatly to Ben's disgust.

We got home about five o'c.

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Writing letters & returning our Japanese photos and a check of $5.00 for Miss Mary Shed of Fountain St. 27, Boston and only $3.50 to my class for all the trouble, Mending & sewing. Ben & I call on the Peases & Mellencamp's (party calls) in a snow-storm. Mrs. Pease was very picturesque in a dark red Jeness-Miller gown, and broad white lace collar.

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I do not have to start things in the morning. Washwoman did not come until Tues. so I have been ironing mostly & mending.

Sat. Jan. 9, 1904.

The church annual meeting and supper was a great success. Fed about 130 people. We all missed Mrs. George, who is sick in bed with Grippe or catarrhal fever. I had charge of things and had a table & had to read the report of the Union & had my hands full.

Sewing all day today.

Sun. 10.

Ben's birthday. We gave him a set of gold shirt studs, blotting paper for his desk, rubber soap, stick pin & match box. I tried to carve & burn a frame for pictures of Dr. Frieze, Boeschke & Greenough but could not get time. oh dear! We expected Mart out for lunch, but he telephoned that Mary had a headache. Devoted husband.

Mart Verdier is sick again with kidney trouble, since returning with the Glee Club from Minneapolis. So we cannot have him & some of his friends, as I had planned, to meet



my Harmonious Mystic girls, after the concert next Wednesday night.

Mon. 11

A hustling morning making angel-cake & getting things together to send out to the Club House for our party. I think I have an awfully good husband to have Louis Davis do the catering, so I will not have to work so hard. If we could have had them on Friday or Saturday I should have insisted upon having them here - for the girls could have helped. As it is, I do not ask them to do much during the week. Ida is appointed on the oratorical contest & Junior Exhibition and is very busy. And Helen, the dear thing, is having a time with her face - something that is almost epidemic in the schools. It commences with a blister as if burned and then it discharges & spreads.

Tues. 12.

Played whist at Mrs. Van Fossen's with Mrs. Sherman. Score - 2. Took the 4-45 car for Club House, found them just starting the fire, and made them pile it up & keep at it, so as to warm the room thoroughly. I helped the darkey set the table etc, & the people came at 5-45. It was a good dinner; Soup:- fine roast beef & mashed potato, olives, jelly pickles coffee & rolls; Shrimp

Salad & wcrackers; ice-cream & cake and fruit. Afterwards we sat in a circle around the fire & told conundrums, stories, etc, They were all full of pranks & it was great fun to see those seven pillars of the church & their respective wives have such a pleasant time together.

Tues. Jan. 12.

Ironing & sewing. Concert by Ern the violinist, in the eve.

Wed. 13

When I had finished my sweeping and dusting I rushed up to the Normal for the Chapel concert by Pease & his chorus. They sang "Banner of St. George"; very well, but not as well as usual. At Mrs. George's until dinner-time, telling her about things and mending her stockings. She is a little better, but looks dreadfully.

At prayer meeting with Stanton in the eve. Ida & Helen went to the Glee Club concert with Mrs. Cleary & Blanche McCarthy. Snowing again. We have more snow this winter than I remember in many years. Stanton & Leonard are clamoring to give sleigh-rides to their little friends.



right away.

✻ Thurs. 14th. 1904.

A very busy day. Hurried down street to get lace for Ida's Junior Ex-dress, and sewing on it all the morning. After dinner went with Ben to Mrs. Major's funeral. Then for a little call on sister George. Then to a reception at Miss Cutcheon's, for Mrs. Armstrong of Detroit. Then to L.A.S. at Mrs. Trim's — and afterwards to the dress-maker's, and home in time for making Hamburg steak balls for supper.

In the eve. Mrs. Pease called for me to go to sorority meeting. They discussed plans for a party Feb. 19th. and served tea & fudge. I have charge of the next program, in two weeks, and think we will have a story & current events.

✻ Friday 15th. ✻

Cold, cold! The coldest night we have had. I guess. Ben went to bed with a sore throat and is at home today doctoring. Also Helen is home, with her face plastered with sulpher & tallow to try and get rid of the eruption.

Mrs. Pease dropped in to say we must caution the H.M. girls not to talk too much. Edeith Jones is probably going to join us — and it should be kept very quiet until fully decided.

It is a great joke — after Walton has rushed her so long.

Had such a good time today just staying at home and minding my own business. Telephoned to Mart Verdier (who is some better) and invited him for our H. M. party (Feb. 19)

Sat. Jan. 16th '04.

Sewing as usual. Lou is gargling and taking Bell. and Helen is again all plastered with sulpher & tallow on her face. We hope to cure her before Tues. when school begins. They are glad to have vacation Monday — when the teachers go to visit schools.

At 2 o'c the youngsters commenced to gather for Stanton's sleigh-ride party. Twenty invited — but only twelve came, on account of a party at Colvan's. Mr. Shaw took Theta for 1.00 and I sent another one for candy cookies, lemons & Crackerjack. They came back in about an hr. & ½ and had a little fun & then he took them home. I thought that would be a good way to get them started home. All pronounced it a great success. In the eve. Mr. & Mrs. Sherzer came for Whist — and again the score was even. The women against their lords. Served chocolate & cookies.



Sun. 17.

A bright cold Sunday. Auntie came out for dinner at the Occidental. Slept most of the P. M. & Ida & I went to Musical service in the evening.

Mon. 18.

Hustled all the morning. Whist at Mrs. Sherzer's in the afternoon, and Miss Robinson & I had top score, 45. I do not know how it happened, but she said "I played a fine game." Served chicken salad, coffee bread & b. & pickles. They are to play here next week. Papa & I were invited to supper at bro. Holmes' with the Beaches — but they couldn't come before eve. on account of their three babies. They have a very pleasant home, and lots of pretty things. Arthur broiled the steak and I helped his mother just like a girl. They had steak & scalloped potatoes, pickles, jelly, coffee, b. & b. pineapples fruit-cake & macaroons, nuts & raisins. In the eve. we sat around the grate fire & visited, and they passed the macaroons & stuffed dates, and had their music box going.

Tues. 19.

Ironed & made orange-pineapple jelly for whist-club. Had to use up the last of the oranges to keep them from spoiling. Mrs. Sherzer came in for a morning call, just as I was going to dinner. She leaves tomorrow for Saginaw — to be

gone about two weeks.

Raining after supper because the Cong. Y.P.S.C.E. gives a sleigh-ride Thursday night. Wed. Jan. 20

Len's throat all right again, but Stanton at home today. There are so many cases of pneumonia one cannot be too careful. But wrote that in less than a month there have been over 400 deaths from it in N.Y. city. He has been sick with a bad cold himself.

Rained all day. Stanton & I did not go out at all - until tonight, when I went to prayer-meeting. Nine present. The water was over my rubbers in many places. Snowing when I came home.

Thurs. 21.

Made an angel-cake for Mrs. George - Chd. 40¢ which means 20¢ towards my experience money. Took Mrs. Mellencamp to W.A.S. tea at Mrs. Bostwicks. A bad day, but there were 16 present. Came home in the rain.

Frid. 22

Rain & snow all day, but stopped in the eve. so we could go to Wayne. We were so cross to think we promised so long ago to go there tonight, for we were invited to go to a Whist party at Prof. Bowen's. Ben's talk on Holland was very interesting and he had a most appreciative audience of Podunkers from Podunk. Served cream cake & punch.



and gave Ben a dollar - and he gave me 50¢ for standing by him.

Sat.

