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Commenced Wednesday, Feb. 8th 65 In 2nd Class

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Diary of Grenville H. Norcross 1861-62 [pencil inscription]

Journal kept by G.H. Norcross

Vol. 1

1861 February 2, G.H.N.

Birthday, Seven years old. Present from grandmother of a book, do, Aunt Olivia, book.

Do. Father 3 books. Birthday party put off until Tuesday next.

1861 Feb. 3rd Sunday. Present from Miss Watts of this book.

Feb 4th Monday. Went to school. Got up to the head. Hard coasting in the court.

Feb. 5th Tuesday. Birthday party. Present from Louise Howland of a book.

Feb. 6th Wednesday. Present of a pistol from Willie Tryon.

Feb. 7th Thursday. Mr. & Mrs. Goddard spent the day. (here) Rained hard in the morning before Mr. G. came.

Feb. 8th Friday. Very cold morning. Windows covered with frost.

Feb. 9th Saturday. Took dinner at grandmother's. Florie began the "Castaways" reading aloud to Willie and myself, Willie and myself taking our turn of reading.

Feb. 10th Sunday. Nothing worth describing.

Feb. 11th. Monday. Florie came over to [word crossed out] here to spend the day. Played a game of chess with Florie,- in evening played with Ote and got all out but his king. Ad plagued me because we were making a little noise. Read a great deal in "Swiss Family Robinson." Willie is better. Father came into school today. Missed once in arithmetic 7 from 25.

Feb. 12th Tuesday. Rained very hard. Boy's school did not keep in the afternoon.

Wed. Feb. 13. Went to school. After school went to grandmother's. After dinner had some boys in the yard to play. Then went to see Willie. All the folks went to Papanti's in the evening. I stayed at home with Mary.

Thurs. Feb. 14. Valentine's day. Had one valentine and Addison had one also. Mr.

Hovey examined the first class for the grammar school. I passed the best examination so Miss Watts said. Then went to grandmother's and passed the day.

1861 February

Feb. 15 Friday. Stormy day. Did not go to school.

Saturday. Feb'y 16. Did not go to school. Visited Wilie at grandmother's.

Sunday. Feb'y 17. Sick when I awoke in the morning. Slept again and woke up better. Did not go to meeting.

Feb. 18, Monday. Did not go to school. Went in the omnibus up to Webbie's house. Had some fun with Web. Then went over to aunt [Aunt] Howland's and got a pocket full of Cookies [cookies]. Met father on the side-walk coming from home. Father brought home some ice cream for supper.

Feb. 19 Tuesday. Did not go to school. Maria Gill came to see me and I was very glad to see her. She is married and lives in Cambridgeport at No 40 Windsor St.

Feb. 20 Wednesday. Willie passed the afternoon with me. Snow storm in the morning. Had a very nice time with Willie. Father and mother went to a party at Mrs. Maynard's.
February 1861

Thurs Feb 21 Went out and drove hoop in the morning. Went to school in the afternoon and carried Miss Watts some luncheon. Uncle Bigelow and Aunt Louise called in the evening.

Feb. 22 Friday. Washington's birthday. 129 yrs. since he was born in 1732 died 18- (1799) Went to the fair and festival at the Music Hall for the Warren St. Chapel. Had two grabs and Jelly and cake. Nellie lost her purse and Charlie Chaplin found it. Addie and Willie went in the afternoon. Florie is sick. Vacation.

Sat. Feb 23. Played in the attic all the morning with Willie and Addie. Read some in the "Forest Exile." Miss Watts called in the morning. Have a cough.

Sunday Feb. 24. Not very well. Neck sore under my ear.

Feb. 25 Down sick. Had Dr. Homans. He said "I had the mumps." Sick all day on the bed.

Tues. Feb 26. Still sick. Very much swelled under my ears both sides. Willie came over and stayed with me. Nose bled badly at night.

Wed. Feb 27. Much better this morn. Set up in father's big chair. Read some ad played cards with mother and made her "old maid." Father brought me home some "Charlotte Russe." Mother went to a party and aunt Clark came to take care of me. Florie and Willie came in to see me.

Thurs. Feb. 28 Quite smart today. Up and dressed before breakfast. Mary Ann came and played (with) me. Laura plagued me very much.

Friday Mar. 1 Addie brought down my ship from the attic to play with. Florie came over here and got out the village and played the "Swiss Family Robinson."

Mar. 2 Saturday. Willie came over here. We set up the village for the doctor to see. Dr. Homans brought me two russet apples.

Mar. 3 Sunday. Vacation over. Addie stayed at [sic] with me. Willie came in the afternoon to supper.

March 4. Monday. Getting better.

Tuesday. Mar. 5 Nothing worth describing. Otis' sociable.

March 6 Wed. Ice cream for dinner. Willie came over and played with me and made me a nice soldier cap. Addie did not go to dancing school because Mr. Papantic was sick.

March 7. Thurs. Better of the Mumps.

Friday 8th March. Nothing worth describing.

March 9th. Sat. Had chowder for dinner. Uncle Eleazer dined here.

March 10. Sunday. Went out to walk farther; visited grandmother first.

Monday 11. Laura's birthday.

Tues 12th. Mother went to Roxbury to a funeral and I had Hawthorne. (here.)

Wed 13. Aunt Clark took tea (here).

Thurs. 14 Great snow storm.

Friday 15. Snow melts fast.

Sat. 16 Uncle Eleazer died here.

Sat. 16 St. Patrick's Day.

Mon 18 Grand procession for St. Patrick. Mary Ann played with me.

Tues. 19 Another snow storm.

Wed. 20 Mother went to Chelsea and Hawthorne and Robert came and played with me.

Thursd. 21. Passed the day with grandmother.

Great Storm.

Fri 22 Very cold day. A great quantity of snow fallen.

Sat 23 Hawthorne came.

Sun. 24 All went to meeting but Laura and me.

Mon 25 Frank Alley came to see me.

Tuesday 26 Will came and I went through my exercises.

Wednesday 27 Nothing important.

Thursday 28 Nothing interesting.

Friday 29 Nothing of consequence.

Sat'y 30 Small doings.

Sund. 31. Went to Sunday School. In the evening went to the anniversary in the church.

Monday April 1. Wenn t to the grammar school in Miss Dugan's class. April Fool's Day.

April 1861

Tues. Apr 2. Great snow storm. Couldn't go to school.

Wed. Apr. 3 Still snowing. Stayed at home again.

Thurs. Apr. 4. Fast Day. School didn't keep.

Frid. Apr. 5. Went to school and lost my shoe coming home. Too bad!

Sat. Apr. 6. Went to school and found my shoe all right.

Sund. 7. Bad cough. (Oh, dear!

Mon. 8. Had cough; couldn't go to school.

Tues. 9th At home pasting picture in my scrapbook.

Wed. 10 Went out to walk. Visited Miss Watts in her new schoolhouse.

Thursd. 11 Went to see Miss Watts again, also called on grandmother and Louise Norcross. Pasted pictures in scrap book.

Fri. 12th Mis Carl come. Agnes Homer came to see Laura. Prety bad cough. Nellie called.

Saturday 13th. Lost journal for 16 days.

April 28th Sun. Found my journal. Willie Tryon came over in the evening.

Monday. April 29th Men came here to work.

April 1861

Played a game of backgammon with mother. Played a game of " with Ote.

Apr. 30 Plumbers at work. No water upstairs. Had to go to grandmothers for water works.

May 1st Bowen painting the attic. Masons laying foundation stone. (of the new shed.)

May 2nd Worked out in the yard.

May 3rd " " " " " shovelling dirt for Mr. Winter. Bricklayers commenced the wall.

Plumbers and carpenters at work; don't get along very fast. No water upstairs.

May 4 Bowen painting (the) attic. Plumbers at work down stairs, carpenter upstairs,

Masons out in the yard getting along very fast with the bricks.

May 5 Sunday Nothing occurred.

May 6th. Monday. Went over to see Miss Watts.

Tuesday 7th. Saw Miss Watts.

Wednesday 8th Nothing worth describing.

Thursday 9th Had my spear. Men at work in the house.

May 1861

Friday 10 Went to ride.

Saturday 11 Went to ride. Men in the house at work.

Sunday 12. Forgot to write in Journal till the next day mentioned.

July 4. Up at 5 AM.; two bunches of fire crackers and bunch of torpedoes + 1/2 a dollar.

Used up the crackers + torpedoes before breakfast.

U.B. Only one bunch of crackers. Paid 9 cents for a mask and slow-match one cent.

July 5 Friday. Finished Scotland & England.

Saturday 6 Tri-Mountain Louaves went to Fresh Pond. Went to ride to Fresh Pond and I rode three times round in the horse-car.

Sunday 7. Ote put my stamps (in my book)

Monday 8 Nothing worth describing.

Tuesday 9 " " describing.

Wednesday 10 Nothing worth describing.

July 1861

Thursday 11 Nothing worth describing.

Friday 12 " " "

Saturday 13 Came to Cohasset. Went to the arbor. The old swing is there now. In the PM went a fishing. Played in the bowling-alley. Aunt Olivia and mother had the headache. Father caught a large flounder. Began "Chit Chat."

Sunday 14. Went down on the rocks and went to work a filling up puddles. Went to our peninsula. In the P.M. Played school.

Monday 15 Went to walk on the beach. In P.M. went to Cuba Dam.

Tuesday 16 Went to ride and got weighed. I weigh 47 ½ and Nellie weighed 45 ½
Laura 115 lbs.

Wednesday 17. Father went to Boston with mother giving me 5 cents before going. In P.M. played hide and seek. Finished "Chit Chat." Found a puddle in the rocks and filled it up with water. The boys were trying to putty up a board in the "Aquarial" and killed all the fishes. Father brought home my book "Paris to Amsterdam"

Thursday 18 Went to our peninsula and Otis's pail got afloat and he jumped in after it with his shoes and stockings on, then Nellie's pail got afloat and Addie took off his shoes and stockings and waded in after it and brought it in, then took a walk over to the Natural bathing place and Nellie and I waded into the water and had a picnic in the P.M. I was down on the rocks and my hat blew off and Ote threw a stone at it and jammed in the crown. Received a letter from (W. Tryon.)

Friday 19 Answered W.T's letter.

Saturday 20. Mother went to the village and bought me a new hat.

Sunday 21. Sick in the morning. Finished "Paris to Amsterdam."

Monday 22 Father went to Boston with Ote and brought me back "Alps and the Rhine" and Ote stayed over night.

Tuesday 23. Father went to Boston and Ote came home with Ote Howland and brought me back "Baltic to Vesuvius."

Wednesday 24 Went down on the rocks and raised a flag.

Thursday 25. Went to ride in the stage over to the boat. Received a letter from William Tryon.

Friday 26. Went to Cuba Dam and saw two boats go through the rapids.

Saturday 27 Began to pack up my little trunk.

Sunday 28. Puddle Rock is filled with Water.

Monday 29th Went to ride to the boar and Nantasket Beach. Finished "Baltic to Vesuvius" and wrote a letter to Miss Watts.

Tuesday 30. Sent a letter to Miss Watts.

Wednesday 31. Went to the Glades House and round the light-house (Minot's Lodge Light)

Thursday Aug.1. Played house with Add. Built a fire on our peninsula.

Friday 2. Came home. Had an ice-cream and glass of soda and bought some envelopes.

Saturday 3. Went to East Jaffrey at the Granite State Hotel. We rode in the car to Winchendon and took a stage for Jaffrey stopping at Ringe to rest. Went out to the swing.

Sunday 4th. Went up to Forts Henry, Monroe, and Independence Rock.

Monday 5. Went to ride to Gilmore's Pond. In evening went to Aunt Hannah's.

Tuesday 6. Went to ride to Petersboro.

Wednesday 7. Nothing worth describing.

Thursday 8. Rained.

Friday 9. Went to Sharon Springs.

Saturday 10. Nothing worth describing.

Sunday 11 Went to ride around Gilmore's Pond.

Monday 12. Went up on Mt. Monadnock, which is 3,718 feet high from which is a very fine view. We rode from the Hotel to a gateway which is the entrance to the Mountain road—6 Ms. Then we began to ascend the mountain; the road to the half way house for carriages is very rough. When we arrived at the half way house we left Billy there and proceeded the rest of the way on foot. As we approached the top we saw a long flight of stone steps made by the U.S. coast surveyors which helped us very much to get to the summit.

Tues. 13 Rained.

Wed. 14. Rained.

Thurs. 15. Nothing worth describing.

Friday 16 Nothing worth describing.

Sat. 7 Went down to the rapids with Will and Add and we went across the stream and Will went up a ladder on top of a dry house and cut his name on the roof. When we came home Will was lifting me across a place he tripped and fell on top of me then went to Fort Henry and played that the Pottsvillians came. Went after dinner on an exploring expedition n and explored a large tract of land unknown to us before.

Sunday 18 Nothing worth describing.

Monday 19 Went a berrying, then went to paddle my feet at Long Pond.

Tuesday 20 Father bought me a (k)nife.

Wed. 21 Boys raised a tent; open for visitors from 7 o'clock to 9 and from half past 11 to half past 12 A.M. and from 1 o'clock till 2 P.M.

Thurs. 22 High wind and a cold day.

Fri 23 Nothing worth describing.

Sat. 24 Went to ride. Went to a farm on a very high hill and saw a threshing machine that went by two horse power.

Sun. 25 Went to Aunt Hannah's and read the Bible to her.

Monday 26 The boys took down the tent.

Tues 27 Raised a flag on the Hotel.

Wednesday 28. Nellie and I went to have our daguerreotypes taken; then left Jaffrey at 8 o'clock in the stage for Winchendon. When we got to Ringe I got into the other carryall. Then went to Winchendon and went in (cars) for B. Falls. The Island House (for that was the name of the Hotel we went to) was a large brick house with a cupola and large airy rooms. Add and I went down to see the falls.

Thurs. 29 Went down to see the hieroglyphics. After diner went up the mountain (Mt. Kilburn) father, mother, Otis, Addison and I. We carved our names in a house up there which was built by a picnic party which went up there.

Friday 30 Went to Keene where we stopped at the Cheshire House. In the morning we went to walk round to look at the town and Gren collected some shop cards. In the afternoon we went to ride up on Beach Hill to have a view of the town.

Saturday 31 Came to Boston.

Sept. 1861 September

Sunday September 1. Began Guy Carlton.

Monday 2. Went to school and was promoted to Miss Cunningham's class and was placed in the second division.

Tuesday 3 Went to school.

Wednesday 4 Went to school.

Thursday 5 Went to school.

Friday 6 Went to school.

Sat. 7 Went to school.

Sun 8th Nothing worth describing.

Sat 28th Went to school steadily all the month. In the P.M. went to Miss Goddard's and had a very nice time.

Sun. 29 Sick in the morning. Ole stayed at home with me.

Monday 30 Stayed at home from school. Had out my village. Had the kitten up here in the chamber. Pasted some pictures in my scrapbook. Drilled and had some autographs written.

October 1861

Tuesday October 1. Stayed at home from school. Father went to Worcester to spend the day. Sorted out my shop-cards into the sizes. Found Add's neck-tie in my card drawer. Can not go out of the room all day. Had my dinner sent up to me and eat a hearty dinner. Florence wrote her name in my autograph book. Took down the Moose book* to look at. *Goodrich's Pictorial Geography of the World.

My book came (Ireland*)

*Percy Family 1. Visit to Ireland by D. C. Eddy.

Wednesday 2nd Drummed. Had some autographs written. Went out.

Thursday 3rd. Went to school. Began our writing books.

Friday 4. Went to school.

Saturday 5 Went to school. Rained.

Sunday 6 Finished "Child's Book of Quadrupeds."

Monday 7 Went to school.

Tuesday 8 Stayed at home from school because it rained. Read some in "Rollo's Philosophy-Water"

Wednesday 9 Stayed at home from school. Nellie sick. Had some autographs written.

Thursday 10 Stayed at home from school. Began "Sandy Jack." Could not go out.

Cleared up my room. Pasted some pictures in my scrap book. Played hockey. Lid down on my trundle-bed.

Friday 11 Rained. Stayed at home from school. Pasted pictures in my scrap book. Read some in "Dandy Jack." Done some sums. Mother cleared up the attic in afternoon.

Pasted pictures in my scrapbook. Mr. Keller came to give Laura and Florence their music lessons. Father brought me home two horse chestnuts. In evening got out the dominos to play with.

Saturday 12 Finished "Dandy Pack." Stayed at home from school. Played hockey. Rode on the "Rocking Horse. Played hockey again. Uncle Eleazer came to dinner. Willie acme in the P.M. and played with Add's cannon.

Sunday 13. Finished "Minnie Brown." Add had to go out to aunt Calendar's to get some medicine. Began "The Child's own Fable Book." Rode on the rocking horse.

Monday 14 Went to school.

Tuesday 15 Went to school.

Wednesday 16 Went to school. George Mitchell came down from South End and I got his autograph. Maria & Agnes Homer came in the afternoon and I got Maria's autograph.

Thursday 17 Very foggy morning.

Friday 18 Went to school. Began "Rollo Learning to Read."

Saturday 19. Rained. Went to school. Finished "Rollo Learning to read." Began Rollo Learning to Work." I got Miss Wyman's autograph.

Sunday 20. Otis and Addison drew me a map to put in my scrapbook. Addison stayed at home with me because he had a lame leg. Read some in "Rollo at Work."

Monday 21. Went to school. School let me out at four o'clock in the afternoon. Finished "Rollo at Work" Began "Rollo at Play." Got out my drum and I was drumming on it and top of it broke.

Tuesday 22. Liza came. Stayed at home from school because I was sick. Father had a party in the evening.

Wednesday 23. Finished "Rollo at Play." Began "Rollo at School." Stayed at home from school. Went to ride.

Thursday 24. Finished "Rollo at School. Began "Rollo's Vacation." Went to School. School let out at four o'clock in the P.M.

Friday 25. Very cold morning. Went to school. Read some in Rollo's vacation." Played a game with Otis. School let out at four o'clock.

Saturday 26 Went to school and Hawthorne spoke a piece. Finished "Rollo's Vacation" Began "Rollo's Museum." Bill came in the afternoon and drew some pictures.

Sunday 27. Edwin Howland came and I got his autograph.

Monday 28. Went to school.

Tuesday 29. Went to school. Finished "Rollo's Museum." Began "Rollo's Travels." School let out at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Wednesday 30 Went to school.

Thursday 31 Went to school and we got placed and I got down two.

Friday November 1. Went to school.

Saturday 2. Went to school. I spoke a piece. Father's birthday, fifty years old. He had a present of a photograph book. Hawthorne came in afternoon to play with me. Bill came in the afternoon to play with me. Began "Rollo's Correspondence."

Sunday 3. Sick all day. Ote read some in "Arthur's Temptation" to me. Got down some books to look at. Read some in "Rollo's Correspondence." Bill came in the afternoon. Began and finished "Ralph Rauter" and "Arthur's Temptation." Went down to supper. Bill drew some pictures.

Monday 4. Father went to Portland to spend the day. Began and finished the "Runaway." Began "Tales of shipwrecks and other Disasters at Sea." Went to school. Mother had the society meeting here. I had to stay with the boys in their room.

Tuesday 5. Voting day. School didn't keep. Read some in "Rollo's Correspondence." Finished "Tales of Shipwrecks and other Disasters at Sea." Father's name was down in the votes for senator. Frank Alley and Henry Wentworth were here to play with me. In

P.M. Add, T. Farber, Henry Wentworth. Jo. Rogers. Charley Plummer, "Johnny Grippen," Frank Alley and I played horse in the yard and street. Me and Frank Alley got out my village.

Wednesday 6. Sick in the morning. Stayed at home from school. Mother gave me a "Rochelle powder." Frank Alley and Henry Wentworth came in to play with me. Went out. Randall Whitter came in to play with me and I got his autograph. Finished "Rollo's Correspondence." Began "Percy Family Ireland." Ad and Ote went to a sociable at Ida Lovejoy's. Stayed at home from school.

Thursday 7. Sick. Stayed at home from school. Sorted out my shop cards. Got down "Melanie's Travel" to look at. Read in "Percy Family Ireland."

Friday 8. Sick. Dr. Homans came to see me and said I had the jaundice.

Saturday 9. Sick. Dr. Homan's came to see me. Pasted pictures in my scrap book.

Sunday 10. Sick. Read some in "Percy Family-Ireland." Ote stayed at home with me. Dr. Homans came to see me. Began "Malleville."

Monday 11. Sick. Dr. Homans came to see me. Finished "Malleville." Began and finished "Minnie's Picnic." Miss Cunningham came to see me. I had some beef for dinner. Father went to a party at aunt Howland's. Began "The Old House by the River."

Tuesday 12. Getting better of the jaundice. Dr. Holman came to see me and I got his autograph. Ote and Ad played a game of marbles with me. Read some in "The Old House by the River." Ote Howland came in the evening and he played three games of pyramids, one game of checkers and a puzzle (?).

Wed 13. Dr. Holmans came to see me. Sick. Read some in the "Old House by the River." Began "Pictorial Geography Vol. 2" Had some chicken for dinner while the other folks had turkey.

Thursday 14 of Nov. Mother went to the society and I went over to grandmother's to spend the morning. Got out Nellie's game of conundrums and found a conundrum which was this, "If Queen Victoria should give Prince Albert a kiss and he should return it, what public building would it name?" Ans. "The Royal Exchange." Addie stayed at home from school in the afternoon.

Friday 15 1861 Getting better. Doctor Homans came to see me.

Saturday 16. Very much better today.

Saturday 17. Read some in Pictorial Geography of the World."

Monday 18. Went out a little while and drove hoop. Began "Wallace's Vacation." Bill came in the afternoon and drew some pictures. Edwin Howland and Otis Howland and Charley Hall came in the afternoon.

Tuesday 19. Very much better today. Vacation. Randall Whitter came in to play with me. Went out and drove hoop. Went to the new schoolhouse (New Phillips). The yard

was a very spacious one, it ran under the building thus giving the boys a chance to seek shelter in rainy days. In winter this fine schoolhouse is warmed by four furnaces. I thought there were fourteen schoolrooms and the exhibition room which was very spacious occupying half the upper floor nearly and was very well suited to a singing room and exhibition room. Finished Wallace.

Wednesday 20. Vacation. Very much better today. Read some in the Pictorial Geography of the World. Bill Tryon came and told Ad and me about Pottsville and draw some pictures.

Thursday 21. Vacation. Thanksgiving dy. Read some in the Pictorial Geography of the World. Had uncle George's family here to dinner including uncle Henry. In the evening went to grandmother's to a party. Played a game of "Copenhagen."

Friday 22. Willie Tryon came over and I went to walk out with him. Went to the Recruiting Office, 14 Pitts Street. Then went up in the cupola of the statehouse. Then went to the place where uncle George worked. Then went to father's store. Went up in the loft and played till one o'clock. Then went to the old Brattle Street Church and saw the old cannon call that struck it in the Revolution.

Sat 23. Had the headache in the morning. Willie Tyron came and told me about Pottsville.

Sunday 24. Read some in the Pictorial Geography of the World. Bill came over and told us about Pottsville. Began "Mary Erskine."

Monday 25. Great snowstorm; snowed all day. Vacation over. Pasted pictures in scrapbook Vol. 3.

Tuesday 26th. Went to school. Better of the jaundice. Played a game of ring-taw with Otis.

Wednesday 27th. Went to school. Played a game of ring taw with Ote.

Thursday 28. Went to school. Cloudy morning.

Friday 29. Went to school. Went to Nellie's party.

Saturday 30. Snowstorm. Went to school. We were placed and I got down nine.

Hawthorne came to see me. Bill came in the afternoon and told us about Pottsville.

Read some in "Child's Book of Fairy Tales."

1861, December – 1861 --

Sunday, December 1st. Pleasant morning. Bill came over and told us about Pottsville.

Monday 2. Went to school.

Tuesday 3. Went do. do. Went up in Mr. Gate's room to get Miss Cunningham some chalk.

Wednesday 4. Went to school. Ad stayed in the house to play with me. Bill came in the afternoon.

Thursday 5. Went to school.

Friday 6. Went to school. Went to Susie & Mary Plympton's Party.

Saturday 7. Went to school.

Sunday 8. Bill Tryon came in the evening.

Monday 9. Voting day. School didn't keep. Father's name was down on the republican and straight republican and workingmen's tickets for alderman in Ward 5. Father's wedding day. Had grandmother, aunts Louisa and Olivia and Nellie & Sarah composed the party.

Tuesday 10 Went to school. Played a game of ringtaw with Otis Norcross, Jr. Father got in for Alderman.

Wednesday 11. Went to school. Went to Goodwin's and Wilbur's circus at the Harvard Athenaeum. The party consisted of three, namely, father, Nellie & I.

Thursday 12. Went to school

Friday 13. Went to school.

Saturday 14. Went to school. Father went to Washington, D.C.

Sunday 15. Nothing worth describing.

Monday 16. Went to school.

Tuesday 17. Went to school. Ad went to grandmother's house.

Wednesday 18. Addison's birthday. Went to school.

Thursday 19. Went to school. Wrote a (?) letter* to father. Saw the lancers, dragoons, abd te Reidville regiment comprising 1000.

*"Leet," (original word), or, "lett."

Friday 20. Went to school.

Saturday 21. Went to school.

Sunday 22. Began to put my duplicate tickets and cards in to my Boston Directory. Got a letter from father Looked at father's pictures in his portfolio.

Monday 23. Snowed.

Tuesday 24. School didn't keep. (manicule) New Phillips School was dedicated.

Wednesday 25. Christmas. Got a present from aunt Olivia of a book named "The Dog Crusoe" written by, or author R.M. Ballantyne. Present of a list of new and attractive Juvenile Books, published by Crosby & Nichols. I do not know who gave it to me, all I know is that I found it in my stocking.

Thursday 26. Went to school.

Friday 27. Went to school. Rained.

Saturday 28. Went to school. Went to the New Phillips Schoolhouse. Father came home. He gave me for a present a small brass cannon to fire peas with and a lot of shop cards and some curiosities, namely, a loaf of bread for the army, &c.

Sunday 29. Ote Howland can and brought me an American flag for my scrapbook.
Laura stayed at home from meeting because she had a saw throat.

Monday 30th. Went to school in the New School going -----(?) all the time. Played a game of speculation with Ote & Ad.

Tuesday 31. Went to school. Placed in school and I got up thirteen. Got a new year's present of some magnets. Ad got a present of a puzzle. I got a present of a book named "Spectacles for Young Eyes."

1862

Wednesday, January 1. Schol didn't keep. New Year's Day. Present from father of a bookcase for curiosities. It had glass windows with green curtains and 3 shelves. Present of grandmother of a book named "The Children of the New Forest."

Thursday 2. Went to school.

Friday 3. Absent from school because I had a cold.

Saturday 4. Absent from school. Uncle Eleazer came to dinner. After dinner the boys went a skating and mother heard me spell some words.

Sunday 5. Better of cold. Father, Ole & Ad went to meeting down Summer St. Otis stayed at home from meeting in the afternoon. Father read some in the large Bible.

Monday 6. Snowed. Stayed at home from school.

End of Vol. 1

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[Jan. 7th to Feb. 8th]

January Winter 1862

Tues 7th Finished "Journal No. 1" and am waiting for another which I rec'd on 23rd

Thurs 23rd Cold. Absent from School. Went to Miss Watt's School and to the barbers to have my hair cut.

Friday 24th. Went to School.
Sat. 25th Absent from school
Sunday 26th. Nothing worth describing.

February

Sat. 1st. Went to school.
Sun. 2nd. Birthday. I am eight years old. Father gave me a \$2 ½ \$ gold piece & Aunt Olivia a silver napkin ring.
Mon. 3rd. Went to school.
Tues. 4th. " "
Weds. 5th. " "
Thurs. 6th " "
Fri. 7th. Cold. Absent from school. Laura showed me a trick with playing cards.
Sat. 8th. Absent from school. Sick. Aunt Wheeler came here. Dr. Homans came to see me. Played a game of "old maid" with aunt Wheeler and I got her old maid

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Sat. 8th (cont) ...and she got me "old bachelor" once.
Sun. 9th I have a cold today and the doctor came here this morning to see me. Ote made me a bottle full of liquorice [licorice] water and Ote kept saying that he wanted a drink and when I had given him a ~~drink~~ some, he said he wanted some more and after I gave him some more he said he wanted it again, and I did not give him any more. Stuck some pictures into my "scrap book." Sarah Stevens came to supper.
Mon. 10th. Sick with a cold. Aunt Wheeler is here. Made a string of spools. Dr. Homans came to see me. Began a book named "A Pictorial Geography of the World." By S.G. Goodrich. 1,000 engravings, Vol. 1. Aunt Meline (James) called here this morning. George Newell Bigelow called here. The gas man came to fix the gas.
Tues. 11th Sick with a cold. Stayed at home from school.
Wed. 12th " " "
Thurs. 13th Nothing worth describing
Fri. 14th Sick with a cold. Stayed at home from school. St. Valentine's Day. I got two valentines. One said under it "Tinker" and the other "Lines to A Military Bobadil."
Sat. 15th Stayed at home from school. Sick with a cold. H. Grenville Stevens (Nellie Stevens) came and stayed here all the afternoon.
Sun. 16th Nothing worth describing.
Mon. 17th Ote got a valentine this morning which said under it "To a raw recruit." Aunt Wheeler is here. Began a book named the "Boy Hunters." Ote got another valentine and under it said "To a Saddler."
Tues 18th Snowed. Absent from school. Mother got me a new cap.

Weds. 19th Absent from School. Sunny morning today. Went to a sleigh ride in the "Gipsey Queen." While we were going to Lexington, we met the boat sleigh "Nightingale." When we arrived we went to the Lexington monument which was erected to the memory of the men who were slain first in the battle of Lexington. Louise Howland, Nellie & I played tag in the long entries of the Lexington House. We then played Squat where you be. Snowed in the evening. Played a game of old maid with...

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.... Louis Howland, Nellie, Father & Aunt Olivia. Father got old bachelor once and so did I.

Thur. 20th Stayed at home from school. Better of my cold.

Fri. 21st Sunny morning today. Absent from school.

Sat. 22nd Washington's birthday. Vacation. Frank Alley and Henry Wentworth came in to play with me. Frank Farber and Henry Wentworth came in to play with me in the afternoon.

Sun. 23d Sunny in the morning. Finished Boy Hunters. Began "Sister Abroad."

Mon. 24 Had a thunder storm in the afternoon.

The original writing from Feb 18th to 21st

Tuesday 18. Stayed home from school. Mother gave me a lap [robe?].

February 19 Stayed at home from school.

Wednesday Sunny morning today. Went to a sleigh ride in the "Gipsey Queen." While we were going to Lexington we met the boat sleigh "Nightingale." When we arrived we went to the Lexington monument which was erected to the memory of the men who were slain first in the battle of Lexington. Louise Howland, Nellie & I played tag in the long entry's of the Lexington House. We then played Squat where you be. Snowed in the evening. Played a game of old maid with Louis Howland, Nellie, Father & Aunt Olivia. Father got made old bachelor once and I got made old bachelor once.

Thursday 20. Stayed at home from school. Better of my cold.

Friday 21. Sunny morning today. Stayed home from school...

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... Frank Furber and Hen. Wentworth came in the afternoon to play with me.

Sunday 23rd. Sunny morning finished Boy Hunters began Sisters Abroad.

(Continued) Feb. 24 Cold. Night was cold and windy. So strong did the wind blow that I thought the windows would fall in. A fire alarm about half past 10 o'clock P.M. from

district one was caused by fire breaking out in Matthews Bloc D fronting on Commercial St. corner of [blank] St. and extending through to North St. The fire illuminated nearly the whole city and during its progress raged with terrific fury, the wind blowing hard throughout the night. Had the wind been from any other quarter many poor families would inevitable been turned out of doors and no one can tell where the flames would have been arrested as that section of the city is thickly covered with wooden buildings. The saddest part of the story remains to be told. Two young men lost their lives while vigorously laboring to preserve the property of others. Reuben H. Haraford and another man whose name has not been ascertained were smothered to death in the wooden building occupied by Messrs. Pettingill & Donnell. Samuel Green was very badly injured by falling through the second story floor of the same building. His face was badly bruised and one or two of his teeth were knocked out. He was properly cared for by the harbor police. *Boston Morning Journal* Tues. 25th February

Tues 25th. Vacation. About the fire came out in the paper this morning. The fire was seen at Worcester, Mass a distance of forty miles.

Weds 26. Samuel J. Hawthorne came in to play with me. Went out to coast on my sled "Boston." Bertie Hammond lent me his sled named "Fleet" for two coasts. Bill Loring lent me his sled with no name on it for one coast. He lent me his sled "Stasherwind" for one coast. While....

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... coasting on "Stag Hound" a clipper sled ran into me after which I went in. Began a book named "Hans Andersons Wonderful Tales."

Thurs. 27th. Snowed.

Fri. 28th Sam & Robbie Hawthorne came in to play with me.

Spring March 1862

Sat.1st Hawthorne came in to play with me. Ad came home at ten o'clock AM. Ote and father got home at ten o'clock at night.

Sun.2nd Vacation over. Ad's present was a box of tin soldiers. He would not let me touch them. Went to Sunday school in Mrs. Bowen's class.

Mon. 3 Went to school in Miss Reed's class.

Tue. 4 Promoted into Miss Reed's class. Went to school.

Wed. 5 Went to school in the morning. On the afternoon went to the Aquarial Gardens. First we saw the performances.

March 1862

Programme

1. The Monkey Rider
2. The Moose leaping the bar
3. The Trained Elephant's performance.

Original Writing from 27th to 2nd March.