Sewing in the morning and went with Mrs. Pease to Miss Putnam's in the afternoon. She entertained the Sorority and Edith Jones, our new-pledged member. We think she is a great joke - as Walton has been rushing her for more than a year - and we just stepped in ahead of her - and with Pres. Jones's hearty approval. She had them both down for Christmas dinner & gave them presents. and took Edith in to Detroit for a show last week &c. etc, etc.

This afternoon the girls had their work and we had a little music - and she served (from little tables in the dining room) salad, sandwiches, Coffee + almonds

Mrs. Pease professed to be awfully bored, when upstairs with me, but she was perfectly charming with the girls.

Sun. 24.

Very cold and street-cars stopped by the heavy snow. We expected Bastian to come down from A.A. where he preached today - but he telephoned that he could not reach here before 11 o'c. P.M. on the steam cars

We stayed at home from church in the eve, and had a beautiful time.

Mon. Jan. 25

Bastian came down in the morning and I gave him + Ben luncheon at home. - the rest going to the restaurant as usual. It made hurrying times for me - on account of the Whist club here in the P. M.

They seemed to have a good game and said they always liked to come here, I gave them "such good eatings" Served orange-pineapple jelly and whipped cream angel cake + chocolate kibbles + coffee. I enjoyed waiting the different hands.

Tues. 26.

As Mrs. Crosby couldn't come last Saturday, I did the necessary washing today, all but flannels + stockings which Sophie tomorrow. I have a growing respect + appreciation for a washwoman. - and feel more willing to pay their price - almost any price.

Rachel Fletcher + Isabella Gareisson came to get items for our Current Events eve. on Thursday.

Wed. 27

Bright, but 6° below zero. We haven't had such a winter for 20 years, - so says the O. i. (oldest inhabitant.) Both girls at home on account of exams. Edd working on her oration: "Modern Philanthropy"

How I dread it, for her!



Thurs. 28.

Union + Foreign Miss. meeting at Mrs. Wood's. Had a fine meeting with Mrs. Collins as leader. They served chocolate and wafers, which tasted good on such a cold day. In the eve. at Sorority meeting at Rachel Fletcher's - Edith Jones pledged. Mrs. Pease told me the Walton went to Pres. Jones, and tried to get him to revoke the decision, and let Editth join the Zeta Phis - but he refused point blank. She will find she cannot twist everyone as she did the Hoyts.

Frid. 29.

Mrs. Pease acted horridly to me last eve, criticizing my items of news unmercifully - and acting real cat-y. [Ben calls her "a little cat".]

Can it be she was cross, because at the Putnam party I was seated at the big table with Edeth Jones by me, while Libbie was at a side table!

I feel that the girls treat me differently and feared that she would notice it. She is so cold and indifferent and bored. I wonder sometimes if she cares for anyone.

The girls really seem to like me, + feel more at home with me I'm sure,

Mart Verdier came for supper and we had a little game of Whist afterwards. - The youngsters beating Ben & me by one point. I was in the dentist's chair all the afternoon, and didn't feel much like Whist. I owe Jamie $1.00.

Sat. Jan. 30.

A busy day & very cold. Frau Garretson called, and Helen went home with her. Mrs. Hoyt came, and I took her up to call on Mrs. Jerome. Ben & I were invited to tea at the parsonage, with Mr. & Mrs. Cleary and had a beautiful visit & a delicious supper: creamed potatoes, croquettes & green peas, cold ham, pickles olives, celery & rolls. Charlotte Russe and angel food & Sunshine cake & coffee. (I forgot the salad (salmon) & wafers.)

She has the nicest things that any pastor's wife we ever had, had. There's a sentence.

Sun. 31.

Martin V. asked us up there for dinner with him at the Zeta Psi house, and we took the car right after church. Went first to call on aunt Ida, and then on up State St, reaching there just as the clock struck one.

Dr Carrow & his niece came later. She is quite stunning - and made me wish I had worn my blue silk dress. She had on a blk. & white silk - trimmed with lace.

They served a better dinner than the last time we were there, and the boys seemed more at their ease. Of course they were a little awkward, putting their legs up on sofa arms and the like, - but they seemed to be a nice lot of fellows.

We afterwards called on M. L. and found people there, who had dined with them. Ben says they always have company, to keep from being lonesome. We had to wait 3/4 of an hour when we left there, before a car came. Finally walked way down to the waiting - room, and Ben visited his wrath upon Ann Arbor in general & particular.



Mon. Feb. 1. 1904.

Finished sugaring and putting away my preserved orange-peel. It looks beautifully, and will work in nicely for companies this winter.

Played first game of the new series at Whist club - with Mrs. Stevens with score 7 + 1, which was next to the best. Mrs. Quirk & Robinson being the others.

Mrs. Wortley invited the club & husbands for next Friday tea & Whist 60c.
Mrs. Hoyt told me she is invited to the Reases next Friday, but I haven't heard anything of it.
Am working at present for myself- making over my old black poplin waist & made in Germany.
How it does take me back to the little dress-maker Frl. Hubertine Coiplet.
Ida has a terrible cold & cough and went to Dr. Clifford tonight. She must be well before next week Thursday.

Tues. 2.

Sent into Detroit for ticket to "Irving" Matinee Sat. He plays "Merchant of Venice"
I made nine dog wafers and sent out telephone messages to about thirty people. Inviting for Ben a Whist party for next Tues. and 15 ladies of the R. H. Club, who did not hear the Club magazine for tomorrow.
Reading to Stanton the rest of the afternoon. He came home with a head-ache.

Wed. 3.

Stanton in bed - and getting ready for my company. It was so bitter cold I hardly expected any-one but there were eleven or twelve here. Even Mrs. Garrison, Mrs. Wilcox & Mrs. Goodison. I served chocolate and wafers which they all raved over.



It pleased [illegible] many I them to be invited any where & and I was glad to give pleasure to Mrs. Woodman dear Mrs. Loomis & Mrs. Benedict who cannot get out much. and they declared they had a beautiful time.

Thurs. 4.

Sent regrets to a Euchre party at Miss Lamb's - and went to L. A. S. at Mrs. George's (Virtuous woman!) There were many there that I thought would be at the party and Sara G. served tea & graham wafers.
The ladies brought their work and had a good visit. Enjoyed the evening at home, glad there was no sorority meeting.

Friday 5.

Stanton seems better & as bright as a cricket, but still insists that his head aches and waits a towel on it. I do not understand him. I made some more chocolate wafers for next Tuesday eve, & an Angel-cake, (which will keep all right this weather), because I want to go to hear Henry Irving tomorrow, and do some shopping in Detroit.

I read to him until about 4 o'c and then went up to the Pease Musical. and it was well worth the trouble.

Mrs. Marshall Pease sang beautifully and Miranda Smith played.

Served fancy creadie in paper cases (about a tea-spoon of it) and snow-balls (angel cake cut in balls, & rolled in frosting & cocoanut) & fruit cake, coffee and two kinds of confections.

Must have cost a heap of money.

When we came out it was raining, & I had to rush home in it, and get my pretty Paris wrap all wet!

Ben & I went to the Worley's for six o'c supper & play Whist in the eve.

Had rather an elaborate menu:

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III. Fruit Sundae & cake & lady fingers and coffee & almonds (salted)

I played with Rev. Gardam & Ben with Mrs. Connell, and we were all average with score of 104, and had a very pleasant evening.

Mrs. Sherzer returned from Detroit this noon, just in time to officiate at Pease's and Worley's. Every-one was dressed up in their best, and it was a pretty party.



Sat, 6 Feb.