Thursday 27th Snowed.

Feb. 28 Friday Father came and Robby came in to play with me. Spring March 1862

Saturday Hawthorne came in to play with me. Ad came home at ten o'clock. Ote & Father got home at ten o'clock at night.

Sunday 2 Vacation over. Ad's present was a box of tin soldiers. He would not let me touch them.

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Programme [Program] continued.

4. The Kangaroo's performances
5. The Lady driving the whale

There we saw two calves with 1 head, two kittens with one heat and one kitten with two heads. Promoted into Miss Reed's class.

Thurs 6th Went to school

Fri 7th Went to school. In the evening went to see Seven Sisters at the Howard Athenaeum.

Sat. 8th Went to school. We saw the performance

Sun 9th Went to Sun. School.

[inserted in box]: The performance was The Monkey Rider, The Moose Leaping the bar.

Mon 10th Went to Sun. School. Had a snow ball pelt with "Piggy Poor" and "Bully Ferber."

Tues. 11th Laura's Birthday. She is seventeen years old.

Weds. 12 Nothing worth discussing

Thurs. 13 " "

Fri. 14 Laura had a sociable. Agnes & Maria Homer were here.

Sat. 15th Mother had a sick head ache.

Sun. 16 Went to Sunday School

Mon. 17 Went to school. St. Patrick's Day

(from 17th to 21st see the good writing on 12 page).

March 1862

Fri. 21st. At home from school with a lame leg. Very lame in the morning but improves.

Original Writing from 6th to 17th

Thursday 6 Went to school

Friday 7 " ". In the evening went to see Seven Sisters at the Howard Athenaeum.

Saturday 8 Went to school. We saw the performance

Sunday 9 Went to Sun. School.

Monday 10 Went to Sun. School. Had a snow ball pelt with "Piggy Poor" and "Bully Ferber."

Tuesday 11 Laura's Birthday. She is seventeen years old.

Wednes. 12 Nothing worth discussing

Thursday 13 " "

Friday 14 Laura had a sociable. Agnes & Maria Homer were here.

Saturday 15 Mother had a sick head ache.

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Sunday 16 Nothing worth discussing. Went to Sunday School.

Monday 17 Went to school. St. Patrick's Day. Joseph Reed whispered to me in school this morning this poetry:

St. Patrick Day in the morning

The bells are ringing,

The devils are singing,

St. Patrick Day in the morning.

Tuesday 18th Nothing worth mentioning

Wednesday 19th Out driving hoop after school in the morning and afternoon

Thursday 20th Driving hoop. Addie went to Grandmother's to tea. Ote at Aunt Howland's with Sarah Stevens. Henry Wentworth came in to play with me after school.

Harry Maynard came in the evening. Miss Grete [?] was expected and did not come.

Friday 21st At home from school with leg very lame in the morning but improves rapidly. Mother went to Marie Bass's. Agnes Homer came in. Storm fast.

Original Writing from 21st to 23rd. Mother came home because it rained so hard. Mother says...

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...that it rained right down strait [straight] and that she never saw anything like it. Drew my map of "Boston Commons" to be carried in a week from tomorrow. I did shine up my Bell and Everett Tablet with a piece of wash leather and Ote went down stairs to shine up a copper English Half penny to see if we couldn't make out the date which was began one eight cipher and we tried to make out the other figure and we could not and so Ote went down stairs to shine it up.

Saturday 22 Bill Tryon came to play with me. Bill sorted out my curiosities into ten assortments and one neutral class. My book in which I kept the accounts of many of my curiosities ...

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... was, is now kept fo [for] the register of the collection or the book in which the boys are to write their namess [names].

Sunday 23rd Mother and all went to meeting. I stayed at home with Ann. Nellie came and stayed to tea.

... rapidly Mother went to Maria Bass. Agnes Homer came in. Storms fast. Mother came home because it rained so hard. Mother says that it rains right down straight and that she never saw anything like it. Drew my map of "Boston Commons" to be carried in a week from tomorrow. I'd shined up my Bell and Everett tablet with a piece of wash leather and Ote went down stairs to shine up a copper English Half penny to see if we could make out the date which was began with 180- the other figure and we couldn't make out and so Ote went down stairs to shine it up.

Sat. 22nd Bill Tryon came over to play with me. He sorted out my curiosities into ten assortments and one neutral class. The book in which I kept the accounts of my curiosities is now kept for the register of the collection or the book in which the boys are to write their names.

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Sun. 23rd Mother and all went to meeting. I stayed at home with Ann. Nellie came and stayed to tea. Bill stayed to tea, told us about Pottsville and drew some pictures for me.

Mon. 24th Went to school. Weather sunny and pleasant. Rep. A.M. 10 ex. & some failure, I do not know how many. Rep. P.M. 7 ex. 6 fail. The "micks" picked up a row with our fellows which ended by the "fir—"[sic] (policeman) chasing them. It began by snow balling and ended by throwing ice. Ote borrowed a book of A.C. Farnum named "Ran Away to Sea," by Reid Mayne.

Tues. 25th Went to school. Ote and Bill made an elephant by stooping over to just touch and then throwing a blanket over them. Bill made an ostrich by throwing a blanket over his head. I rode him.

Wed. 26. Grandmother very sick with the gastric complaint.

Thurs. 27th Attended school steadily all day. Drove wheel & hoop between schools.

Fri. 28th Singing day. Teacher E. Bruce.

Sat. 29 Nothing worth describing

Sun. 30 Went to Sunday School.

Mon. 31 Was placed No. 23 first sec. I was before 29 first section.

April 1862

Tues. 1. April fool's day. Got something pinned on behind me twice the last time by a boy just as I was going to school. A boy remarked just as I was going into school, "Norcross did you know you had a tail," upon which I looked around ...

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... and saw that a piece of paper was pinned on the back of my coat. In school two boys had a piece of chalk and were going to make chalk marks on the back of their schoolmates. Joseph Morgan, the boy who sits opposite to me in the second grade had two chalk marks down the middle of his back which made the boys around him laugh very much. Amos Buss and Fred Gibbs had some chalk in their pockets and they had to throw it in to the basket which is placed under the teacher's desk, into which the boys put all the paper they find on the floor and Miss Reed said she "would punish any other boy that had any chalk in their pockets." A. Egerton "blowed" (told of [on]) Fred Gibbs and told the teacher that he had some chalk.

Wed. 2 Went to school. Bill came over and drew some pictures.

Thurs. 3rd Fast day. Schools did not keep. Bill and I went to the top of the closet in the shed and cleared it up. It was full of pieces of the old wooden shed which were put up there to keep them out of the way. We put some long green boards in front so that

we wouldn't tumble over. We took all the things out of it except those we piled up in front. Afterwards we went out to drive wheel and we put some blocks of ice in a large puddle in the court. Bill took the stick which he drove his wheel, ~~and~~ stuck it through the middle of Ad's wheel and kept hitting the ice which we had placed in the puddle to break them. Two he found were impregnable and he could not break them.

Fri. 4th Reading day in school. Every boy in the class had to go up on the platform and read a piece from any book except our Reading Book. I read out of "The Progressive Speaker and Common School Reader." The piece was "The Anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrim Fathers."

Sat. 5th Went to school in the morning. Sarah Stevens came over to supper.

Sun. 6 Went to Sunday School in Mrs, Bowen's class.

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Ad went up to aunt Howland's with Ote Howland. Bill Tryon came over to supper. He drew some pictures and told me about Pottsville.

Mon. 7th Went to school. Sarah Stevens came here in the evening but did not stay to tea. I pulled Ad over and bumped my head so hard that mother could hear it hitting the floor when she was up in her chamber. Ad stayed at home from school because he had a head'ache.

Tues. 8th Stayed at home from school because I had a sore throat. Ad took down his barn out of the little closet which is in the closet next [to] the wardrobe. Sarah Stevens came here in the afternoon and stayed to tea. Frank Boyster came down from East Jaffrey. He stayed at Ed Howland's.

Weds. 9 I had a sore throat. Ad, Ote, Bill, Ote, and Ed Howland, Uncle Howland, and Frank Boyster, went to the navy yard in Charlestown.

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(Weds continued) Sammie and Robbie Hawthorne came in the afternoon to play with me.

Thurs. 10 Absent from school.

Fri. 11th Went to school for the first time since I had my sore throat. Singing afternoon. Sarah Stevens came over here and stayed to tea.

Sat. 12th Went to school. Went to the barbers to have my hair cut. Bill Tryon came over to play with me.

Sun. 13 Went to Sunday School. Walter Thompson and I have not been absent from Sunday school since we began to go. Began "Rodolphus."

Mon. 14 Went to school.

Tues. 15 Nothing worth mentioning.
Wed. 16th Frank Alley came in to play with me and he stayed all afternoon.
Thur. 17 Nothing worth mentioning.
Fri. 18 " " "
Sat. 20. Went to the Police Station No. 3.
Sun. 21 Aunt Calendar died at 2 o'clock PM. Began "Ellen [?Cain/Given/Gibson]"

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Mon. 21 Went to school. Grandmother died at half past two o'clock A.M. Began "Martin Rattler[sic]".

Tues. 22nd Very hard rain. Did not go to school. Finished "Ellen Linn." Bill Tryon came over drew some pictures for me. He took the "Geography" and read some funny names out of it among them were Dynasty, Backloop, and a great many others which I have not room to name. Went to see Miss Watts.

Wed. 23rd Went to school.

Thurs. 24 All of the boys stayed at home from school on account of grandmother's funeral.

Fri. 25 Went to school. Singing afternoon. Mr. Gates taught us our new exercises.

Sat. 26 (See writing on 22nd Page)

Sun. 27 Sunday School did not keep and so I went to the anniversary of Grandmother's funeral.

Original Writing.

Monday 14 Went to School.

Tuesday 15 Nothing worth describing.

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Wednesday 17 Frank Alley came in to play with me. He staid [stayed] all the afternoon.

Thursday 17 Nothing worth describing

Friday 18 " " "

Saturday 19

Mon. 28 Went to school.

Tues. 29 “ “ “ Began Elen [Ellen] Linn. Mother gave me a ball. Our company were going to drill in the afternoon, but mother would not let me go out. Began “Martin Rattler”

Wed. 30 Went to school. Did not go to school. Finished Ellen Linn.

May 1862

Thurs 1st. May Day. Went out and played bat and ball with Ad, Charlie Plummer, Henry Wentworth and Herbert Griffin & Johnnie Griffin.

Fri. 2nd Reading Day in school. I read about “Our Own Domestic Cat,” and got eight extras for it. Ad found his old flag which Bill Tryon made for him at Grafton. It has a lion made of blue cloth sewed onto a white cotton field. The initials A.N. of blue cloth were sewed under the lion. He was going to put it out the window, but mother would not let him.

Sat. 3rd. Went to school and got ten extras. In the afternoon Frank Alley came in to play with me.

Carried in my map of Boston, no boys had any extras for the maps. My company drilled in the P.M. Andy Mack drilled us. Bill Mugger came in the yard before we had finished drilling and said the Deroys were haunted. Bill Foster & the rest of the boys went in to see it if was but we did not believe it. We went in the yard, climbed the fence but did not see anything so left. Soon he came back and told Foster that he saw something in the door. Foster said it was nothing but a cat. Then he went through the house and said he saw nothing but a piece of red flannel lying on the floor.

May 1862

Sun 4th Fixed up my desk some and packed up my trunk. Mother stayed at home from meeting. Uncle Henry came to dinner. Went to Sunday school and I took out “Leila in England.”

Mon. 5th Wrote a letter to Webb Norcross. Went to school. Ote and Ad went to Rarey’s.

Tues. 6th Went to school.

Weds. 7th “ “ “ Grafton. 36 miles from Boston. Began “Coral Island.” Webb was excused from school and we played in uncle Wheeler’s hay loft in his barn.

Thurs. 8th Went to school.

Fri. 9th “ “ “ Singing afternoon but only Mr. Howey’s, Mr. [Mrs.?] Gates, Mr. Coleord’s and Miss Porter’s classes sing as the lower classes do not sing exhibition day.

Sat. 10 Went to school.

Sun. 11 " " " Sunday school. Began "Stuvesant" [Stuyvesant] one of the "Franconia Stories" & "Stories of Robin Hood and his Merry Foresters." Both books from the Sunday school Library. The most important war news was that the Merrimack of Virginia was blown to pieces.

Mon. 12 Stayed home from school because I had a bad cold. Finished "Robin Hood" and "Stuvesant" [Stuyvesant]. Played "45" and "ninety" with Ote.

Tues. 13th Had a bad cold and so did not go to school.

Original.

Mother stayed at home from [from] meeting. Uncle Henry came to dinner. Went to Sunday school, and I took out "Leila in England"

Wed 14 Began and finished "Maud" one of Nellie Stevens's books. I went up to the dress makers on the corner of Green and Staniford Sts. with Nellie Stevens. Nellie came over to spend the afternoon with me. She broke one of my gourds to get the seed ready for planting. The way it is done is as follows:

She first took out the seeds and separated them from the other parts of the gourd, then she took a tumbler of water and put them in. The seeds that sink are good but the ones that float are bad. The seeds can be planted as soon as they sink.

Thursday 15 Went to school. Began "Nellie & Her Friends" one of the Martin and Nellie Stories. Borrowed it from Nellie Stevens.

Fri 16 Went to school. Finished "Nellie and her Friends" and began "Nellie's First School Days."

Sat. 17 Went to school. Went down to Mrs. Reed's store to get fitted to a suit of clothes. Went to ride to Wellington Hill.

Sun. 18 Finished "Nellie's First School Days." Began "Nellie and her Boat." Uncle Henry came to dinner.

Monday 19th Nothing worth mentioning. Went to school.

Tues. 20 Went to school. Finished "Nellie and her Boat." Began "Little Bessie."

May 1862

Wed. 21st Went to school and got out at ten o'clock because the festival of the public schools was to take place in the afternoon.

Thurs. 22nd Finished "Little Bessie." Began "Nellie's Visit" Went to school and before we were dismissed Miss Reed told us that we were not [illeg.] school till Tuesday next, a few went on the common to see the new steam fire engine play. Went [illeg.] Henry Wentworth went with us.

Fri 23 Had a nervous headache the morning. Went over to see Bill in the afternoon.

Sat. 24 Played [illeg.] ball and egg in the hat in the morning. Charlie Plummer drilled my company in the afternoon. Finished "Nellie's Visit." Began "Zelma."
Sun. 25th Finished "Zelma." Ed and Ote Howland were her [here] in the afternoon. Ote Norcross wore a coat and vest. Began "Agnes" and "Salt Water."
Mon. 26th My company drilled at ten o'clock in the morning.

May 1862

Tues 27th Wrote a letter to Bill Tryon who is at Grafton. Finished "Agnes."
Wed 28th Nothing worth mentioning
Thursday 29th " " "
Fri. 30th Mary Lane came in to school the day. Went and got an ice cream at Higgin's Oyster House with Mary Lane, Nellie Stevens and Ote. Played tag on our way home.
Sat. 31st Ad, Ote and father went to Grafton and Bill came home with them. Samuel Hawthorne came into play with me.

1862 Summer June

Sun 1st Finished "Salt Water." Bill Tryon came over to the house. Began "True Stories of the Days of Washington." Began "Little by Little."
Mon. 2nd Election day. Went on the common in the afternoon to see the soldiers. The company was the Ancient and Honorable Artillery, but they had no cannons. We saw the governor and his staff go round the whole line of soldiers. The [illeg.] platoon of soldiers were dressed like Gen. Putnam's men in the Revolutionary War. Lent the book "Dog Crusoe" to Sam Hawthorne.
Tues. 3rd Vacation ended. Went to school. Willie Perkins was discharged from school as he was above me it put me up one. Went to Higgin's Oyster saloon and got a fine apple ice cream. Rained in the afternoon.
Wed 4th Rained hard all the morning. Went to school. Lent "Dog Crusoe" to F. Parks.
Thurs 5th Went to school and came home right ager research because I had a headache. Finished "Little by Little."
Fri. 6th Went to school. Reading day. Read about "Cristopher Carson and got 10 extras for reading which was the highest. George Bigelow came to see me.

June 1862

Sat. 7th Went to school but returned home before recess with a headache. My company drilled in the afternoon and disbanded. Went and got a cream cake with

Nellie Stevens and we met father on our way home and as he was going to have the horse harnessed, we went with him and rode to the house.

Sun. 8th Rained hard. Did not go to church and do not expect to go because we have to go up to South End. Uncle Henry came to dinner. Went to Sunday School at Mrs. Bowen's house. Mrs. Bowen lent me the book "Cadet Life at West Point." Bill Tryon came over to the house and told us about Pottsville.

Mon. 9th & Tues 10th Nothing worth mentioning

Wed. 11th. Got some boys to belong to the Garibaldi Guards (which is the name of my company)

Thurs. 12th Went to school.

Fri. 13th Composition day at school. Our composition was about the "Covetous Boy." Rained in the afternoon. Drew my map of Massachusetts for school to be carried in tomorrow.

Sat. 14th Carried in my map of Massachusetts. Went to the common in the afternoon with Ad and "Johnnie" Griffin (Herbert W. Griffin). We played on the grass all the afternoon.

Sun 15th Went to Mrs. Bowen's house. We had quite a little party there, she said. Mrs. Bowen gave me some shells from South America to put with my other curiosities.

Mon 16th Nothing worth mentioning.

Tues. 17 School did not keep. I bought a bunch of fire crackers for \$.06, 40 torpedoes for \$.04. Total \$.10. Sam and Robbie Hawthorne, J.F. Alley, came into see me and we all went up to Higgin's to get and ice cream.

Wed. 18 Stayed at home from school because I had a headache. Went to a picnic in the P.M. All that went were [illeg.] Champney, Susie Plympton, Nellie, Ad, & I. We had a first rate time.

Thurs. 19 Went to school

Fri. 20 Miss Reed gave out our compositions. C. Water[illeg] killed. Me Massachusetts to carry my company.

Sat. 21st Went to ride in the afternoon with Father. Ote & Louis Howland, Bill Tryon, Ad and I went to the old Revolutionary breastworks on Roxbury Heights. I got a piece of wood home [illeg.] with my curiosities.

Sund. 22nd Wrote my name in Sarah's Album

Mon. 23 Went to school

Tues. 24 Went to school. Miss Sutton examined us for promotion. James Hawthorne came in to see me after school. Rained.

Wed 25 Went to school. Miss Sutton examined the class. I had twelve wrong out of fifty words. We had six examples, two in Addition, 2 in Sub. & 2 in Multiplication. I did not have any wrong.

Sat. 28th Summerfield and John Harrle drilled after school. Henry Wentworth came in to see me and I lend him "The Natural History of Quadrupeds" ...

June 1862

... Mr. Plympton died at Wayland at 7 o'clock P.M.

Sun. 29th Received the news of the death of Mr. Plympton. Began "Tourist's Guide to the Hudson River"

Mon. 30th Went to school. I got up two, Ote got up to the head, and Ad got down three. Rained.

July 1862

Tues. 1 Went to school.

Weds 2 Went to Saugus with Miss Bowers, Walter Thompson, Rube & Hattie Rice, Billy Myers, Susie Sterling and Nellie.

Thurs. 3rd Went to school

Fri 4th Up at 4 o'clock in the morning. Fired off three bunches of fire crackers before breakfast. My purchases through the day were as follows. 3 common sized cannon [illeg.] \$.06, 1 half glass of pine apple soda, .05, Mask, .06, Pineapple ice cream, .06 Total: \$.23. The crackers and torpedoes [that] I bought before hand. We had six launches of crackers and 2 of torpedoes a piece. Two balloons went up in the afternoon. One of the balloons was [called] The Star Spangled Banner and this made the greatest show. The aeronaut let fly a golden eagle when the balloon was just over the house. The bird flew up the street and that was the last we saw of him. The balloon took a north easterly direction and we could see the reflection of the sun on the sand as the aeronaut threw it out of the balloon. It was about [illeg.] hours between the ascent of the balloons. The last balloon went so fast that we could hardly see it before it had passed over the house but after that we got a very good view. We could not see the name, as it was up too high. Ote and Ad went to see the regatta in the afternoon. Harry Hammond and Ote fired off a lot of crackers, Roman candles, Bengal light, Blue lights, cannon [illeg.], Pin Wheels in the evening.

Sat. 5th School did'nt [didn't] keep. Frank Alley came in to play with me. Mary & Carrie Lane came in from Cambridge. We went out to take a walk. Went up to see the school house.

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(New Phillips) Began "Ward's Illustrated Natural History."

Sun. 6th Went down to Miss Bowen's Sunday School.

Fri. 11th Reading Day at school. I read out of one of the Rollo Books.

Sat. 12th Went to see Nellie's uncle Albert and had a very good time.
Sun. 13th Had a sick headache all the morning. Did not go to Sunday School.
Wed. 16th Went to Chelsea Beach
Thurs. 17th Went down to the City Hall with a fan to be carried to father. I found father down there and he showed me all over it and into the police office where there were several pictures of thieves, burglars, highway men, and all the noted rogues. We (Frank Furber & I) saw the implements for breaking into houses, stores, etc., etc., taken from these rogues. I will record some of them. There were thumb pieces, or knucklers (an iron plate with holes in it for the fingers made to heave on hinges to take a man with, to kill or strangle him. Sling shots, a piece of rope with a piece of metal on the end to strike a man dead with.
Fri. 18th Went to school and into the hall to see the boys [illeg.].
Sun. 20th Began "Reuben Kent."
Mon. 21st Went to school.
Tues. 22 Went to exhibition and got a diploma.
Wed. 23 Vacation Began.

July 1862 Vacation

Wed. 30th Received a letter from Bill Tryon.
Thurs. 31st Wrote a letter to Bill Tryon.

August

Fri. 1st Went down to Braman's Baths. Ote sent home a box of fish. Packing Trunks to go to Plymouth.
Sat. 2nd Went to Plymouth. Stayed at the Clifford House. Met Bill at the depot. Had a pleasant ride to the house. Went down on the beach & round among the rocks. When we went back to the house we (Bill and I) climbed up the sand bank which is right back of the house. The swing is composed of a box which has a seat raised in it. From the seat of the swing there are attached two poles which are fastened to a limb of the tree above. It is very heavy. When we got there Ote was out in the boat fishing with Dr. Ridgeway. After supper Ad and I went down and swung a little.
Sun. 3rd Did not go to church. Went to explore the beach. Found a green sea urchin shell and a pure white stone. Went on another exploring expedition...

August 1862

...around the river and fields with George Ashburner and Henry A. Wright.

Mon 4th Got up before six o'clock. George A. left this morning for Marrion. Went down on the beach while Father and the boys went out fishing. They had no "luck: and didn't catch anything. Very warm. After dinner wen to the swing. Bill took the hammer and nails to mend it.

Tues. 5th Went out fishing and I caught about four flounders and one perch. In afternoon took a ride up in the woods and picked a few blackberries. Father continued the ride to find where the road went to and after quite a pleasant right through the woods we arrived at the "Cliff House" just in time for tea.

Wed 6th Father went to Boston and arrived at night with aunt Olivia & Nellie.

Thurs. 7th Went down [sic] to "Greeny George."

Fri. 8th Foggy in the morning.

Sat. 9th The yacht "Tornado" landed here. The fishermen put out a sieve[?] and caught thirty thousand fish or about one hundred barrels. In afternoon went to ride in the woods...

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... Thunderstorm in the evening.

Sun. 10th Wrote a list of things for father to bring back when he goes home tomorrow.

Mon. 11th Father went to Boston and came back in the evening.

Tue. 12th Went to ride to see the town of Plymouth. Went to see Plymouth Rock. We got out and stood on it. I pulled up a weed that grew very near the rock. Went to Pilgrim Hall." Saw the chairs of Gov'n Winslow and Carver and we sat in them both. We also saw the sword of Miles Standish the Puritan Captain and the spinning wheel of Priscilla. Then we went into the regular hall where we saw the model of the monument to be erected over Plymouth Rock and the picture of the Landing of the Pilgrims Dec. 22nd, 1820 [1620].

Thurs. 14th Went to Honey Springs.

Fri. 15th Rained in the morning. Nellie was bitten by a "devil's needle."

Sat. 16 Went to Billington Sea. Began "Naval Battles."

Sun. 17th Went to the Locust Grove. Did not go to church.

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Mon. 18th Father went to Boston. Began "Child's History of England, vol. 3" Played a game of stagecoach. In the afternoon I went with Bill and Ad. Down to Eel River. I got into Mr. Lawton's sloop while the boys were in bathing and the tide came up so that we were obliged to stay there three hours till it ran out again. It was almost dark when we got back to the house again. Played magical music.

Tues. 19th Went to the camp meeting at Billington Sea in company of thirty of the boarders at the Clifford House. Mr. Warren and Father went in their own carriages. The rest went in an open omnibus. We had a very pleasant ride home through the woods.

Wed. 20th Went to ride with father to Plymouth. Got some ice cream and father bought me a new knife. Went home and played on the beach.

Thurs. 21st Bill walked over to the Nahomet [sic] House in the afternoon.

Fri. 22nd Charles Hall came over and spent the...

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... day with us. Rolled a string of nine pins at the bowling alley. Played the flower game and conundrums in the evening.

Sat. 23rd Had a lame leg. Stayed in the house all day.

Sun. 24th Went up to Mr. Warren's land to walk.

Mon. 25th Father, Mr. & Mrs. Leighton & Aunt Olivia with other ladies and gentlemen went to ride up in the woods and while there they were attacked by hornets. They alighted on the horse and stung him very badly causing him to rear and lunge so that it was almost impossible to manage him. The horse had fifteen stings on one side. Tableaux in the evening.

Program

1. Little Red Riding Hood ---- Miss Helen G. Stevens
2. The Soldier's Bride --- Soldier – Mr. James Warren / Bride – Miss Bacom
3. Simple Simon --- M. Addison Norcross
4. Commentaters [Commentators] on Shakspear [Shakespeare] (Common' tatoes on Shakspeare)...

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5. Italian Flower Girl (2 acts) Mrs. Ridgeway
6. Invalid of Minera Spring Phillip
7. April Shower Nellie Stevens, Emma Coleman, Alice (all under an umbrella), Fry and Philip Ridgeway, Mr. [illeg].
8. Victory and Death (a charade in 3 acts) Mr. Ridgeway
9. The lay of the last minstrel (an egg)
10. The Sun Mrs. Sterling [?]
11. The Goddess of Liberty Mrs. Lawton

Tues. 26th Had a sick headache in the morning.

Thur. 28th Went home to Boston

Sun. 31st Vacation ended.

Autumn / Sept 1862

Mon. 1st Went to school. I was promoted to Miss Sutton's class. Ad to Mr. Colcord's, Ote to Mr. Hevey's and Bill to Mr. Gate's class. Miss Sutton is the strictest teacher in the school. The new books I shall have to get are "Hill's Third Class Reader," "Warren's Common School Geography," and "Worcester's Comprehensive Dictionary."

Tues. 2 Went to school and continued very steadily till the next day mentioned.

Sun. 14 Will came over in the evening and told about Pottsville.

Mon. 15 Finished "Ella." Had a sick headache. Did not go to school.

Wed. 17 Began "Whistler" one of F. Alley's books. Went on the common and drove wheel.

Thurs. 18 & Fri 10 Went to school.

Sat. 20 Frank Alley came in to play with me. Went out and drove wheel. As I was going across the street my foot caught in the curb stone and I fell over, cutting my head very badly in my eye brows, Ad had to go after Dr. Gately to get him to come to fix it and luckily found him at home.

Sun. 21 Could not open my eye all day. Did not go to school.

Tues. 23 Finished "Whistler." Did not go to school.

Wed. 24 Began "Marcus." Went to school.

Sat 27 Went to the Museum to see the curiosities. We saw some Egyptian mummies and ...

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... a great many idols. One idol was painted red, white, and black and was composed of two men sitting down and one was biting the others nose off. We also saw a tobacco pouch made out of a fox.

Sun 28 Rained very hard.

Mon 29 Finished "Marcus."

Tues. 30 Began "Jessie." Placed in school and I got up twenty-nine to the head. A new girl came here to wait on table named Honora Drummond.

October 1862

Wed. 1 Rained.

Fri. 3 Went to school.

Sat. 4 Georgie Bigelow's birthday. Seven years old.

Sun. 5 Went to Mr. Bartol's Sunday school for the first time. Had at Miss Bartol for a teacher.
Mon. 6 Went to school.
Wed 8 Georgie Bigelow came in town. They board ...

Oct. 1862

... at the American House. Ote went out to Somerville to see the Ridgeways. Mrs. P., Miss Crie[?], Aunt Olvia, Florie, Nellie, Jennie Wheeler and Bill [?] came over here and spent the evening. Very hot.

Thurs. 9 Very hot day.
Fri. 10 Very cold and unpleasant. Rained in afternoon.
Sat. 11 Carried some Sunday school library books down to Mr. & Mrs. Bowen.
Sun. 12 Very cold. Went to Sunday school. Miss Bartol was not there so we had a gentleman for a teacher.
Mon. 13 Rained very hard indeed. Mother's birthday.
Tues. 14 Finished my map of Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island.
Wed. 15 Carried in map of Massachusetts, etc. etc. Did not fail in my geography lesson. Addie, Willie went out to Readville. Laura, Florie, Maria Homer & Uncle Henry have gone to the Museum. Herbert Griffin and Frank Alley came in to play with me...

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... Sarah Stevens came over in the evening. Ote went down to Mr. Lawton's store, lent Frank Alley "Dig by the Heathcote" and "Wallace."

Thurs. 16 Went to school. Ote received Georgie and Herbie Lawton's photographs. Rather chilly.
Fri. 17 Very cold. Did not go to school because I had a cough. Georgie Bigelow came here. Aunt Howland's birthday.
Sat. 18 Went to school. Frank Alley and Frank Lovell came in to play with me.
Sun. 19 Sunny morning and a cold day. When the folks went to church, I went up in my room and took down the things from the top of the bookcase in which I keep my curiosities. Among the various things I found there were all my "Union & Secession" envelopes, my crockery dog and a book called "The Officers of our Army & Navy" we he had thought lost for a long time. Went to Sunday school and went from Miss Bartol's into Miss Bowen's class. Bill came over here in the evening.

October 1862

Mon. 20th Went to school. Very cold.

Tues 21 “ “ “ “ “
 Wed 22 Went to ride to South Boston and saw the iron clad monitor “Nahant.” On our way we saw a long red-hot iron bard passing along on cars in the place where they manufacture rail road iron. We had to wait outside while father went in to get leave to go and see the monitor.
 Thur. 23 Went to school. Pretty cold.
 Fri. 24th Singing day in school and as I do not sing I went into Miss Porter’s room.
 Sat. 25 Lucy Lane came here to dinner.
 Sun. 26 Went to Sunday school. Very cold.
 Tues. 28. Began and finished my map of Vermont.
 Wed. 29 Carried in my map of Vermont and got back the one of Massachusetts. Walter P. Thompson and Fred Parks came in to see me. Frank Allen, Hen Wentworth and Bill came also.
 Fri. 31 Placed in school and I kept my place at the head of the class. Singing day. Went into Miss Nevin’s room.

November 1862

Sat. 1 Went to ride in the afternoon.
 Sun 2 Bill came over in the evening. Father’s birthday - Aged fifty-one years.
 Mon. 3 Went up to Warren’s to get father a package of tooth-picks for a birthday present. Lent Frank Lovell “Dick Duncan” & “Jessie Carlton.”
 Tues. 4 Voting day. Nominations for Governor of Massachusetts. Republican John Albion Andrew. Democratic. Charles Devins Jr. Brig. Gen. U.S. Army. Devins was elected in Boston.
 Wed. 5 Andrew was elected in Massachusetts. Lent Frank Lovel “The Dog Crusoe” & “The Kangaroo Hunters.”
 Thurs. 6th Went to school.
 Fri. 7 Hailed in the morning. Went to school. Heavy snow storm. Very cold. Got out of school at three o’clock P.M.. When we came round the corner of the school house the wind blew so hard that it almost blew Frank Alley over. F. A---y came home with me and came in and played and played with me.
 Sat. 8 Rained fast in the afternoon. Ad had ...

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... a snow slide come down on his head off of Aunt Olivia’s house.
 Sun. 9th Bill came over in the evening.
 Wed. 12th Carried in map of New Hampshire

Fri. 14th Went to school. Boys who did not sing in Miss Porter's, Newin's, Reed's, Sutton's and Cunningham's classes came into our room while the others were singing.
Sat. 15 Bill came over in the afternoon. I spend the afternoon with Frank Lovell.
Sun. 16th Went to Sunday school. Wrote a letter to Mark Forrester.
Mon. 17th Went to school all day.
Tues. 18 Father went to Providence.
Wed. 19 Bill, Ad, Hawthorne, & I played up in the boys room.
Thurs. 20 Absent from school because I had a cold. Began a map of Rhode Island. Father went to Providence & came home again because they were not ready.
Fri. 21st Stayed at home from school. Father went to Providence. Frank Alley ...

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... came in to see me.