Up at 5-30 to get ready for Detroit, and rushed down for the 8-15 car and they went down as far as the car-barns and never left Ypsi. until 9-15 [illegible] their t[illegible] time [illegible] and go[illegible] and g[illegible] new m[illegible] flk. stay time [illegible] very go[illegible] delestab[illegible]

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| Salanio | Mr. W. Lugg |
| Salarino | Mr. Lionel Belmore |
| Gratiano | Mr. H. B. Stanford |
| Lorenzo | Mr. Vincent Sternroyd |
| Tubal | Mr. J. Archer |
| Launcelot Gobbo | Mr. Charles Dodsworth |
| Old Gobbo | Mr. T. Reynolds |
| Gaoler | Mr. W. Graham |
| Leonardo | Mr. H. R. Cook |
| Balthazar | Mr. W. Marion |
| Stephano | Mr. W. L. Ablett |
| Clerk of the Court | Mr. F. D. Daviss |
| Jessica | Miss Nora Lancaster |
| Nerissa | Miss Laura Burt |
| Portia | Miss Mabel Hackney |

PROGRAMME CONTINUED.

average with score of 104, and had a very pleasant evening.

Mrs. Scherzer returned from Detroit this noon, just in time to "officiate" at Pease

and Worley's. Every-one was dressed up in their best, and it was a pretty party,



Sat, 6 Feb.

Up at 5-30 to get ready for Detroit, and rushed down for the 8-15 car and they went down as far as the car-barns and never left Ypsi. until 9-15 reaching Detroit half-past-eleven their time. Didn't have much time for shopping, but scurried around and got silk for waists (wash silk 40¢) and green silk for Ida's lining to her new muslin, a lunch cloth and a blk. etamine skirt for me, and was in time for the matinee at 2 o'c. It was very good indeed; Irving was the most detestable old "Shylock" conceivable. Am glad we saw him, for he is getting pretty old. After the matinee Ben & I went and did a few errands and then to Richter's for a Dutch lunch.

We were going to Fannie Angell's but she sent word that Tom and his bride were there and Mrs. Kent was giving a dinner-party in their honor.

Too bad it happened so, for we have been trying for so long to get there.

Ben & I had a good time though, & reached home about 11 o'c.

Sun. Feb. 7.

Cold & blustering. I ate so much at Richter's last night, did not go to dinner at Occidental - but gave the ticket to Papa, Helen & Ben, and came home to get dinner for the sick folks. Stanton is about well of his head ache, Edith is in medias res & Ida is coughing her head off. Poor little girl! She has learned her speech but cannot rehearse. I do not see how she is to take part in the Contest.

Mr. Hoyt, Dr Hoyt addressed the Ch. Endeavor annual, in the eve, - and did well. We went, much against our inclinations, it was such an awful night with the side-walks solid ice.

# Mon. 8. #

Tried to get Stanton's Arith. into his head, but did not succeed very well. He can do the simple processes in ~~Geo~~ abstract numbers, but cannot reason out if a man does so much in so many days' etc. etc. Poor Darling, he tries so hard. This afternoon he went to school - after four days absence.

Played whist today at Gardam's with Mrs. Wortley (who is an uncertain quantity) and had a -3 score.

She served vanilla cream & ginger, coffee



& lady-fingers & Nabisco wafers. Stanton has a spot on his face, which I fear is that same Cuban itch which Edith & all the rest had. I had a spot start on my finger yesterday, but cured it with constant use of carbol-wasser. Poor dear Ida found out tonight that the classes have not been reviewing as she was told - so she will have a lot to make up. My opera-glass came today from the Detroit opera-house, where I dropped it last Saturday. It is remarkable - what good luck I have. Also I left my leather hand-bag in a store - but found it later.

Tues. 9.

Hustling all the morning - sweeping and dusting down stairs. Conduct work upstairs because Ida was in bed until 11 o'clock. At Mrs. Connell's for luncheon. She entertained 16 ladies very handsomely - having unpacked all her beautiful hand-painted china & solid silver. I could hardly remember the menu, it was so elaborate. There were six or seven courses at least. In the afternoon I hurried home & changed my clothes and dusted & got things ready for our party. Every-one came, and declared they had a fine time. Served vanilla & orange creams, preserved orange & candied cherries, Angel cake & Lemonade cake & chocolate

wafers. 106 After they had gone, I washed dishes until nearly one o'C— for Edith isn't at all well, and has the ironing to do, in the mornings.

Wed. 10-Feb.-#

Baked cookies & sewed. At Club in the P.M. Dr. Sherzer gave us a talk about his trips to British Columbia. Very interesting it was, too.

As Ben & I were coming home from the Normal, a boy told us we had had a fire on our street, and I was scared think it might be our house. Mrs Harding's just on the corner of Normal St & ours was completely gutted by fire, and they lost about everything. I couldn't help thinking it might have been ours — for we have had the furnace going so hard this freezing weather.

Ida is still coughing her head off — but not so badly as last week.

The Oratorical Contest has been postponed four days on her account. She has not been able to rehearse very much as yet — but has her oration learned quite well.

I was too tired for prayer-meeting tonight, & Helen had a sore throat again.

I shall be so glad when this winter is over. Felt head-ache-y, so I retired early with the children.



Thurs. 11th.

Helen & Ida at home. In the afternoon I went to Y.A.S. at E.E. Trim's — found Francis Higley there, and took her home to supper. Poor old "Festive Fig" at Ben calls her, is rather lonely boarding, and talks of keeping house next Fall. After she had left, I got on my things and went with Donna Riffle to sorority meeting. Prof. Pease telephoned that he want Abbie to go to the S.S. Convention with him (Forsooth) and wouldn't I run the meeting without her. — which I did.

Met at Tilla Wilkinson's, at Mrs. Newton's and she served cream & angel's food — It was very nice, and Ethel Clark was toast-mistress and had several (rather flat) toasts, which we drank in lemonade. No-one seemed to miss Abbie, as I noticed. I asked the girls over Sat. afternoon to give me some music & practice "Fireman's Dance" for our party the 19th.

Friday 12th

Helen in school again, and Ida went this afternoon. I was at another very swell luncheon at Mrs. Robinson's. Eight ladies sat down to a square table with bank of lillies

of The Valley, surrounded by little gilt baskets of the same flowers, which were given to us afterwards.
The menu was: I. Preserved fruits & whipped cream. II. Cream soup - onion.
III. Baked lobster (in lovely little dishes)
IV. Baked liver loaf - Creamed potatoes beets stuffed with peas - conserve of currants, raisins & orange. pickles (sour) bread & butter sandwiches.
V. Salad with mayonnaise
VI. Lovely whipped cream served in shells of meringue. - nut cake & macaroons. Salted almonds, mint drops, and little sticks of candy in bunches of three, tied with ribbons.
VII Coffee. & more mints.
I sat between Mrs. Gardam & Mrs Todd - with Mrs. Sheppe Miss Pearce Fannie Strong Mrs. Huston & Mrs. Robinson for the other sides, and we had a jolly time - so jolly I didn't get away to see Helen in her new dress until four o'c.

Mon. 15th.

We have been having great times fixing valentines and sending and receiving them. Stanton received 10 of them.



The dear little boy has been home since Friday with sore throat & headache. Who next? I feared it was his eyes - but have decided it is catarrhal. It is very cold, so I am glad he is at home. I am doctoring up four spots on his face - which are the last of our troubles I hope. I keep them plastered with sulpher and lard.
He is so patient and precious and does not make a bit of trouble - except. Of course I have too much running up and down stairs. - serving meals up stairs. and running up to work with him & read to him and see to the medicine & gargle.
At Mrs. Connell's for whist and played with Ruth Putnam and won - 3. At the High School in eve. to hear our Ida orate on "Modern Philanthropy" and she did it very well.
Mabel Pass took the prize though.
Ida looked very sweet in her muslin dress over light green silk.