Sat. 22nd Did not go to school. Ote carried in my map of Rhode Island for me. Place in school and I got down seven. Sam Hawthorne & Charlie Downing came in to play with me.
Mon. 24th Vacation commenced. Went to see Bill Tryon.
Tues. 25 Sam Hawthorne, Lyman Greenleaf, Frank Alley & Herbert Griffin came in to play with me.
Wed. 26th Lizzie Lane was married to Alanson Bigelow, Jr. Mother brought me home some of the wedding cake and a piece of bride cake.
Thurs 27th Thanksgiving day. Bill came over in the morning to dinner & stayed all the afternoon to supper, which we had at eight o'clock. We had scalloped oysters for supper. All aunt Olivia's folks came over to dinner.
Fri. 28 Went to the barber's to have my hair cut but he had gone to the post office. Afterward Ote went up & had his cut.
Sat. 29 Nellie's birthday. 11 yrs old. Went to Barnum's Aquarial Gardens. We saw Com. George Washington Harrison Nutt, the hippopotamus and his Egyptian Keeper, Ali, the only man who can tame the hippopotamus. He was born in Cairo, Egypt. Ad and I went to Nellie's party and I had a very good time.
Sun. 30 Did not go to Sunday School. Bill came over in the evening. Father gave me some books to distribute to different persons.

Winter December 1862

Mon 1 Rained hard. Vacation over. Did not go to school because I had a bad cold. Cleared up the boy's closet. Began a book named "Stratagems." I did not distribute the books that father gave me because it rained and so Ote distributed them* instead.

*Those that were round here.

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Tues. 2 Had a head-ache in the morning. Went up to Rev. C.A. Bartol's house with a book that father sent to him. Did not go to school. Very pleasant day. Heard Ad recite his geography lesson. Began "A Voice from Waterloo." Mr. Bartol's house has a large blue door with brass handle and door bell. There are two large white post in front of door, one of which is before the door bell which is so small that it slipped through my fingers when I tried to *pulled [pull] it and my knuckles struck against the post hurting me a little. Very cold day.

Wed 3rd Very cold. Glad has risen to \$.30 7/8 premium on a dollar. Aunt Bass came here to see mother. Did not go to school. Helped mother dust the rooms. There was a meeting here in the evening about the "Boston Soldiers' Friends Association" and they stayed till almost ten o'clock. ~~Mr.~~ Jerry Jones (Mr. Jerome Jones) called here and he brought a comic *picture book of travels (The Travels of Smith, Jones, and Robinson).

Thurs. 4th Began and finished a book named The Life and Sufferings of Leonard Trask, the Wonderful Invalid. Mother heard me say my geography lesson. Pasted father's name (printed) into his books. Did not go to school...

*Insert "tried to" before pulled. *Insert "comic" before picture book.

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... Very cold but pleasant. Had a lame ankle in the evening.

Fri. 5th Had a lame ankle. Very cold but pleasant. Mother went out to buy me some new clothes and brought back some cough-candy for me. Bill came over in the evening and we played Pottsville. Rained. The moon was eclipsed. Snowed in the night. The snow fell off of the back part of the house with such violence as to jare [jar] it and with a loud noise like thunder.

Sat. 6th Dusted down the banisters for mother. Bill and ad began to build a tower of snow. Frank Alley came in to play with me.

Sun. 7th Bill came over in the evening and we drew ballots from a box for drafting. Sprained my thumb.

Mon. 8th Voting day* for mayor. Nominations – Republican – Frederic Walker Lincoln, Jr. Democratic – Joseph M. Wightman. Lincoln was elected. Alderman Parmenter wrote a funny piece of poetry about the aldermen and gave it to father.

Tues. 9 Went out for the first time since I have had a cough. Began "Bruin, or the Grand Bear...."

*Insert "for mayor" after day.

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...Hunt." Ad dragged me round the square on his sled.

Wed 10 Carried Miss Watts a pie over to her school.

Thurs 11 Went out. Water pipe burst out behind Mrs. Plympton's house and the water was shut off for three hours.

Fri 12 Went out. Very cold.

Sat. 13 Very damp out. Bill came over in the evening and helped me sort my cards.

Sun. 14 Very foggy in the morning. Ote Howland came over in the evening and brought me some shop cards for my collection. Bill came over ~~in the~~ to supper and then he went over to see uncle Ote, who is sick with a complaint of the brain, and he did not come back again.

Mon. 15 Here is a piece that Florie told me and I am going to learn it. There is some Latin in it.

1. Felis sedit by a hole. Intenta she cum omni soul,
Prendere rats. Mice encurrent over the floor,
In numero duo, tres, or more. Obliticat.
2. Felis saw them oculis. "I'll have them" inquit she "I guess."
Dum Rudent. Tuncilla crept towards the group.
"Habeam" dixit "good rat soup." Pingues sumht.
3. Mice continued all ludere. Intenta they in ludem vere
Gaudenter Tune crept the felis up to them,
And tore them omnes limb from limb. Violentes.
4. Muses omnes, mice be shy. Et auram fraebe mihi
Benigne. Sic hoc fugime verbum sat
Avoid a huge and hungry cat. Studiose.

I will also give it in English.

1. A cat seated by a hole. Intent was she with her whole ~~soil~~ soul
To catch rats. Mice running over the floor
In numbers two, three, or more, forgetful of the cat.
2. The cat saw them with her eyes, "I'll have them," said she. I guess
While at play. Then she crept towards the group.
"I will have," said she, "good rat soup. How fat they are."
3. Mice continued all at play. Intent they truly at play
Joyfully. Then crept the cat up to them
And tore them all limb from limb, violently.
4. Mice all, mice be shy. And give ear to me

Willingly. If words are enough for flight
Avoid a huge and hungry cat, carefully.

Went over to Mrs. Mansfield's to get my clothes, but she did not have them done. Went up to South end to Emma Allison's party. We* [Ad, Nellie & I] went up in a carriage. The belle was Miss Emma Allison.

Tues 16 Went out

Wed. 17 Went to school. Very cold. Same Hawthorne came into* [in to] play with me. Played a game of ring taw, which took from one o'clock till quarter of five.

Thurs. 18 Ad's birthday – 12 years old. Presents. From father, a book named "The Young Gold Digger" by Gerstaeker. & [a book named] "Red Eric."

Fri. 19 Very cold. Absent from school.

Sat. 20 Did not go to school. Sam Hawthorne came in to play with me. Played chess, ring-taw, dominoes. The Wells School house caught fire in the flue. The fire bells did not ring and only hose three came up. Gardner Rowman was going into the schoolhouse when they were bringing the hose past the door, and it squirted out and struck him in the back of his head. It froze a little while after it...

*Ad, Nellie & I

* "in to"

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...struck him and there were icicles hanging from the tail of his coat and sheets of ice over his hair.

Sun. 21 Aunt Olivia's water pipes froze Saturday night and they had to send over here for water. Very cold but pleasant. Got sick in the evening.

Mon 22 & Tues 23rd Very sick with a fever and insensible.

Wed. 24 Little better, but very sick still. Hung up my stocking.

Thurs. 25 Christmas day. Presents as follows:

From Aunt Louise a book named "The Cherry Stone."

[and a book named] "The First of June."

[From] Father: [a book named] "Spectacles – St. Petersburg"

[and] a silver quarter dollar from the U.S. Mint nobody has had except father.

[From] Aunt Howland a book named "The Story of Cecil and his Dog"

[From] Uncle Howland a toy "the Performing Blondin." It represents Blondin wheeling his wife across Niagara Falls.

[From] Aunt Clark. Sugar dog and bird.

[From] Nellie a book named "Drummer Boy." [and] Bookmark.

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From Mrs. Bowen. A sugar lion, A a horn of plenty, ~~An~~ an India rubber ball, a top, a three cent piece, two cents, and an orange.

Ad's presents were as follows:

From aunt Howland "The Gorilla Hunters."

[From aunt] Bigelow "Boys at Chequasset"

Fri. 26th Read to by aunt Clark and mother from the "Drummer Boy." Began and finished it. Began "Cherry Stones." Miss Bowen's had a grab box at her house in the evening. I named ~~gave~~ my grabs in the list of Christmas presents. Aunt Louise & uncle Bigelow called here.

Sat. 27 Sick abed. Mother gave me a New Year present.

Sun. 28 Got up in the afternoon.

Mon. 29 Read a little while in the morning. Finished "Cherry Stones." Began "The First of June." Miss Wyman gave me a present of a pocket diary.

Tues. 30 Finished "First of June." Began "Story of Cecil & His Dog." Aunt Olivia made me a ...

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...present of a box of soldiers.

Wed. 31 Doctor Patch came to see me. Got up and stayed up all the morning. I had a little quail for dinner. Ote went down to Mrs. Whipple's house with her Sunday School class. Snowed.

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Friday 21. Staid [Stayed] at home from school. Father went to Providence. Frank Alley came in to see me.

Sat. 22 Did not go to school. Ote carried in my map of Rhode Island for me. Placed in school and I got down seven. Sam Hawthorne & Charley Downing came in to play with me.

Sun. 23rd Nothing worth describing.

Winter Jan. 1863 Thurs 1st Sat. 31st.

Thurs. 1st. Began "Louis' School Days" a New Years present from Mrs. Bowen. Father gave me a "Photographic* [Autograph] Album. Got up and dressed and sat up all day.

Fri. 2 Very sunny but cold. Mother gave me a box which [was] filled with my things. Sam Hawthorne came in to see me and we put up "Blondin" which went very well but we had to tie him up so that he would not tumble. We made him go very well after two unsuccessful trials. Mother was afraid he would fall and she let him run into her hand which knocked him off. Mr. Ellis and Miss Draper called to see Mother and spent the evening with her. Nellie and all Aunt Olivia's folks came over in the evening. Played "Dr. Fuzby" with Nellie, Sarah & Ote.

Sat. 3rd Little better. Pleasant day but cold and sunny. Sam Hawthorne came in to play with me. Played chess with ...

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...him and beat him twice. Played game of dominos and it was a draw game. Mother had a sick headache.

Sun. 4th Pleasant. Went down to dinner for the first time since I have been sick. Bill came over in the evening but he did not feel well and went to sleep on the boy's bed. Florie and Laura wrote to their names in my autograph book. Laura and Florie went over to East Boston with Uncle Henry to see the episcopal church which the officers and crew are obliged to go to and he goes with them. Looked at father's book of birds & also the one of animals.

Mon 5 Father went to the inauguration of the mayor and aldermen of which body he is one, and common council. At the inauguration they are sworn into office. Ote was excused from school to go to it. Played games of dominoes, the game was twenty-five. I beat Ote by 34 he being 14 and I being 48. Pleasant and very sunny. Charlie Downing and C. Baker came over to borrow a book but as I could not go out of the room they could not get one. Bill sick with a sore throat.

Tues. 6th Foggy and damp but cleared up and turned pleasant. Ote received a letter from Pelham Warren, a boy ...

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... who was at Plymouth the same time that we were, and who lives in New York City, N.Y. Ote went out and bought me a pack of cards for me. Taught me how to play "euchre."

Wed. 7th Ote bought me a pair of dumbbells to exercise with. Played a game of everlasting with Ad and he beat me. Played a game of euchre with Ote and he beat me once and I beat him once.

Thurs. 8th Pleasant. Went to ride round the Public Garden and through Arlington St. Played euchre with Laura and I beat twice to her once. Jennie Wheeler called.

Fri. 9th The governor's council was sworn in at the State house. Uncle Wheeler is one of them. Went up to aunt Howland's in Kent's carriage and borrowed "A Book of Nonsense." [Nonsense]. Cold but pleasant.

Sat. 10th Uncle Wheeler called. Pleasant but cold. Played three-handed euchre with Laura and Ote. I beat once, Ote once, and Laura none at all. Ad made up a new game of cards.

Sun. 11th Pleasant but damp. Nellie came over to see me. Bill came over in the afternoon and made some paper soldiers for me to play with.

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Mon. 12th Pleasant. Mother's dress caught fire in the grate. She got down on the [floor] rolled herself up, in the burking, called to Norah and with her help put it out after burning her hand very badly. Mother had gone upstairs to see if the windows were open so that I could go up and as I was going to ask her if I could, I heard her scream "Norah! Norah! Come quick! I'm all on fire!" I ran up stairs as fast as I could to help put it out. Norah thought that I was in a fit. Went to ride up to aunt Howland's and she was out. While there, I looked at a book named "Baron Munchausen." Aunt Bass is sick.

Tues. 13. Mother is more comfortable. Pleasant. Went out to walk with Father for the first time with Ote. Nell came over in the evening with Sarah. Aunt Olivia came over a little while afterwards. Played game of four-handed euchre with Nellie, Sarah, & Ote. Played "old maid."

Wed. 14th Snowed and hailed. Finished a book named "Louis' School Days." Mary Hassafens came to help Mother sweep the room. Sam Hawthorne came in to play with me. Played chess and chequers [checkers]....

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... I beat both games. Rained. Began "The Gorilla Hunters" which is a sequel to "The Coral Island."

Thurs. 15 Rained hard. Played euchre.

Fri. 16th Ote wrote a letter to Pelham Warren. Got a box to put the paper soldiers in, that Bill made for me on Sunday. Bill brought over a great many more for me to put in the box. Rained hard. Florie Tryon returned "The Little Savage."

Sat. 17th Went down to Mrs. Bowen's to carry back a book for mother. Met Walter Thompson down there. Played "Euchre." Bill came over and we went up to Wells' candy store and bought some molasses candy. We had a battle with my paper soldiers. The way we ~~done~~ did* it was as follows: he took a very sharp knife, was blindfolded, and led in front of them and he took a certain number of licks and those he struck were ~~either~~ killed or wounded. Pleasant but cold. Frank Alley came in..

*originally "done."

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Sun. 18 Finished "Cecil and his dog." Went to walk with father. Bill and Nellie over this evening. Pleasant but cold and clear air.

Mon. 19 Went to walk with Mr. Longley. Went to Jas. Longley Jr's store and from there up Tremont and Beacon and down Temple and Hancock St. Played "Euchre" and a game that Ad made up.

Tues. 20th Jennie Wheeler and Aunt Clark called. Weather is pleasant but cold. Air is clear.

Wed. 21 Damp air. Played "euchre" with Nellie and I beat. Played with Ote and Laura and Laura beat one game. Ote 1 and I 1. Had a battle with paper soldiers. Serg. Frank Alley ~~and~~ was wounded and one the oldest captains named John Quinlan was killed.* Bill brought over the band and Co. D. of the paper soldiers.

*Battle of the Breastworks.

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Wed 21 con. All this is about the battle of the paper soldiers.

Thurs. 22 Damp. Wrote the names of the books in the bookcase in our room for father. Mrs. Harlow sent one a "Ballou's Pictorial."

Fri. 23rd Cleared up father's bookcase in the little room. Damp. Nell came over in the morning and stayed all the afternoon.

Sat. 24 Went to Whipple's photograph rooms to have my photograph taken. On the way there we met Arthur Homer and he said that he had been waiting down there for us to come as much as a half an hour. On the way home we went to Chander & Co.'s to buy something for Mother. There we went to change my mittens which were too narrow. Went into Mrs. Mayer's confectionery store and brought some cream cakes for Laura and I and 5 cents worth of chocolate cream drops and some glue for mother. Bill came over in the afternoon and brought me over some more soldiers which filled Co.'s C., B. and A. Pleasant.

Sun. 25 Wrote a list of books in the bookcase in our room. Bill came over and examined Ad in Calvary Tactics.

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Mon. 26th My new "Playmate" came and it had a prize puzzle in it. The prize was \$20 in books and other valuable materials. Aunt Howland called and brought me some molasses candy. Mrs. Ellis & Mr. Bartol called. We all puzzled over the puzzle and got it most right.

Tues. 27 Rained. No prospect of clearing up so that I can go out. Snowed in the afternoon. Played euchre. Ote wrote the puzzle on one of his sheets of writing paper.

Wed. 28 Aunt Clark came here. Nellie came over and we had a tea party, also, played top, hide-and-seek and put up Blondin. Sarah came over in the evening. Snowed.

Thurs. 29 Snowed. Could not go out. Laura brought home my photograph proofs. Had a sham battle with Ad. We wrapped a shawl round our arms and then struck at it with one of Ote's wickets.

Fri. 30th Mary Lane came over from Newton to stay over night. Put up Blondin and had a tea party to ...

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Fri. 30th con. ...which we invited Nellie.

Sat. 31st. Went over to Nellie's to spend the afternoon. Birthday present from Aunt Lizzie of a new writing desk with paper, envelopes, and pens and pencils all in it.

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Sunday 1

February

Saturday 28

Sun. 1st Pleasant but cold. Bill came over in the evening and we had a skirmish with the paper soldiers.*

Mon. 2 Birthday. 9 years old. Present from Ote of a paper of candy. Present from Aunt Olivia of a pen knife. Present from Uncle George of a silver mounted pen holder for my writing desk. The rest is in the original writing.

*The ~~First~~ Second Skirmish.

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Tuesday 6th Foggy and damp. Cleared up and turned pleasant. Ote received a letter from Pelham Warren, a boy who was at Plymouth when we were there, and who lives in New York City, N.Y. Ote went out and bought me a pack of cards for me and taught me how to play "Euchre."

Wednes. 7th Ote bought me a pair of dumbbells to exercise with. Played a game of everlasting with Ad and he beat me. Played a game of euchre with Ote and he beat me once and I beat him once.

Thurs. 8th Pleasant. Went to ride round the Public Garden and through Arlington St. Played Euchre with Laura and beat twice to her once. Jennie Wheeler called.

Fri. 9th The Governor's council was sworn in at the state house. Uncle Wheeler is one. Went up to aunt Howland's (in Kent's carriage) and we borrowed "A Book of Nonsense." Cold but pleasant.

Sat. 10th Uncle Wheeler called. Pleasant but cold...

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... Played three-handed euchre with Laura and Ote and I beat once, Ote once, and Laura did not beat any. Ad made up a new game of cards.

Sunday 11th Pleasant but damp. Nellie came over to see me. Bill was over in the afternoon and made some paper soldiers for me to play with.

Monday 12th Pleasant. Mother's dress caught fire in the grate and she got down on the carpet and rolled up the bokin round it and called to Norah and with her help she put it out, I was down in the parlor and was coming to ask mother (who had gone up stairs to see if the windows were open) if I could come up when I heard her screaming "Norah! Come quick, quick! I'm all on fire!" And Norah thought that I was in a fit and so I came running up the stairs as fast as I could. Mother's hand was burned very much. Went to ride up to aunt Howland's and she was out. While there, I looked at a book named "Baron Munchausen." Aunt Bass is pretty sick.

Tuesday 13. Mother is more comfortable. Pleasant. Went out to walk for the first time with Ote. Nell came over in the evening with Sarah. Aunt Olivia who came over a little while after. Played game of four-handed euchre with Nellie, Sarah, & Ote. Played "old maid."

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Wednesday 14th Snowed and Hailed. Finished a book named "Louis' School Days." Mary Hassafens came to help Mother sweep the room. Sam Hawthorne came in to play with me. Played chess and checkers. I beat him both times. Rained. Began "Gorilla Hunters" which is a sequel to "The Coral Island."

Thurs. 15 Rained hard. Played euchre.

Friday 16 Ote wrote a letter to Pelham Warren. Got a box to put the paper soldiers in that Bill made for me on Sunday. Bill brought over a good many more soldiers to put in the box. Rained hard. Florie returned "Little Savage."

Saturday 17 Went down to Mrs. Bowen's to carry back a book for mother. Met Walter Thompson down there. Played euchre. Bill came over and we went up to Wells' candy store and bought some molasses candy. We had a battle with my paper soldiers. The way we done it was as follows: he took a very sharp knife and was blindfolded, and led in front of them and he took a certain number of licks and those he struck were killed or wounded.

Sunday 18th Finished "Cecil and his dog." Went out to walk with father. Bill and Nellie over this evening. Pleasant but cold and clear air.

Monday 19 Went to walk with Mr. Longley. Went to James Longley's store and from there up Tremont and Beacon and down Temple and Hancock St. Pleasant. Played euchre and a game that Ad made up.

Tuesday 20th Jennie Wheeler and Aunt Clark called. Weather is pleasant and cold. Air is clear.

Wednesday 21 Damp Air. Played euchre with Nellie and I beat. Played euchre with Ote and Laura and Laura beat 1 game Ote 1 and I 1. Had a battle with paper soldiers. Sarg. Frank Alley was wounded and one the oldest captains named John Quinland was killed. Bill brought over the band and Co. D. of the paper soldiers. All this is about the battle of the paper soldiers.

Thursday 22nd Damp. Wrote the names of the books in the bookcase in our room for father. Mrs. Harlow sent me a "Ballou's Pictorial."

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Friday 23rd Cleared up father's bookcase in the little room. Damp. Nell came over in the morning and stayed all the afternoon.

Saturday 24 Went to Whipple's photograph rooms to have my photograph taken. Met Arthur Homer on the way down there and he said that he had been waiting down there for us to come as much as a half an hour. On the way home we went to Chandler & Co.'s to get something for Mother. There we went to change my mittens which were to [too] narrow. Went into Mrs. Mayer's confectionery store and brought some cream cakes for Laura and I and 5 cents worth cany [candy] and 5 cents worth of the chocalate [chocolate] cream drops and some glue for mother. Bill came over here in the afternoon and brought me over some more soldiers which filled Co.'s C., B. and A. Pleasant.

Sunday 25th Wrote a list of books in bookcase in our room. Bill came over and examined Ad in Calvary tactics.

Mon. 26th My new Playmate came and it had a prize puzzle in it. The prize was \$20 in books

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and other Valuable materials. Pleasant but chilly. Aunt Howland called and brought me some molasses candy. Mrs. Ellis & Mr. Bartol called. We all puzzled over it and got it most right.

Tuesday 27 Rained. No prospect of clearing up so that I can go out. Snowed in the afternoon. Played euchre. Ote wrote the puzzle on one of his sheets of writing paper.

Wednesday 28 Aunt Clark came here. Nellie came over and we had a tea party, also, played top, hide-and-seek and put up Blondin. Sarah came over in the evening. Snowed.

Thursday 29 Snowed. Could not go out. Laura brought home my photograph proofs. Had a sham battle with Ad. We wrapped a shawl round our arms and then struck at it with one of Ote's wickets.

Friday 30th Mary Lane came over from Newton to stay over night. Put up Blondin and had a tea party to which we invited Nellie.

Saturday 31st. Went over to Nellie's to spend the afternoon. Birthday present from Aunt Lizzie of a new writing desk with paper, envelopes, and pens and pencils all in it.

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Sunday February 1st Pleasant but cold. Bill came over in the evening and had a skirmish with paper soldiers.

Monday 2nd Birthday. 9 years old. Present from Ote of a paper of candy. Present from Aunt Olivia of a pen knife. Present from Uncle George of a silver mounted pen holder for my writing desk. Had a tea party. For the party, sugared orange, cake, candy, and tea. Pleasant but very cold. Went over to see Miss Watts twice and she gave me a little reward of Merit. Played euchre.

Tuesday 3rd. Snowed. Aunt Howland gave me a present of a Photograph book to contain thirty, in which I put fourteen photographs right off. Played euchre. Heard Ad say his Geography lesson.

Wednesday 4th Very cold but Pleasant. The Thermometer was 7 degrees below zero at the time that the boys went to school. Frank Alley came over here to play with me. Bill came over and we had a foraging party to go out in the search of food. Fifteen men killed and grounded up the paper soldiers. Bill made some soldiers of the enemy for one and he said that he would have them on the enemy's side when we had the next battle with them. Played game of chess with Bill and he beat me. Played euchre.

Thursday 5. Thermometer 6 degrees below zero early in ...

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... the morning. Ironed my little napkin (which I had in my store) and a towel for mother. Snowed.

Friday 6 Very slippery. Rained. Could not go out. Frank Alley came in to play with me. We put up Blondin and played marbles. Played euchre. Ote went up in entry closet to get out some old pamphlets of fathers to see at 5 or 4 cents a pound. School is not keeping in afternoon because there was a teachers' meeting. Began White [illeg.].

Saturday 7. Went up to Mr. Baird's store for to get one of his men to get down to aunt Olivia's to fix her water pipe which was frozen up and they could not let the water out of the bowls.

Sunday 8. Bill came over in the evening and we had another foraging party in search of food with paper soldiers. Captured all the Enemy's horses. Went to Sunday school and I left in Miss Sutton's class. Ad was left behind in Miss Harrington's class because some boys in Miss Porter's were qualified for Mr. Colcord's class.

Tuesday 10. Aunt Wheeler came here too [to] stay a little while. Played euchre. Went to the public garden with father and John Gormby (the man who works ...

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...for the man who has charge of the garden), gave me a bouquet. Ote looked so strange when I brought it home that all laughed at it but nevertheless it was very pretty. In the middle of it there was a large calla which would keep a long time in water. Began Redoni [sic].

Wednesday 11. I played euchre. Did not go to school.

Thursday 12 Played euchre. Wrote some riddles for aunt Wheeler to carry home. Spilt my ink bottle all over mothers board and it went through the crack on to my pants and the great easy chair of fathers. Laura acted tragedy in the evening.

Friday 13. Went to Aunt Bass' house event to Lizzie Bigelow's house but found her out. We saw aunt Howland at aunt Bass' house and so we took her in and carried her home. Borrowed and began "Baron Munchauson" a book all full of improbable stories one of which I will relate. One day the baron flung a silver hatchet at some robbers when by an upward turn of the hand it flew upwards till it reached the moon and the baron did not know how to recover it, all at once he remembered the turkey bean grew very fast so he got one and planted it. It quick...

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...ly sprang up and grew till it reached the moon where he found the hatchet. As he was going to come down he saw that the sun had dried the bean so much that it would be useless to him to get down that way so he weaved a rope out of some chopped straw and pitched it over one of the horns of the moon and let himself down. When he got to

the end he found that it was too short so he unhooked the end of of [off] the moon and dropping it over he slipped down that and so my continued splicing he managed to get down about half the way when the rope broke and let him down on the earth with such violence that it stunned him, and when he woke up he saw that he was lying in a hole of nine fathoms (or 4 feet) deep made by the violince [violence] of his fall. Invited out to a tea party at aunt Olivia's with the whole family.

Sat. 14 Valentine's day. I had a pretty valentine from Maria Gill. And a funny one from Harry Hammond and Ad. We knew they sent it because I saw Ad run up the street and Mother saw Mary Hammond run down the court. I sent a valentine to Walter Henstin [sic] ...

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...and Sam Hawthorne & Fanny Going.

Sunday 15. Bill came over in the evening and we had some fun with paper soldiers in which we court-martialed all the king's officers. Went to Sunday School and read an exercise on the Beatitudes.

Monday 16 From Miss Watts a reward of merit for a valentine. Sent Miss Watts photograph for a valentine.

Teus [Tues]. 17 Went to "Soldiers (family) relief office" under the court house to carry a bundle for father. Went to the Camb[illeg] laundry office for mother because the man had not been after the shirts.

Wednesday 18. Went to father's store to carry back some images & [illeg]ngs. Went to fair at Mrs. Hobarts, No. 49 Pinckney St. & bought a pen wiper, photograph of Gen. Banks & a bag of candy. Played euchre. Uncle Wheeler stayed overnight.

Thurs. 19. Aunt Wheeler went home. Began a book named "Myrtle the child of the Prairie."

Friday 20. Began and finished a book named "A Garden Enclosed or Night Songs of a poor [illeg] Pilgrim." Finished "Myrtle the child of the Prairie."

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Saturday 21 Nothing worth mentioning.

Sunday 22 Washington's Birthday. Went to Sunday School. Edwin Howland called and wrote his name in my autograph book. Snowed.

Monday 23 Celebrations of Washington's birthday. Fair at South End at which Ote & Gren drew a checker board and a box of soldiers, respectively. The grabs were as follows: Ad grabbed a jumping jack and a glass candle stick, which he gave to Suzy

Plympton. Mother grabbed a crocery [crockery] doll's pitcher and bowl, and a little doll goblet. Mother ~~prayed~~ billed[?] me a ten waiter to go with my tea set. Father bought me a book named "Karl and the Six Little Dwarfs [Dwarves]" a book of Fairy tales. Father put 5 or 6 shares in the box of soldiers. Bill came over in the morning to set out a box of tin soldiers. There were camp fires with men cooking, butchers carrying meat with a dog jumping...

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... up behind. Hay and water carriers, about 4 fires with pots boiling on it, cassoons [caissons], cannon, tents, Sutlers tent, Band, trees, Drum corps, Vivandiers, 2 men chopping wood, surgeons, a man cleaning a gun, stacks of arms, piles of drums, a barber shaving a man, men drinking in the shade of a tree, pickets, men at tables drinking, a mail carrier with man putting his hand in his [pocket?] after the money, officers horsed & unhorsed, General's tent, &c. &c. The camp fire was built between 3 stacks of wood and had the smoke curling up from it as regular as could be. The hay carriers had hay on their heads, a bundle of it under their arms. The cassoons [caissons] were wagons for carrying powder. The tents were made of cloth with an iron pole with flag attached through the middle which we had to take hold of and rise up as far as it would go and it would catch on a cord at the bottom of the tent. Sutlers tent was made of tin and the sutler was selling wines and other things to the soldiers. The band consisted of a base drum, trumpeters, and a made who carried a long pole with a bell on it which they use in Germany but not here. The trees were painted green with leaves which were very regular.

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The vivandiers were girls with wine and other drinks for the soldiers. One of them was on the same stand with a drummer (sitting on his drum) handing him some wine. The men chopping wood had axe in air with foot on the wood. The surgeons had axe over their shoulder & had white coat or apron. The man cleaning a gun was in his shirt sleeves. The stacks of arms had a piece of what was ment [meant] for cloth around the tops of the guns and a flag on top. The drums were piled between two flags. The pickets had support arms & the privates had right-should [shoulder] shift arms. The officer horsed was Col. And the unhorsed Major, Captain, Drum Major, & Band Master. The General's tent differed only from the others by having a flag in front of it. Had grand battle with paper soldiers. Gren Norkey killed. Frank Alley, Ad Markey, William Tryon, Addison Sullivant & Edwin Storer & Henry Murdock were wounded.

Wednesday 25 Nellie came over to see the tin soldiers. Went to museum under the State house.

Thursday 26 Played Back gammon. Rained.

Friday 27 “ “ “ . Laura had a sore throat. Finished Karl the six little [illeg.] [Illeg.] her [illeg.] me but [illeg.] the room for [illeg.].

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Saturday 28. Went to the state house. Saw Rebel and Union flags. Saw a flag of the “Glorious Ninth, Col bass[?]” On it there was a harp which is the emblem of Ireland all dirty and it was all torn to pieces. There was a flag of one regiment (of which I forget the name) which was torn more than the ninth, it was a Massachusetts ensign. We went into the representatives Chamber. I stayed there a little while and went out again before Bill, and he went through the chamber (without coming out for us) and went all over one 4th of the house. We waited for him Quarter of an hour. Tis [?] my Cabinet. Played chess with Sam Hawthorne, Ote & Ad [illeg.]. Father went to Grafton.

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Sunday 1st. Snowed. Rained. Began “The Young Fur Traders or Snowflakes and Sunbeams from the North.” Absent from Sunday School. Hailed.

Monday 2nd. Went to school. Aunt Louisa Homer died. Charley Chaplin called. Lent him “Little Savage.” Report A.M. 8 extras and 1 fail. Rep. P.M. 9 extras

Teusday [Tuesday] 3 Snowed. Went to school AM Absent. Rep A.M. 8 extras 3 fail’d. Miss W[?]gman called.

Wednesday 4 Went to school. Report A.M. 8 extras. Bill came over in the afternoon and he made a second account of my curiosities. Number of curiosities 333 former number 286. Rode Ad. Ad brought some boots which had a very...

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...flat toe. Went to Barbers to have my hair cut.

Thurs. 5 Went to School. Report A.M 10 extras. P.M. 9 extras. Mother went to aunt Louisa Homer’s funeral. Packed father’s large yellow leather trunk with playthings &c.

Friday 6th [This entry inserted to correct order by transcriber] Compositions day. Declamation day. Subject of Composition “Railroads” Report A.M. 7 extras. P.M. 8 extras. Waler Bated stayed ~~Sunday March 8th~~ half an hour after school to finish his composition which was four lines and a half.

Saturday 7th Report A.M. 8 extras. Explored [illeg] house in Attic. Found lots of paper for my paper boy and scrapbook and also large map of United States, also lots of doctors implements called a Galvanic battery. Ad and Ote went out and shoveled off

the sidewalk. Played backgammon with mother. Played Game of "Peter Coddle's Trip to New York." A real funny & amusing game.

Sunday March 8 Stayed at home from Sunday school. Great snow storm. Got a map of the United States out from the little closed under the eaves...

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... Took out the family Bible to look at it.

Monday 9th Went to school. Report A.M. 10 extras. P.M. 9 extras, 1 fail. Began to draw Map of Mass to carry in Wednes. Played backgammon. Pleasant.

Tuesday 10 Tary [Tardy?] at school. Report A.M. 5 extras. P.M. 3 extras. Tardy. Snowballed. Pleasant.

Wednes. 11 Laura's birthday. 18 years old. Had a snow ball pelt with Warren Plumer. Ote, Ad, and Line [Linus?] Greenleaf. Wrote a letter to Aunt Wheeler. Report A.M. 8 extras & 1 fail. Went over to Uncle Ote's. Pleasant.

Thurs. 12 Report A.M. 8 extras, 1 fail. Pleasant.

Friday 13 Report A.M 7 extras, 3 fails. Went to Aunt Olivia's to supper. Played Dominoes, Yankee Trader or What do ye Buy, and Peter Coddles Trip to New York. Pleasant.

Sat. 14 Established company club named Suffolk club. Report 7 extras. Played back gammon. Norah made some Molasses candy. Pleasant.

Sun. 15 Did not go to Sunday school. Bill told about Pottersville. Ad went to a Methodist prayer meeting. Bill put in a name in Ote's stamp books. Pleasant.

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Monday 16 Went to school. Report in A.M. 7 extras 3 fail. P.M. 8 extras. Ad fired a piece of ice at me which struck me in the head and cut it. Played back gammon. Pleasant.