Wed. 16.

At home with Stanton - but he is better.
Bright day but 12° below zero.
Mrs. Garrison & Mrs. Loomis called.

# Thurs. 17.

Working all the morning and at

church tea at Mrs. Wells, and then to Mrs. Hall's to try on my white waste-silk waist.

Frid. Feb. 19.

The blk. skirt that I bought in Detroit was not long enough. I so had one made at Sweets — at the small sum of $10.25. I was stunned, but after all it will out-last any two or three of the read-made ones.

Sat. 20

Our Harmonious Mystic party at the Club house last night was a great success. I was roped into playing for march, quadrille & Virginia Reel.

The girls looked very pretty in their shirt-waist suits. We served veal-croquettes, peas, sandwiches pickles and coffee. Did not reach home until two o'c. The boys were out sliding all day — everything covered ice.

I went hunting some place for our luncheon. The Devey Cafe has gone up the flume. The woman disappeared in the night, and we had just bought a ticket.

I failed to record the Halcyon party which Mrs. Hoyt and I chaperoned. We had a good visit — a thing we haven't enjoyed for many a day.

The Halcyon club held the 6th party of the series at the Armory last evening. There were 40 couples present and the music was furnished by Wilmire's full orchestra. The party was chaperoned by Mrs. B. L. D'Ooge and Mrs. Chas. Hoyt. A number of guests were present from Ann Arbor, Detroit and Howell. The next of the series will be given March 18.



Sun. 21.

Len has a sore throat today. I never saw such a winter!

We all went to church and had Phillip Worcester down for dinner. He is a very nice boy. Just sweet.

Helen made fudge and put a box of it in his coat pocket, which pleased this boy heart.

Mon. 22.

A great day to stay at home. No school, and dinner at home so I didn't have to go out except to interview Mrs. Brott of the Woman's Exchange, who is to commence tomorrow sending us lunches for six at 75 ¢ pr. day. ✓ In the eve. was our L. L. C. Colonial party at the Club-house. I took Mrs. Ford as my guest-because Ben had to be at the Business Men's banquet — where he gave an address. He came out about nine o'c, and called for the quadrilles. There were many very pretty costumes and lots of powdered hair and blk. patches high back-combs.

We had for supper: soup (cold) chicken pie, peas, mashed potatoes apple butter sandwiches, coffee, pumpkin pie & cheese.

I think Mrs. Ford was very much pleased to have an outing. She has had a hard winter with her crying baby and having so many teeth filled with nerves to kill, etc, etc.

We danced until about 10 o'c and returned on a special car. Poor Ben had to walk out - because the cars were "Jf" and he thought he must be there "to call Jf".

Lena Stanton went to see some Moving Pictures at the opera-house, and Ren's stomach was upset a little, so he went to bed with a head-ache.

The girls went in the eve, with Ellen Colvin.

Wed. 24. bright sunshine but very cold. I sent Mrs. Judson - J. G. R. - a friend of Mrs. Sheoger's to take my place at Whist-Club, yesterday. The truth is: Mrs. Merril's house smells so I cannot stand it - She has an old, old lady living there and airs her bed-room into the house. Bah! Pfui!

Also yesterday we had our first lunch from Mrs. Brott.

I doubt if we stand it very long.

Today Ben said she cleared about sixty Cts. on us. I shall have to "labor" with her about them.



Mart Verdier telephoned out that he was coming to see us, & I asked him for tea. Afterwards we played "Whist". I looking over H's shoulder to advise her. Played "Duplicate" and Mart & Ida were one pt. ahead because J. H's foolish play before I could stop it.

She's an old Sweet-heart but she doesn't use her head much at the game of "Whist".

The L. L. Club met here today. About 25 being present. Mrs. Vosseller had charge. Subj. "Flags" and Pearl Benedict sang very prettily.

After prayer-meeting tonight we called at the George's - as Louise goes tomorrow to visit Grace.

Dear Sara George has another bad cold.

Thurs. 25.

Stanton asked to invite a student teacher, Miss Greenaway & Miss Plunkett for supper. Miss P. is not able to accept any invitations - she is so poorly. So he asked Miss Burns. I gave them a fine supper. - baked veal & macaroni, escalloped tomatoes, fresh rolls, pine-apple-orange-banana sauce & Washington tea-cakes.

We left them playing cards with the boys and went to Junior Ex. to hear our Ida sing: "A flower may hide its lovely Face".

Afterwards Papa took us three girls to hear the Konwal play: "Magda" – by Sudermann. I am free to confess that I should not have been able to follow it, if Miss Lombard had not given me a sketch of the story.

There was some very good acting but of all the Dutch – y duddy I ever saw on the stage!!

Ida sang very well – and looked very sweet. And we were proud to hear the class poetess, after getting off jokes about many of the girls – say Ida: dignified, in glasses, learned in the classics & "Dutch" is Ida D Page our orator" – or something like that.

Frid. 26.

Baking for Leonard's party tomorrow and for our Experience Social tonight. and writing my "poem" while sewing.

Sat. 27.

A busy day. Sewing all the A.M. and at Mrs. Trim's thimble-party at 3 o'c. She entertained about thirty ladies very handsomely in her little house.

I left before their refreshments were all served. – Just had fruit salad – coffee & rolls, when it was quarter past five & I had to run



so as to catch the 6-15 car for the Club-house. The car was half-an-hour late, so we did not get out there until seven. They had a great time dancing, singing & playing games. Of course the car was an hour late – so we did not reach home until eleven o'c.

Served ice-cream cake & cookies. I had chocolate sauce to make a "Sundae" – but forgot it, in the rush. They all seemed to have a beautiful time, except poor dear Josephine Sherzer, who is getting so fat she is unhappy – and dislikes to get up to dance.

Last night our L.A.S. Experience social passed off tolerably well. Had a nice social time & took in about $27.00.

Sun. 28.

Our Ida's 17th. birthday, and I had not a minute to buy her a present, but gave her a card – good for a gingham shirt-waist and card-plate with 100 cards. Papa gave her a nice Bible & the boys an umbrella. Helen a pink neck-ribbon & aunt Ida a white silk waist & pr. of knit slippers. I gave her also – two [illegible]

Auntie Barbour sent her some pretty carnations. In the afternoon Ben had to address Miss King's Bible-class on Athens - with photographs - then she asked me to stay for luncheon. Mr. & Mrs. Hoyt were here a while - & then I went over for an hour. Auntie stayed here for lunch & went to church with Ben and me - to hear Mr. Beach on the story of "Cain & Abel". He is making quite a stir by his statements in regard to the old Testament stories.

Mon. 29.

It rained and blew so terribly I did not think anyone would want to play Whist. But - Oh! yes! they telephoned to see if I could come - and there were three tables, in spite of the floods. I played with Mrs. Walterhouse and had - 4 score - Only consolation was that Mrs. Connel & Van Fossen were [illegible] and Miss Pearce & Mrs. Merrill - &

Tues. Mar. 1st

These are lovely days to stay at home and work. Mr. & Mrs. Shepler & the Jeffersons called in eve. Ben gone to a committee meeting at Pres. Jones'. It is a lucky Tuesday when I get all my week's mending done, as I did this day. Stanton has a little cough still - but I hope to cure it with my Trapkites.



Wed. Mar. 2.

Warm as Spring ought to be. Mrs. Hoyt came for me to go up to 10 o'c lecture with stereoptican given by Mrs. McClurg of Colorado, on the "Cliff Dwellers" She is a very sweet appearing woman but has no voice for public speaking and could not be heard half way across the hall.