Teusday [Tuesday] 17 St. Patrick's day. Report A.M. 4 extras. P.M. 8 extras. I did not go to see the procession. Pleasant.

Wednesday 18 Report 9 extras. Went to Museum to see the play and curiosities. The play was "Marrying for Money" and the fars [farce] "Twould Puzzle a Conjurer." The idol which I formerly thought to be a man biteing [biting] [a] panther's nose was found to be two idols. There was one idol which was a woman with lip coming out a great way from her mouth. Nellie and I were frightened while we were there. We was [were] looking at some stuffed animals in a small case and we expected to see on the other side a similar one but when we turned around (what do you think we saw?) we saw a large case with skeletons in it, here was a skeleton of an elephant (which was what frightened us), Alligator, anaconda and a jaw of a saw fish. We saw

the wax figures among which were "The massacre by pirates, the 3 stages of intemperance, the Lord's supper, the school, the game of life, Chinese emperar [emperor], Gulliver and the Lilliputians, the Barber's shop, the blacksmith shop, the cobbler's shop, Smith saved by Pocahontas, African banjo man, and various small ones. There were models of the "U.S. Receiving ship "Ohio," ~~and the~~ Chinese Junk, G. West in his boat, Spanish Admiral's boat, ship at anchor and various others. Nellie did not wait to see the play as she was going too [to] see George Bigelow. Pleasant. Thursday 19. Report A.M. 4 extras 2 fail. P.M. 9 extras 2 fail. Played back gammon. Pleasant.

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Friday 20 Miss Sutton took the report of the class herself in the A.M. Report A.M. 18 extras. Spoke the American Indian. 10 extras for speaking. Played back gammon. Pleasant.

Saturday 21 Report A.M. 6 extras. Amos Burr, Frank Furber, ~~and~~ George Anderson and Charles Summerfield came to company drill. Had a snowball pelt. Played backgammon. Pleasant.

Sunday 22 Rained hard. Bill came over in evening. Cleared up and turned pleasant.

Monday 23 Report A.M. 7 extras 5 fail. Absent in the afternoon.

Teusday [Tuesday] 24 Stayed at home from school. Dr. Patch called to see me. Played backgammon. Wrote a letter to Aunt Wheeler, it were [was] as follows – Boston Mar. 24 /63. Dear Aunty – Could you not make out that the riddle that I sent you? I have a ~~very~~ bad barking cough and I am staying at home. A wonderful thing. Mother has been to the opera again. She took Mrs. Lovering and Florie to the opera to see "Roberto le Diable." Uncle Ote has gradually [gradually] grown weaker and he has had a homeopathic doctor today. Uncle Eleazer dined here last Saturday and is very much excited by aunt Louisa's death. Mother wishes me to tell you that old Mr. Hutchingson is dead. Aunt Bass is quite sick again. Another riddle. Why was Eve like a well known business in Boston? Ote cannot make out that riddle in the Nick-Nax for March. Give my love to all from your affectionate nephew G.H.N. – To Mrs. Hon. J.D. Wheeler --. Sent it to the post office by Ote. Pasted pictures in scrapbook.

Wednesday 25 Stayed at home from school. Map day. Pasted pictures and stories in my scrap book. The book I paste in now is a large leather bound "sales book" when came from father's store. He gave it to me this morning. Wrote a letter to Sam Hawthorne as follows – Dear friend Sam. I am sick now and have to amuse myself the best I can. Thought I would write to you and send you one of my photographs and I hope that you will send me one of yours and Robby's in return. The "Young Fur Traders is a first rate book and I think you would like it very much. I have to amuse

myself now by pasting pictures and stories into my scrap book. I cannot go out of my room now because I have a croupy cough. From your friend Gren – To Sam Hawthorn. Thursday 26th of March 1863 Finished “The Young Fur Traders” and began “Holiday House.” Uncle Ote sent me some of Frank Leslie’s Pictorials of the War. Played backgammon. Had some ice cream in evening.

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Friday 27th Cold breaking up. Pleasant. Aunt Adelaine Zim[sic?] came here to spend the night – because the horse car broke down Father did not come home to dinner. Played backgammon. Looked over mother’s postage stamps and found some that I did not have.

Saturday 28th Counted mother’s postage stamps – found there was 533. Pleasant. ~~Found some stamps that I did not have.~~ Received a letter which ran as follows – My dear Nephew. I was very glad to see you on Wednesday Eve, you looked very bright and wide awake. I thank you very much and shall send you one of the first of mine [photograph?] that I have taken which will be in a few weeks. A few of the Grafton boys went to Upton for shavings and coming home they were tumbling about on the waggon [wagon] and little Frank Pierce fell off and broke his leg close up to the thigh. Perhaps you remember him. His father keeps the post office here. Tell Laura that her cape is made but waiting to be frasted [basted?] [illeg. off?] Emmie is to do that. Your Uncle Wheeler has an invite to a party at the “Revere House” March 31 (Tuesday). I believe the members of the Council have more fun than business to attend to, you must see to it Grenville. ...

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... I have eleven plants in blossom all very fine. My Calla has three blossoms upon it at a time. Your aunt Delia’s baby is quite sick, he has a stiff neck from swelling under his ears, he has had one on the back of his neck but that is going off. Dr. Sargent has been to see him with Dr. Griggs and he says it will be for 3 weeks before he gets well. Do not send the answer to all the riddles. I will try to find the answers myself first & if I cannot guess then I shall send you word. I shall sent you some soon that will puzzle you. Love to all, your affectionate aunt C. A. Wheeler. She put a picture of a goose at the end.

March 27, 1863 Played backgammon.

Sunday 29 In the afternoon Uncle Ote was brought over in a litter from the hospital. Palm Sunday. Saw the Catholics going down the street with pieces of palm trees in their hands. The nurse’s name was Mrs. Vinal – Rosy Longley found my pocketbook (that I have lost all this year 1863) on the side walk on the other side of the streets and found a six pence in it. Ote Howland came down here and he brought me a piece of hemp, a piece of lead from Pennsylvania, a piece of [illeg.], an old Russian coin and a piece of stone that he found in Worcester street that had...

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...sulphur [sulfur] in it which he bit and burnt out.

Monday 30 Broke up stamp collection gave some of them to Sam Hawthorne. Received Sam and Rob Hawthorne's photographs and Dr. Patch's autograph.

Teusday [Tuesday] 31 Placed at school and Ad and Ote both got up one ~~and got showed~~. Showed Uncle Ote the pictures in the little portfolio. Played backgammon. I do not know how much I got up or how much I got down.

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Wednesday 1st April fool's day. Fooled Father 1ce [once], Mother twice, [illeg.] 1ce [once], Laura 2ce [twice], and got fooled 3 times myself. Sam Hawthorne came to see me. We tried to make fools of the boys by putting some stones in their bed. When Ad went to...

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...bed he was suspecting something of the kind and he threw up the bed clothes and found them. He then brought them downstairs and put them into my bed and I got in on top of them. The joke was turned onto me.

Thursday 2nd Fast day. School didn't keep. Bill and I began to make a monitor. Played backgammon. Could not go out. The members of the Sunday school went to see Mr. Bartol.

Friday 3rd of April Good Friday. Went to see Miss Watts. Went to see aunts Howland and Bass and Mrs. Leighton. All were out but the latter person. Nell came over in the evening. Played backgammon.

Saturday 4th Rheumatism in hands, feet, and left arm. Nell lent me a book named Grimkie [Grimalkin?] and I began it. Nell came over in the evening and played dominoes and backgammon.

Easter Sunday Received and answered a letter from H.G. Stevens. James Warren called.

Monday 6th Easter Monday. Went to see Miss Watts. Went to school to get my slippers. Got up seventeen last month.

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Teusday [Tuesday] 7th Finished Grimkie [Grimalkin?]. Began the "Life of P.T. Barnum.: Rheumatism again. Rained and snowed. Had some ice cream in the evening which produced a headache next day.

Wednesday 8th Pleasant. Received a letter which ran as follows – Dear Grenville. We are all well and I am expecting a letter from you soon. It is snowing very fast. Love to all your aunt Caroline. Riddles. A man bought two fishes but on taking them home found that he had three. How was that? 2. Why is Ireland likely to become very rich? 3rd. What Christian 3 name reads the same both ways? 4. Why is a blush like a little girl? Answers: 1. He bought two fishes and one smelt. 2. Its capital is always Dublin [doubling]. 3. Hannah (Anna, Eve*). 4th. Because it becomes a woman. From C. A. Wheeler.

Thursday 9th Northern lights were seen in evening. I did not see them. Miss Phipps of Lexington died. Uncle Ote has got so that he can walk across the room with the help of the nurse or father. Pleasant and pretty warm.

Friday 10 Played authors with Sarah, Ote, and Nellie. Made a game of authors for myself. Went ...

*These were not mentioned though they are the same.

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...over to aunt Olivia's to tea. Played with a puzzle of Nellie's besides playing games of authors which I mentioned before. Drove hoops with Nellie. Pleasant.

Saturday 11 Pleasant and warm. Funeral of Mrs. Phipps to be at two o'clock PM. Went errands to Mrs. Morris, No. 8 Minot street, Mrs. Bowens, 4 Spring street, and Mr. Wyman's store to tell them about the funeral of Mrs. Phipps. Went to Miss Watts' school. Miss Watts had I and W. Ragan, W. Covery, J. Murphy, C. Smith, and W. Watson, playing truant yesterday afternoon. Went to the Common with Charley Everlith[?], Ote, Babb, Maddock, Cole Murdick, and 2 boys of the Shawmut Club. Played bat and ball. Ad took his innings first and after being caught once out he gave in. I next took my innings and was caught twice out after hitting some pretty good licks. Everlith next took innings and after putting some good licks was caught out. Ad made the best licks and hit most times. Aunt Olivia, Mrs. Bowen, and Mrs. Norris went to the funeral of Miss [Mrs.] Phipps. Played backgammon & beat Mother 3 times. We drove wheels onto the common and we went to the public garden to get some water and the boys had to carry the wheels home. Pleasant.

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Sunday 12th Pleasant. Had a side ache. Went to Sunday school for the first time since I have been sick. Bill has had a bad head-ache for nearly a week. Went to Warren's store to get a glass of soda on father's tickets. Bought some stick liquorish [licorice]. Went to aunt Olivia's to supper. Read a story in "Contentment better than Wealth." Uncle Ote is sicker.

Monday 13th Began The Life of Layfayette [Lafayette]" a book borrowed from Henry H. Loring. Had an April Shower in the morning but it cleared up in a little while. Went up to Mr. Harding's store for a Boston Post for uncle Ote. Uncle Ote has been sicker all the night. Went to Dr. Patch's house after him to go and see Sarah Stevens. Drove hoop. Went to Harding's again for Peterson's Magazine. Lane [?] told me "that I could buy one of Beadle's dime novels for myself and charge it to him." I bought "Single Eye" and uncle Ote made me a present of it.

Teusday [Tuesday] 14 Rained in the morning and cleared up again. Nell came over to tea. Played authors. Played ball. Because it rained in the morning mother said that I need not go to school.

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Wednesday 15 Went to school. Geography Day. Report 16 extras. Carried in map of Connecticut. Map days changed from Wednesday to Saturday. Went to see "Perham's Seven Mile Mirror" "a tour of two thousand miles on the lakes, Niagara, St. Lawrence, and Saguenay Rivers, illustrated on one hundred acres of moving canvas." The opening scene presented a view on Lake Erie approaching the Harbor and river of Buffalo.* There was one boat as long as a common room. This was the fastest [illeg.] on the lakes. If I described all it would take to [too] much room. Went to aunt Olivia's to supper. Played authors.

Thursday 16th Went to school. Report A.M. 10 extras, 4 failures. Rained. Absent in P.M.

Friday 17 Went to school. Report A.M. 8 extras, 3 fs. Report P.M. 9 extras, 1 fail. Foggy.

Saturday 18 Report A.M. 9 extras, 1 fail. Pleasant. Painters at work...

*This came last because the journey was opened on the sixth section.

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... Went to the Stereopticon. There was pictures of "The Coliseum, Crystal Palace, pictures of Statues of the Dying Gladiator, Birth of Venus, Hercules Trying his strength, First Love, and the Statue of War built by Empr. Napoleon Bonaparte, France. Besides pictures of the ruins Temple of [illeg] and Pallas in Greece. Girard College in Philadelphia, Broadway in New York, Entrance to the Hotel de Ville, Bridge of Sighs,

Venice, Napoleon Bonaparte's favorite walk, Statue of the Position the Gladiator in the Arena etc. Went to aunt Olivia's to dinner and supper. Played "Squaring Words" and "Authors." The length of the Crystal palace, France is "one thousand eight hundred and forty six feet long and one thousand four hundred and thirty four feet in breadth."

Sunday 19 Pleasant. Absent from Sunday School. Bill came over in the evening and told me a story of Pottsville.

Monday 20 Pleasant. Report A.M. 7 extras, 1 fail. Had to come home sick. After I came in from recess, I hid my head on my hands and then a dizziness came over me and I got as hot as I could be. I put up my hand and if she had asked me what I wanted at that moment I am afraid I should have fallen into ...

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... the desks. Report P.M. 9 extras, 3 fail. Made a list of books lent. Miss Wyman came here to make a dress for Laura [transcriber note: embellished lettering in this entry].

Tuesday 21 Pleasant. Had a head ache in the morning. Painters at work. Absent from school. Father cut out a piece of the old flag of the 28 Regmt. It had been in battles of Antietam, Bull Run, Chantilly, Fredericksburg, James River, Sharpsburg, & South Mountain. There were stains of blood on the piece. [transcriber note: embellished lettering in this entry].

Wednesday 22 Report A.M. 13 extras. Frank Alley came in P.M. & we had a grand battle with my soldiers. We would blow sometimes as our volleys and then retreat for a while and then count the number of feet from it to the table in Boy's room. That would be the number killed.

Thursday 23 Uncle Bill gave me an old pine tree eight pence 1776. Made by John Hull. Which grandfather had in his desk a long time.

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Friday 24 Report A.M. 7 extras, 2 fail. Report P.M. 9 extras. Drew map of New Hampshire.

Saturday 25 Report A.M. 8 ex. Drew map of Vermont.

Sunday 26 Went to Sunday School. Lesson on the "Blind man restored to Sight." Bill came in evening. Had a glass of Soda. Cold. Began and finished a book named "Me[illeg]."

Monday 27th Went to Mrs. Bowen's. Had a grab box. Grabbed a Picture of Queenstown, G[illeg.] B[illeg.], Ph[illeg.], Horn of Candy & Cake of maple sugar. Had a w[illeg] cake under [illeg.] the [illeg.] and Franny Goring a golden ¼ of a \$.

Teusday [Tuesday] 28 Report A.M. 7 extras, 1 fail. Report P.M. 15 extras. For maps 7 extras. Went over to aunt Olivia's to supper. Florence owes five cards and Nellie owes three. Gave F.T. five part stamps.

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Wednesday 29 Placed A.M. Got down six. Went to father's store. Bought a whistle. Laura & Florie went to Grafton.

Thurs. 30 Fast day. Vacation. Went to Grafton. Went to see uncle Webb's new house. Harvey brought a bird down to the house which he shot on the pond. While sailing on the bond he saw this bird and chased and shot him. He brought it to the shore and not any of the fisherman and hunters knew what it was and they said "that they had never seen any thing like it before." When I first saw it I thought it was a pelican but found it did not have a pouch. Harvey said "that it would dive and it would come to the surface again as far as from there to the Green Store. By this I thought it a loon. Laura said "that if I wanted to see a look to look at Florie. I was sent to get Mr. Toline [sp.?] to come & see what it was. As soon as he saw it he said "That is a young loon."

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Friday 1st Mayday. Vacation. Went on the "Common." Went up into the Quartermasters office to see the flags. Went to ...

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... the playground of the clubs. The names of the clubs I know on the Common are Shawmut, Zephyr, Lowell, Union, [illeg.], & Washington & Bowdoin. When we (Arthur Farley & I) came out of the state house we met the micks in the great hall. One of them pushed me and said "that I was pushing him." Arthur Farley came to me in a minute and as there was a dozen or so to help them we did not touch them. Arthur ran into the hall to see if there was a policeman there and was struck 5 or 6 times in forcing his way through. He could not get a policeman. He came out in a little while at the other door and doging [dodging] them made his way down the steps with me & ran off. They slapped my face 2 or 3 times. Played back gammon.

Sat. 2nd. Vacation. Went to aunt Howland's. Played ball. Got some curiosities from Cor. Played backgammon and the "game of Rebellion."

Sunday 3rd End of Vacation. Went to Sunday School.

Monday 4th Report A.M. 8 extras, 5 fail. Report P.M. 10 extras.

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Teusday [Tuesday] 5th Report A.M. 8 extras, 2 fail. P.M. 8 extras.

Wednesday 6th Report A.M. 8 extras, 2 fail. Company had a meeting. Played "Speculation" and "Squat where you be."