Mr. McClurg gave another Colorado lecture in the eve, and was here for supper. Gave him fine oyster soup, Porterhouse steak, with potatoes - pickles, baked apples & cream & Sunshine cake & tea. Good enough for any-one - and he seemed to enjoy everything. He asked if I was going up to the lecture - & insisted upon my riding up with him - so Ida & I went up in style, with the lightning, thunder & rain not disturbing us in the least. His lecture & views were much better than Mrs. Mc. C's. and he was an interesting guest - only a little troubled by big head.

It rained & poured while we were in the hall - so that we fairly waded

in rivers all the way home.

Thurs. Mar. 3.

The weather changed again, and when we looked out this morning we found snow flying & a blizzard blowing. I didn't think anyone would be at L. A. S. — but there were twelve. Mrs. Spalsbury served chocolate and wafers, which would have warmed us up better — had the former been hotter.

Mrs. George fell down & couldn't be present. Helen is having a swell spring suit made at Sweet's. ($20.00!!)

I was glad to come to my cozy home, and not have to leave it for anything.

Frid. 4.

Bright & cold. Sewed all the A. M. and made six calls after 3 o'c. Also got a book on Richard Wagner at the Library. Have promised to write an article on Wagner opera, for the Normal News Magazine.

At Ben's request, I wrote a notice of Mr. McClure's lecture for the paper; but found on telephoning that he had written his own notice and sent it in last Wed. night after the lecture!

Ben talked of our going in to Detroit for Mart's lecture on the Acropolis, but he didn't care to — and neither did I — so we decided not to go until sometime when something is going on — worth hearing or seeing.



I have engaged Miss Agnes Fike to come next week to sew.

* Sat. Mar. 5th. *

Is it possible that we have two pleasant days! I was trying to decide whether I should make calls, or stay home & receive. Bet I wouldn't have a call — and promised me a dollar if I did. I in turn promised him ten cts. for every one less than four. Two girls came, so I must pay him 20 & he must give me the $1.00.

Sun. 6

I was too tired — sleepy to hardly be able to wade through the rain & slush to church & S. S. Had a good sleep in the P. M. Reading some sketches by Hopkinson Smith: "The Under Dog". Very good.

Mon. 7.

Did not think there would be half-a-dog at church last eve, but there were over a hundred people out.

Heard there were just nine at the Episcopal church — with all their boy choir and beaten services & ceremony.

Played whist today at Miss Pearce's with Fl. Batchelder & score +1
In the eve. we went to see Mr. Maro the best magician I ever saw. He got Stanton up on the stage & pulled all sorts of things from under his sweater. & making Sonny's eyes bulge, with surprise.

Wed. Mar. 9.

Miss Fyke came yesterday for a continuous performance of a week or more. The nuisance of it is - she sleeps here too. But she is a good worker & pleasant to have around. I pay her $5. or a week. We are turning out shirt waists for the girls at the rate of one a day. Mrs. Hall charged me $1.50 for plain ~~silk~~ lined wash silk waist - and that was too rich for my blood.

Club at Mrs. Watling's and she talked on "Christ-child in Legend & Art" and sang! In the eve. we went after prayer meeting to hear Mrs Stanley talk on "Parsifal" with stereopticon. Very unsatisfactory. She speaks too rapidly & too softly & the views were many of them very poor indeed.



Thurs. 10th. ✻

Helen took cold again at Normal Hall & has a terrible throat. Had Dr Clifford, who fears diphtheria I think. I give her two kinds of gargle & medicine every half-hour. Telephoned to L.A.S. and to Mrs. Pearce that I must be at home today & this eve. Mrs. P. had sorority meeting. My dear girlie is so patient & it is pathetic to see her.

Frid. 11th.

Helen is much better - give her gargle once an hour now.

# Mon. 14th.

A regular blizzard - like mid-winter. No whist on account of the weather. Was very glad - as I had telephoned all over trying to get a substitute. A good day to stay at home and sew.

We were surprised to have the Beaches call in the storm, and spend the eve. with us. They are such Dears, both of them.

Tues. 17.

Have had a quiet time sewing with Miss Fyke - getting the girls ready to start for Chicago a week from today.

Today, went to Holmes' for L.A.S. tea. Tillie was lovely as usual turning her back when I came near her.

If there was any earthly reason for her impudence except her impudence. I could understand it. But for a woman nearly 30 yrs. old acting like a sassy young thing makes me tired. Served chocolate & wafers to fourteen ladies, in spite of the Rhygand.

Frid. 18, Mar.

My throat has commenced to act up — and I am gargling and dosing for it, so I can go to Detroit tomorrow with Ben. He has tickets for "Ben Hur".

Sat. 19, Eve.

How the days fly! It looked like a rainy day this morning, but it stopped after we reached Detroit. I did a bit of shopping, and went to Fannie A's where Ben met me for luncheon. Had creamed oysters in a loaf of bread (scooped out) and half-cooked fried potatoes, lovely rolls, tea, and for dessert Grape fruit & cookies. They urged us to come back for dinner but Ben didn't want to.

The performance of "Ben Hur" was fine spectacular & very effective & impressive. The religious element entered into it more than I expected.

After the show we bought Lew a rack for his cornet - music - and I had already bought collars & cuffs for the girls & Edith — and we got candy for Edith. Then we went to the Cadillac Café for supper!! after Ben had bought me some violets to wear. Such swell people! We had frog's legs & mushroom broth & chocolate & beer & rolls and Sauce tartare, which I always like. Afterwards had to wait an hour for a car — and there were delayed en route so we didn't reach here until after nine o'c.

I had a lovely birthday "tootle", and it rested me after my working so hard with the dress-maker.

My throat is no worse for the day either. I kept chlorate of potash lozenges in my throat all the time.

Sun. Mar. 20

Ida sang in the quartette choir at church — for the first time.

At last they recognize the talent developing in our family, as the Episcopal people did long ago. Had a sore throat and Ben wouldn't let me go to church in eve. So Lew went down to escort Ida home.

Mon. 21.

Miss Fike's last day — so I got Mrs. Haston to go as my substitute at

Whist Club at Robinson's, and we just walked through the rooms. Paid her $10.00 and feel well satisfied with her two weeks work. We made six shirt-waists for the girls, one for Ken & one for me ready for me to finish up, Helen's piqué dress nearly ready for finishing a shirt-waist for me (out of Ken's old dress) two night-gowns for Ida & two for Stanton ruffles on two silk underskirts & two linen, white ones, reveling skirt for Ida, and some work on her white wash-silk waist (from aunt Lu) and a blk. under-skirt for me.

Wed. 23d.

Flying to get my girls ready for Chicago. Papa says he never would have consented to their going, had he known how hard I should have to work, to get them ready. But really it is only that my Spring & summer sewing is being done in a hurry instead of lasting through so many weeks.

Did not go to hear Mr. Jefferson talk to the Club on the War in China.

In the eve. we went to hear Leland Powers, Leonard taking Helen's ticket as she felt more like going to bed. Powers is getting old. I did not



think he was up to his usual standard of excellence. Forgot several times so he called his characters by the wrong names; sometimes not even correcting himself.

Thurs. 24

My birthday yesterday, I hardly had a minute to record it though.

Papa gave me ½ doz. silver knives & forks and promised to pay for having my white dress made ($10.50). Ida & Ken got me some carnations & Arlie made me a flannel case for my silver. Tantie is going to get me some roll-tines in Detroit. If Papa takes him in for a tooth.

Aunt Ida gave me the "Outlook" for a year. Our girls left at 8-36 this morning and met Edwina Pope on the train. They will have a beautiful time. Kittie Hallstaedt has made so many plans for their pleasure.

When I returned from Missionary meeting Editth said she had just received a telegram that Ida wanted the trunk key. I telegraphed back, at once, "Trunk key in Ida's pocket. What next?" The idea that she was so crazy she forgot to look in her skirt pocket!

Fri. Mar. 25th

Our dear boys have helped me so nicely at cleaning house this vacation. And with never a word about how the girls are having all the fun. Ben whipped rugs yesterday with the snow flying in his face and never complained a word. In fact he didn't want to wear his overcoat he "was so hot." Edith has walked right through the house-cleaning - all except the outside of the windows.

Today it is raining and everywhere in Mich. they are being flooded. The Jackson, N. R. & Lansing it is the worst flood since '43. So the papers say. We are glad all of our folks live on high ground.

Mrs. Sherzer stopped a minute as she passed by - to say they expect a girl Sat. night and are going to live at home for a while. I don't see how they have stood the Wilson boarding-house so long.

Sun. 27

Yesterday our baby's 9th. birthday. He had a pr. of rubber boots from Aunt Ida, a suit of clothes & candy & nuts from me, a birthday cake from Ben & had Raymond down for E & E dinner.



Today it is cold as Greenland again. Auntie came out in the afternoon, and left right after lunch. We called on the Hoyts but Mrs. H. was out. Last eve. we called there and they had retired! (8-25)

Mon. 28.

Papa - the boys gone to Detroit for a spree - and two happier boys never started for a day!!

The girls have sent two cards saying not much of anything except that they are having a delightful time - heard Calvé in "Carmen", went to a swell Kenwood Club party, to Mrs. Hacketts for luncheon, to a Mr. McArthur's for Sunday night luncheon, to concert given by the boy choir in Kitties church, to the city & treated to ice-cream etc.

Tues. 29

Cleaning the girls' room & closet and making the three beds clean, ready for our schoolmasters. Also made rolls using my new roll-tins. Also went down St. and ordered: 3 chickens, 3 lbs. veal, 2 boxes salted wafers, 2 cakes, 1 qt. pickles, 5 lbs. rice 3 qts ice-cream, 1 pt. cream to whip - 4 cans salmon (because oysters are out), 2 doz. glasses and borrowed Mrs. Ainsworth's table cloth & napkins.

Wed. Mar. 30.

Spent the morning getting beds in order & rooms fixed and baking done for Schoolmasters. Mrs. Stevens urged me to come to Club and bring my article on "Wagner Opera" - but I was cross to think I took the time and strength to go for it was not needed. I was elected Corresponding Sec. - which will be a regular nuisance. Prof. Abbott of Chicago Univ. and Prof. Kirtland of Phillips Exeter Academy came about 10-30 P.M. and so I was up later than I wanted to be. Made 66 nice croquettes, and a great kettle of minced chicken & got my salmon ready as far as I could. for tomorrow.

Thurs. 31.

A hard day. There were only 25 men came for luncheon, after all; as Ben lost count of how many he asked.

Edith brought a girl friend to help wait on them and Aunt Ida came out and washed dishes. Bless her heart.

They all helped splendidly but I ought to have had more. I burnt my hand the first thing, so I forgot the lemon on the fish & the cream sauce for the chicken. But the men all praised the luncheon. I. Gave them chicken bouillon & wafers. II. Baked salmon in shells. & wafers. III. Scalloped chicken, rice-croquettes, pickles, hot rolls, coffee.



IV. Vanilla cream with fruit sauce of pineapple, lemon, orange, & preserved cherries, Angel & Sunshine cake & macaroons. Poor Daddie is awfully worried being Pres. of the Club & running everything. But everyone says it was the best gathering of teachers they have seen in years.

It rained in the eve, so I didn't go to the lecture by Prof. Coulter & reception in the Science building.

Prof. Wagoon of Dakota stayed home and retired very early. They all tried to joke us because he stayed home with me. He is a funny little man of 4½ ft. with a waxed mustache.

Friday Apr. 1st

Men bade me good bye after breakfast greatly to my delight - as we had a quiet restfull morning - and ate lunch "standing on one foot". Went with Mrs. Hoyt to the Normal for a Recital given by Prof. Pease & the choir. It was fine.

Ben had to hurry home for was expecting company for supper. Our people were entertained by Ben & Dr. E. at the Club House. My back-ache has settled in my stomach. Early to bed, again, although I should have liked to see and hear dear Prof. Seymour's lecture ✱ Sat. 2d ✱

I have a head on my shoulders that is too heavy to carry around.

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croquettes, pickles, hot rolls, coffee.

**The Schoolmasters' Club.**

The recent meeting of the Michigan Schoolmasters' Club and the Classical Conference was one of the most brilliant in the history of these organizations. President B. L. D'Ooge and Ypsilanti will have a place in the red-letter calendar of Michigan school teachers. The general program was one of exceptional strength, and any one of the addresses by prominent college presidents would have stamped any gathering as one of high rank. The papers read before the conferences were of unusual practicality and value, and were, many of them, also of general interest. The attendance was unprecedented, the paid membership reaching 270, 100 more than ever before.

The keynote of the meeting was the new spirit of independence shown by the high school men, their assertion that the high schools have a right to their own existence, to choose their own curricula and to model it according to the needs of their own pupils rather than upon the whims of the specialists in the universities. It has been impossible to write any account of the individual addresses and papers this week, but there are several that we wish to take up in more detail later. The following officers were elected; president, Pres. J. L. Snyder, M. A. C.; vice president, Miss Harriet L. Taylor, Bay City; permanent secretary, Prof. L. P. Jocelyn, Ann Arbor; treasurer, Prof. John P. Everett, Pontiac; executive committee, D. B. Waldo, Marquette, Prof. George Rebec, Ann Arbor.

Among the delightful features of the week were the reception given by the science faculty Thursday evening, when the admirable arrangement and equipment of the science building were open for inspection, and the superb concert given by the choral society and the Conservatory faculty under the direction of Prof. Pease, which was a revelation of what music can be to the many teachers of the state.



IV. Vanilla cream with fruit sauce of pineapple, lemon, orange & preserved cherries. Angel & Sunshine cake & macaroons. Poor Daddie is aw[fully] worried being Pres. of the Club & rushing everything. But everyone says it was the best gathering Teachers they have seen in years.

It rained in the eve, so I didn't go to the lecture by Prof. Coulter & reception in the Science building.

Prof. Wagoon of Dakota stayed home and retired very early. They all tried to make us believe he stayed home with me. He is a funny little man of 4½ ft. with waxed mustache.

Friday Apr. 1st

Men bade me good bye after breakfast really to my delight - as we had a quiet restfull morning - and ate lunch standing on one foot." Went with Mrs. Boyt to the Normal for a Recital given by Prof. Pease & the choir. It was fine. Ille had to hurry home for was expecting company for supper. Our people were entertained by Bert & Dr. Ed. at the Club house. My back ache has settled in my stomach. Early to bed, again, although I should have liked to see and hear dear Prof. Seymour's lecture [illegible] Sat. 2d.

I have a head on my shoulders that is too heavy to carry around.

Our girlies will be home Monday, and we shall be glad to see them.
Our next door neighbor, Mrs. McCullough was buried today, and I represented the family at the funeral.

Sun. Apr. 3. Easter.

A beautiful Easter sunny Sunday. No-one ever saw such a crowd at one church as came to listen to Pres. King of Oberlin. Had lovely flowers and good music and lots of Spring hats. Philip Worcester came out in the P. M. He is a sweet boy and I wish he lived in Ypsi. I gave him a carnation for his buttonhole and he seemed much pleased. Said they always had them at home.
I had such a head-ache I could hardly keep my eyes open. The Hoyts came afterwards, and then I went to bed with a towel bound on my head.