Thursday 7th Report 13 extras, 6 fail. One session. Rained very hard.

Friday 8th Nothing worth mentioning.
 Sat. 9th Report 8 ex. Company met. Elected officers as follows. G.H. Norcross Major. Samuel Hawthorne Captain 1st Co., Joseph E. Reed, Capt. 2nd Co., 1st Lieut. 1st Co Frank H. Furber. 1st Lieut 2nd Co. Amos Buss. Scouts & Aide decamps William Farley, Herbert Watson.
 Sunday 10th Went to Sunday school. Went to R. Rice's house. Reuben Rice joined the Suffolk base ball and soldier club.
 Monday 11th Played ball and backgammon
 Teusday [Tuesday] 12th " " "
 Wednesday 13th " " ". Went to school.
 Thursday 14th Finished "Trail Hunters." Played ball. Began "Single Eye."

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Friday 15 Spoke a peace [piece] named "Ode to Independence." Got 12 ex. on speaking. Report P.M. 17 ex. Played ball. Willie Homer came here with Agnes.
 Saturday 16th Report 5 ex. Went to Aunt Olivia's to dinner. Went on the Common. Returned borrowed books. Mother went to ride.
 Sunday 17th Bill came over in evening. Wrote a lesson. Absent from Sunday School.
 Monday 18th Report A.M. 10 ex. 4 fail.
 Tuesday 19 Went to school.
 Wednesday 20 Report 9 ex. Played ball.
 Thursday 21. Report A.M. 8 ex.
 Friday 22 Played Russian backgammon with Nellie.
 Saturday 23 Placed A.M. Got up eleven. Played ball and backgammon. It is a wonder that I have not been "absent from School" all the month.
 Sunday 24 Went to Church and Sunday School. Sat in Mrs. Bowen's pew.
 Monday 25 Vacation Began. Went to see the Hancock house. Saw the chamber in which Gen. Marquis de Lafayette boarded for 3 months....

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...Saw the chamber that Gen. George Washington dined in. Got a piece of the old house.
 Teusday [Tuesday] 26th Went to the Common. Saw the boys play bat and Ball.
 Vacation.
 Wednesday 27 Vacation. Went on the comon [common] and drove wheel. Went in the state house museum. Finished "Try Again."
 Thursday 28 Went to Cohasset. Went over to Cuba dam picking up curiosities on the way. Ad and Nell found land walking sticks. Coming home I got way ahead of the rest of the party when a cow started out in from of me from behind a high rock and frightened me. As a lot more followed I did not go across but waited for the

party. While waiting father said "Look out Gren, Cow to the right." I stepped back to let her pass and Laura screamed "Cow at your back." By and by Florie came up and yelled "Charge of the Light Brigade" and we ran down at them and off they scampered. I got soaker no. 1, Ad 2 & 3,4,5,6,7 & Ote 8 & 9 & 10. Came home over the rocks. The party got ahead of me again because I had to stop to pick up my curiosities (which I put in a puddle of salt water) and Ad was drawing his stick along the sand and I happened to come upon it. I ran along some times turning round and round (and sometimes having to walk ...

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...very slow) till at last I lost it then I ran on hunting for it again and I found it then I followed it till I cam up with Ad who was behind the rest and told him that I had been following his trail. He went to work and made his trail up to the party, I following. We found a large cavern, named it "Robber's cavern." At the top (or head) of "Robber's cavern" there were two large rocks that looked like petrified mud with stones of all sizes and colors pounded into them before and we named it "Pudding rock."* There was another deep cavern (twice or three times as deep as Robber's cavern) which I named "Norcross cavern" and which Ad jumped over it and if he had missed it he would have fallen down between two rocks about 12 feet high where he never could have got out again. Went to the arbor and found the old swing still remaining but did not have the seat to it. It was gone.

Friday 29. Vacation (still). Borrowed and began "The Little Drummer" belonging to Henry A. Chapman.

Friday 29. Played ball and backgammon. Sixth Reg. Mass. Vol. came in. I saw it as it was marching down Leverett St.

Saturday 30th Played ball and backgammon

*They were anglomerated [agglomerated] stones.

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Sunday 31st Finished "the Little drummer." Will Tryon came over in the evening and told one of his stories about Pottsville.

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Monday 1st Artillery election. Mother would not let me go to the Common to see the Ancient and Honorable artillery Company of Capt. Bowdoin. Vacation ended.

Tuesday 2nd. Went to school. Nothing more.

Wednesday 3rd Ditto. Pleasant.

Thursday 4th Absent from school A.M. Went to school P.M.

Friday 5th Went to school. Composition day. The subject was humming-birds.
Saturday 6th A few of the boys of the Suffolk club were here at the meeting. G.H. Norcross was unanimously elected president. Frederic Gibbs was elected secretary.

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Sat. 6th (con't) S.J. Hawthorne was elected treasurer. C.W. Downing was elected vice president. First Nine of the Suffolk Base Ball Club:

1. Samuel J. Hawthorne, 3rd Base
2. Frederic J. Gibbs, 1st Base
3. G.H. Norcross, Short Stop
4. Amos Buss, Catcher
5. Joseph Reed, Pitcher
6. Joseph Greely, Left Field
7. Franklin A. Furber, Right Field
8. James Kendall, 2nd Base
9. Frederic Parks, Centre Field

Second Nine

Augustus Farrar, Catcher
Charles E. Fleming, Pitcher
Charles Buss, 2nd Base
Charles Summerfield, Short Stop
Charles Egerton, 1st Base
Alman Egerton, 3rd Base
George B. Cartwright, Left Field
Rueben Rice, Centre Field
C.J. Baker, Right Field

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Sunday 7 Did not go to Sunday School.

Monday 8 Nothing worth mentioning

Teusday [Tuesday] 9 Nothing worth mentioning.

Wednes. 10 Went up on the Common to see the forty-fourth Reg. Col. Wyman. Father took us inside of the lines and also W. Raymond and other persons. Heard the "Germania band" play. Club met. Fred Gibbs left the club. Stayed on the Common till one o'clock.

Thursday 11 Went to School.

Friday 12 Report A.M. 14 extras. Spoke "Out in the Cold." Got 8 extras. Got 3 new boys to belong to Club J. Greeley, J. Reed, & J. Ball.

Sat. 13. Was going up on the Common to play ball with Suffolk Club but the rain prevented it. Played ball. Report 4 [?] extras & fail and 1 inattentive.

Sunday 14 Went to Sunday School. Took a long walk on the new made lands. Went to see the Natural History rooms. Over the windows there were the heads of different animals carved in freestone viz the moose, lion, liger, ass, zebra, buffalo, and panther. On the top of the house there is an Eagle.

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Monday 15. Suffolk Club broke up. Absent from school on account of head-ache. Went in the afternoon.

Tues. 16. Went to school.

Wed. 17 Went to Saugus picnic with Mrs. Bowen. School kept & I went. Allston gave me a piece of Washington's piano. Played chase on the hill.

Thurs. 18. Went to school.

Frid. 19. " " "

Sat. 20 " " " Report 9 ex. Had review lesson in geography.

Sunday 21 Went to Sunday School. Sorted my cards into sizes & hundreds. Began "Youth's Companion."

Mon. 22. Went to School. I was examined by Miss Nevins in spelling.

Tuesday 23 Sick. I stayed and home from school.

Wed. 24 Went to school.

Thurs. 25 " " " Sick and I went to school tardy. Examined in grammar and geography by Miss Nevins.

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Friday 26 Let out at 4 o'clock on account of singing afternoon.

Sat. 27 Came home sick and was over it ~~from~~ at eleven. Examined in Col[illeg]'s but I was absent.

Sund. 28 Last day of Sunday School for this year.

Mon. 29 Went to School. F. Kendall got some fireworks and set them off down the court & also some pinwheels in the street.

Tues. 30 We had some serpents set off [off] at night. Placed in school, got up one & made myself number two.

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Wednes. 1 Went to School

Thurs. 2 " " ". Box of crackers.

Friday 3 Same. Roman candles, pinwheels and yellow lights.

Friday 3 Went to school. Box of torpedoes came. Louise Howland called.

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Saturday 4th. Independence day. Got up at quarter past three o'clock A.M. Fired off two bunches of fire crackers before breakfast. Bought A. bunch of common crackers for 20 cents. Had a cannon cracker go off a little way out of my hand. Had a ticket to go to the Tremont Temple at 3 o'clock. Went to the Tremont Temple at 3 o'clock with S.J. Hawthorne. Saw the Balloons go up. The first one that went up was a small one. The largest one was the second Named "The Star Spangled Banner." Saw Prof. Harrington. He would made a man talk in a trunk, one under the table, and another under the floor, or down cellar. He is a ventriloquist.

Sunday 5. Last Sunday at Sunday School.

Monday 6. Went to school.

Teusday [Tuesday] 7 Went to school.

Wednes. 8 Went to school.

Thursday 9 Went to school.

Friday 10. Spoke Miss Porter's class, "Out in the Cold." Spoke in Miss Nevins class "Ode to Independence. Spoke in Miss Sutton's class "Out in the Cold" and ...

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...William Tell to his Native Mountains.

Saturday 11. Nothing worth mentioning

Sunday 12 Nothing worth mentioning

Monday 13 Nothing worth "

Teus [Tues] 14 Riot broke out here. Father staid [stayed] out all night.

Teusday [Tuesday] 14 Rained so hard that Miss Sutton let me out before ¼ past 8 o'clock A.M. Had one session because it rained so hard.

Wednesday 15. Slept over at aunt Olivia's in Bill's room & Frank's bed as he slept on the floor. Grase [Grace?] Hammond & Ella Gale were there. Bill said "that he thought that there would be a riot in the night."

Thursday 16th Spoke in the morning and afternoon. Spoke William Tell to his Native Mountains. Had a soaking pelt with Bill in the morning.

Friday 17 Rained harder than ever I say it before. Cleared up. Thunder shower.

Sat. 18 Vacation began. Wells school kept.

Sunday 19 Vacation at Sunday school. Wrote a letter to aunt Wheeler as follows...

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... Dear Aunty, In your last letter I could not make our what "Answers" meant on the half envelope and I opened it before I had read the riddles. There is a motto on our board at school that reads "Dieu et Mon Drote," and I want you to ask Laura what it means. Here are some puzzles for you.

Pol.

Pol. ----- Pol.

St.

Wood.

John.

Mass.

Do you want me to tell you the answers to those riddles that I sent you yet? Tell Laura that Ad and I are both going to get diplomas in school. Aunt Clark is staying here now. A riot broke out down Copper St. last Teusday [Tuesday] night and father was out all night. Riddles.

1. What is land nearest Heaven.
2. What island is the most like Sugar.
3. What island is the land of Wrath?
4. When is a ship like a painter?
5. What islands are the best Singers?
6. What islands are most foolish?
7. What islands are like a human Being?

Tell Jennie to send me one of her photographs & I want one of yours to [too.]. G.H.

Norcross

To C.A. Wheeler, care of Hon. [illeg.] Wheeler.

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Monday 20th Well's school exhibition came off. Fred Parks came in. Charley Downing came down in P.M. Program of exhibition. Reading by girls of the fourth class. Miss Wellington – Children of the Light. Twins Stearns' read a dialogue. Hattie B[illeg] and Nellie Gray. Third Class. [illeg.] Pigeon. Miss Diarity, Miss Stevens, Frye, Walton, Damon, Smith, Howe, Beauties of School [illeg.]. Second Class. The Frost. Miss [illeg.] Williams Hall carnassus[Parnassus?]/ Miss Livermore, The Particular Lady, Miss Frost Hurrah, Miss Marshall Summer. Miss Howard.

Medal Scholars, Misses Badger, Bisbee, Burnett, Edgerly, Howard, Kimball, Marshall, Sprague, Williams.

Teusday [Tuesday] 21 Phillips school [school] Exhibition. Programe [Program]. Chant Father of Mercies. 2. Grammar, Artithmatick [arithmetic], Geography & History. 3 Garibaldi Hymn. Physical exercises. Speaking. F.H. Lamb, "More Men." T.T. McDonald, Second War with England, D.S. Watson, Support of the Government. Singing, Cossacks Song. Speaking, Addison's Cato Dialogue. G.W. Babbar, Cato....

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...F. Nourse. Lucius D.S. Watson, Semphronia. G.B.F. Maxwell Decian. J. C. Tyler Jr. Nearen 10 Song. Herd Bells. Speaking. E.C. Griffith "American Liberty." C.W. Jenks. The Moors Revenge. Song, Rally round the Flag. Boys speaking. G.W. Cass, "Deeds not Words." G.W. Babb Jr., "Pericles Defense." Song, Native Home. Physical exercise. Award of Diplomas and Medals. Prayer. Medal scholars. 1. G.W. Babb, Otis Norcross, Jr., T. Nourse, G. Smith Maxwell, George H. Maddock.

Wednesday 22. Vacation. Boys went to Plymouth. Laura came home. Received a letter from aunt Wheeler as follows. Dear Grenville, I was very glad to get a letter from you, I expected one a long time ago. Your garden is looking well, you have one hill of Beans, one of Potatoes, one of Cucumber, and one of Corn and you have some Peppers if you like them. I should give you 1 of my photographs as soon as I get some. I intend to have one taken at Worcester. I have not seen Laura since I received your letter for Jennie was up to Webster last evening to return our visit & they have all gone to Worcester to see the ...

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... 51st Reg. Your uncle Wheeler has three colts he want a name for one of them – you can think of a name for it. Did you know that Mr. Scandlin is taken by the rebels? His family here have not heard from him in one way since. I suppose the nice things that he had for his comfort are all taken from him by those wicked men. The ladies of our "Soldiers Aid Society" send a box about once a month to the Sanitary Commission of N.Y., but about two months ago we thought a box of nice things would be acceptable to Mr. Scandlin to use for himself or in any way he thought best, so each lady sent a package all done up ready to put in the box; it was sent and the rebels had the use of it. When you come up here I will tell you what was in my package & I guess you will think it too bad. Laura just stopped at the door with Webster and I Florence on their way to Worcester to see the 51 Reg. come in, so I did not ask her about the French sentence – but I will tell you what I think it is, "God and my Right." Only I think you

spelt [spelled] the last word Drote instead of Droite. I will ask her for you as requested when I see ...

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... her. They are enjoying every minute, I hope they will not get wet today. It began to rain about an hour after they went from here and has not stopped yest. The wind has changed and it is blowing a perfect "Hurricane." 21st of July. 22nd of July. Laura and Florence have been here and she says the same as I thought about your sentence of French. The wind blew down a chimney on Warren Block last evening. I think I have guessed some of your riddles about the Islands. Perhaps I shall have to look at a map for some, but then I expect one nearly right = Canary Islands, Isle of Man, Isle of Skye,* Van Diemens [Diemen's / Tasmania] land. I will find out the rest and send you the answers. Your affectionate aunt, C.A. Wheeler.

Thursday 23 Went into a house which was to let where there was an arbor with with [double word, sic] 1 tree in the middle and 5 round it.

Friday 24. Wrote a letter to Ad as follows. Dear Honey, Mother has been expecting a letter from you today because she has not had one since you have been gone to know how you are there. I feel that [illeg.]

*Pronounced Sky high."

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...some here now since you have been gone at only. Fred Parks and Herbert Griffin are going to stay at home all vacation. Nellie is going away to Portland next Wednesday. I went to Brookline yesterday to see Georgie Bigelow with Nellie, Louis Howland and Florie. I was climbing the trees all the time with Ote Howland. He would get way up in a tree so that we could not see him. Fred Parks had a bad fall off of Hammonds shed and hurt his shoulder. Laurie and Florie came home Wednesday. They had a very good time although it rained every day since they have been gone. Arthur Farley came in today and gave me some curiosities. Mrs. Coleman & Emma & Mary called here today. They are going first to the White Mts. All's quiet in Boston. They are trying the rioters now. One of father's squirrels has been killed on the Common. How is George Warren? Has Georgie Lawton played any of traces[?] yet? Have you been out in the boat yet? Be careful about the Boar and going in swimming if ...

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...you don't want to keep Mother in s a "fright." A Riddle of my making. According to Prof. Agassez [Agassiz], who was the first Quaker? Ans. The Earth. Mother wants one

of you to write and tell her who are there and all about the company & place, whether Mr. David made any "improvements" in the house, whether the tables are set good, whether you go down to the table with a clean collar or not? Give Nellie and my best respects to Oliver Hubbard, Badger Lane from Brother Guinea. To Lieut A. Norcross. Sealed it with six seals.

Saturday 25. Went to ride to Aunt Lizzie's and aunt Louisa's.

Sunday 26 Nothing worth mentioning.

Monday 27. Pleasant. Mary Lane came in. Went down to father's store.

Teusday [Tuesday] 28 Mary Lane and I played "Tivoli." Went down to father's store. Wrote a letter to Bill.

Wednesday 29 Nell went to Portland with her mother and Sarah. Laura & Florie went to Belmont. Mary Lane came over here & spent the night.

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