Monday 4.

Today was the Easter supper at the church, but I wasn't "in it." I worked there a while, and then Mrs. Ainsworth brought me home. My head is still too wobbley to work much. Papa met the girls and took them to supper at the church. They both looked so well and happy and swell in their new Chicago hats! They're mammy's babies, no matter if they are big.



They had a beautiful time, with their theater-parties, automobile-rides, operas dinners, luncheons etc.
I should think it would be hard for them to come back here to hard work and lack of appreciation. The folks here do not think Prof. D'Ooge's daughters are anything much. Butt away from here, they make a big fuss over them. We have been so hard up, the last week that we welcomed checks from Ginn & Co, the Normal & Sanborn (also one d[illegible]) amounting to over $800. We went to paying bills at once, and I paid out nearly $110. in one day.

Tues. 5.

Mrs. George telephoned that we made about eighteen dollars at the supper.
This is another glorious day. I called on Mrs. Trim, Miss Dole & Mrs. Garrison after doing my errands.
My head is all right again.
Went to prayer meeting alone, and there were 26 people there.

Wed. 6

Cleaning silver, and everything, after vacation when I let things go. So I could sew. Sewing & mending. Auntie came out afternoon & stayed to dinner.
Stanton & I went down with him and to buy something for Lew, and then to church.

Thurs. 7.

At Mrs. Coryell's for W. A. S. - and had 21 people. She served Russian tea

Cakes. Mrs George read "Sandals" aloud and we worked on Missionary quilt. Eve. last of special services and it was so crowded, Mr. Beach had trouble in finding chairs for them.

Friday Apr. 8.

Rainy. At Putnam's for Euchre - There were four tables & Mrs. Sherger took the prize - being one point ahead I was served chicken salad & wafers, cake & cream & coffee. It seems queer for the Putnams's to succumb to the card craze. In the eve. Ben & I were asked to the Sherger's and the gentlemen beat us by 2 points. Had a jolly good time. We are very fond of our friends the Shergers.

Sat. 9.

Sewing all the morning as usual. At Girls' Club reception at Mrs. Mellen's. camps. There was a good crowd in spite of the snow & rain & hail. The girls went to Uncle Martin's at 4 o'c - to spend Sunday.

Sun. 10.

It was lonesome at church with only our two boys, and at dinner just us four. Girls returned just at lunch time. Had a beautiful visit. Mart V. & Philip W. were there for dinner. and the latter walked down with them & they stopped for a little visit at aunt Ida's. What good times those youngsters do have!



At service in the eve. and the church was crowded to hear: "Who wrote the new Testament."

Mon. 11th.

Raining again. A good day to stay home and sew. Went to Sherger's for Whist and played with Mrs. Clifford - score average. It tickled me to be higher than Mrs. Connell - Mrs. Robinson - and Mrs. Hueston & Miss Towner, who play so [illegible], and poor dear Julia Shermah was - 6.

In the eve. Mrs. Van Fossen asked some of the neighbors who are interested in the Club - to discuss plans for next years' work. We must have more alive topics, to keep the Club alive. Miss King wanted me to be the chairman of program committee, but Ben won't let me undertake it. So I will be press committee instead, which will be easier. Tues. 12.

Bright and cold with occasional flurries of snow. Sewed until 3 o'c. and then called on Mrs. Hopkins & Mrs. Hoyt & Mrs. Millencamp & Mrs. Berry, and carried the Ainsworth's tablecloth home. Mrs. Crosby ironed all the morning - all the Chicago waists, seven or eight - and two table-cloths.

In the eve. we called on Pres. Jones & Mr. & Mrs. Peat. I wish Jones had a nice wife. He is such an old Dear.

Wed. Apr. 13.

Stanton had ear-ache all night, poor little Darling. He tried not to cry and wake the folks up. Lew went to Fred Mc. Gregor's birthday party last night & didnt get home until nearly ten o'c. After luncheon I read to Tantie a while & then fixed him for a nap and went to Club. Tourist day and had 10 min. talks by Mrs. Pease, Brabb, Th. Ooge with long (too long) papers by Miss Higley & Walterhouse. I left before they were through. Found Therese Klein reading aloud to Tantie-boy. His ear is better. Every time I blow Chloroform into it through a hot pipe. Mrs. Sherper dropped in on her way home from Club. I am awfully fond of her. Ida & Helen represented the Th. Ooge family at prayer-meeting. I was putting hot water bag & flannel & Chloroform on the ear and cold water on the head of my dear baby.

Ida # Thurs. 14. ✻ Helen

Cold as Greenland. Shall we ever have Spring? Prepared chickens & rice croquettes etc. for dinner tonight as Mart Vehrdier said he was coming.

At L. A. S. & Miss. meeting at Laird's. 21.

In the eve. Ben went to Lodge & I went a piece home with Helen Pease & then to Mrs. George's to talk over L. A. S. work.



She has not appointed her committee yet!

Friday 15.

We found a gentle pretty flaky snowstorm when we awoke this morning turning to rain later. Helen rec. a pretty turn over collar from Edith Simonds this morning — for her birthday.

At Mrs. Watling-James Whist party in the P.M. Played with Mrs. Van Fossen-and had the lowest score of my life: — 9

Had great fun at table with Mrs. Connell & Stevens. They served quite an elaborate supper: Sweetbreads mushrooms & chicken together, peas, jelly rolls, coffee, salad & wafers (shrimp) Klein cake and cream.

In the eve. I went with Mrs. George to church social at Spalsbury's. Talk on Palestine by Miss Higley & phonographs, and punch & cookies.

Sat. 16.

Sewed all morning. Went with my sorority to have our pictures taken for the Aurora. Then made five or six church calls. In eve. Ben & I called at Pease's but she was sick in bed.

Sun. 17

Bright & cold. What a tardy Spring we are enduring! Ida had sore throat with white patches on it — so I kept her at home gargling. Barolyptol or something

# CARDS, BETS, CIGARETTES

## Made Mrs. B. so indignant

GERMAN LADIES ACCUSTOMED TO SUCH THINGS.

INTERESTING TALK GIVEN BY MRS. B. L. D'OOGE.

Mesdames Pease, Brabb, Walterhouse and Miss Higley on Foreign Trips.

Twenty-six members of the Ladies' Literary club were in attendance at the regular meeting on Wednesday afternoon. The president, Prof. King, appointed two important committees to serve during the next club year: Program, Mrs. J. B. Van Fossen, Mrs. Florus Barbour, Miss Anna M. Cutcheon, Mrs. W. H. Sherzer and Mrs. Wm. Kishlar; press, Mrs. J. A. Connell.

Miss Jennie Moore took the chair as leader of the Tourists' day program, after a few introductory remarks, calling up Mrs. Frederic Pease to give a talk about Paris. Of her several trips there Mrs. Pease selected the one of the summer of 1902 as the basis of her remarks, denying the common charge that the Parisians do not make travelers welcome in their beautiful city. She spoke particularly of the agitation at that time regarding the separation of church and state in the matter of schools, which was bitterly opposed by the people of France. She told of the superior advantages for students in every line in that the government provides lectures by the best talent obtainable, that are absolutely free to all who care to profit by them. The shifting of musical centers was mentioned, as the greatest organists and voice workers are now to be found in Paris.

Mrs. B. L. D'Ooge next gave an entertaining talk on Germany, her especial plea being for Bonn, the birthplace of Beethoven, and now an educational center. Describing its ancient cathedral, which is seventeen steps below the surface from the accumulation of soil and debris since its building, she incidentally mentioned that the women wheel the baby cabs and carry the bundles because the men must always have one hand free for raising their hat. Etiquette makes the new comer call first upon the old resident and the proper time for making a formal call is at 12 o'clock on Sunday. She thought the women played cards even more than in Ypsilanti, and they were largely given to betting. Cigarette smoking is very common with her sex, and when attending a banquet she tried to look as though she had always been accustomed to such things. The German housewives would be shocked to think of having a carpet on the floor for a year, but nothing could induce them to depart from their custom of changing the bed linen but once a month.

like it, every half hour.

Mon. Apr. 18.

Jumping all the morning. At Whist at Van Fossen's played with Mrs. Sherman and had top score. Left there at 4-45 and found my dress-suit case at Rappelye's and took the car for Jackson reaching there about 7 o'c. Found Bastian just home from Lansing and ate some bread & butter with him. Talked until nine o'c and then to bed in the cold.

Tues 19.

Woke at 6 o'c. on account of the street-cars and paved streets. Had a good breakfast of apples, oat-meal, Caramel-Cereal (just as good as coffee) and bread.

Left Jackson at about 9 o'c for Sandstone which is a church, a school-house & some farm-houses. There were eighteen ladies from Jackson - and they certainly are great fun. I do not wonder Helen likes them. The Missionary meeting was just like all others - nothing new. I do not see what inspiration there is in saying over and over the same platitudes about "interesting others" planning your programs" & "have good music" — "closing prompt" "etc etc. I got just what I went for: a chance to see Helen & rub elbows with her one day. They served dinner in their new school-house, on the



desks, and had everything (from cold creamed potatoes to doughnuts & coffee) that is usually provided for such occasions. We had a jolly time of course among ourselves.

Returned to Jackson at 5:17 and started for A. A. at 7 o'c - reaching Ida's about nine o'c.

Wed. 20.

Slept until nearly nine o'c, and then got up lazily and rubbed the back of my neck (pain almost gone from there) and dressed leisurely and had breakfast in Ida's room. Then read the diaries of Grandma Deuel, Father & Mother, written about the time they were married, and on through the next eight years, until Mother's death.

It seems strange to think she was only 28 yrs. old when she died. [She was born in 1832.] After dinner We took a walk in the bright sunshine, and looked at the new houses - especially Colonial style. Called on Mrs. Tripp - and then back to the diaries.

Came home about 6 o'c, and found my two boys waiting for me. Stanton & I went to Church

to hear Miss Hess, a returned missionary from India - but she didn't come.

Thurs. 21st.

Bright cool day again. It seems good to have the folks glad to see me home again. Arlie kisses me again and again, as if I had been gone six months instead of three days. Such an accumulation of mending & sewing!! But I certainly feel more able to attack it than I did before I ran away from things for a while.

Friday 22.

Hot & raining a little. Sewing all day. Mr. & Mrs. Sherzer in the eve. We had a great game and lots of fun and beat the gentlemen two points. And when Ben thought he must have made a mistake in the marking we played the doubtful "board" over again and beat two more points. Gave them strawberry shrub and cheese sandwiches with rye bread.

Saturday 23.

My usual busy day for sewing but didn't do so much because Edith was sleeping most of the day and Philip Worcester coming to dinner at 6 o'c. E. was good to get up at 6 o'c. when she didn't return from Lansing until 2 o'c. A.M.



I was up at 6-30, expecting to start things in the kitchen and for the washwoman, and she was already down. I guess Philip enjoyed himself. We had a good dinner: chicken (roast) creamed potatoes (real cream too) rice & tomatoes (baked) pickles, fresh bread, orange & pineapple & angel cake. Then we all went out in the yard and the boys ran races (Ben tumbling which amused the rest) and played "Pom pom pull away." In the eve, while we were playing "Stock Exchange" my sorority girls serenaded us. It sounded very pretty indeed. Philip stayed 'till early ten o'clock. I was reading Mary Wilkins' book of ghost stories. I never read anything so weird and so well illustrated by Peter Newell.

Sunday 24.

Hot, so the youngsters talk about taking off their flannels. This is such a trying time of the year.

to keep them from catching cold.

Mon. 25.

Colder. Spent the morning catching up with mending, and washing laces etc. We think our house-hold arrangements are as comfortable as ever have been. Every morning I send by Leonard order for luncheon next day - and he brings it home. Today we have (from Woman's Exchange) ham, soup & fruit-cake. From my ice-box: eggs, tea, bread & butter.

Tomorrow we will have beef loaf, cabbage salad + hot doughnuts from them + I will add tea etc. and mashed potatoes. Then we have vegetables + good meat at night - and call it dinner.

Played today with Mrs. Connell at Mrs Stevens' and we had - 2
Mrs. Sherzer had - 4 and Mrs. Sherman & Shepard had - 8, - which made me ashamed. Served salad (orange & nut) & wafers, doughnuts & coffee.

In eve. went with two of my sorority girls to meeting, planning for party & initiation of Mrs. Sweet. Miss Crawley + Willits. Walked home with the Reeses. She is as queer as ever, but I do pity her, for she is far from being well. Has not eaten anything for four weeks, except malted milk & "Ralby-food" (suggestion of the stomach. She calls it. We are to try again for our sorority photo. Friday



Tues. 26.

Made some chicken croquettes & sent to the Garrisson's. The old lady is just recovering from measles. At Hoyt's in eve. just got out of doors - after sewing all day. The Bowen's called. and asked us for next Monday eve. - Whist.

Wed 27.

Went early to club, carrying my forks, spoons & napkins for Mrs. Hoyt - Davis' Reception. Took Mrs. Ford to Club. Mrs. Pease's day. Folk Lore & Songs. She had Mrs. Jefferson to assist Mrs Benedict, Wortley & Riblet to sing. Very interesting, but so piping hot that I came home with a head-ache, and retired early.

# Thurs. 28. #

A bright day for the reception. Mrs. Hoyt & I went about quarter of three, and some had already arrived. Found Mrs Davis lying down in her pretty new dress sick and drinking whiskey, administered by the daughter of a Presb. minister! But it did brace her up. Mrs. Van Fossen, Brabb, Miss King & I helped to move them around to dining room & to introduce etc.

Home at seven o'c - and out of my pink silk into black and off to the H. B. Concert with Ben, where our daughters sang. Helen was sweet in her new light blue with white silk yoke, and Ida in her white & silk muslin over green silk.

The concert passed off nicely, and it was Prof. Basturck's farewell before going to Germany.

Friday Apr. 29. '09.

Ladies' Missionary meeting at Stones'. (I there, & had a very interesting time. Initiation at Sorority in eve but the Hoyts came to spend the eve. so I telephoned that I couldn't leave. Was glad – because I was tired, and had onions for supper. (The Hoyts' had, too)

Sat. 30.

Off for Detroit in a drizzle at 9°C. – Ben coming later to go to "Lohengrin" matinée in the afternoon. Had a good lunch at "Delmonts' Mushroom omelet, fried potatoes, chocolate & all the rolls + butter I wanted 25¢.

After the opera (which was quite good) we went to the Cadillac for supper: Fried frog's legs mushroom omelet (for Ben) + toast + tea for me – but I helped him eat the other things after I was started. It is a luxurious place to sit and quietly visit, away from the noise of the city. Mrs. Sherger's sorority's party, and I wanted to go, but Ben was too lazy to change his clothes.

Also we missed tea-party at Cora Barbour's.

Sunday May 1st.

Bright day. Nothing unusual except that Mart Verdier came out for luncheon. He announced that Vern + Laurence are both to be married in June.

Diary continued in large red mottled L.L.