

Nina Winn Diary 1916 1999.14.697

Saturday, January 1, 1916 #

Happy New Year - to you, diary.

Up at 6-45 and had a nice
breakfast at 77 Summer St - and helped
with the dishes & down to 57 about 9.
Didn't do much during AM. Showed my
Christmas things to Susie D. & Carrie P.
Left at 11-30 - met Laurel in town &
lunched nicely at the "Mary Elizabeth."
An errand or two, tried for tickets at
the Tremont - (Julian Eltinge) no go so to the
Schubert, where we had to sit in a box
to see Harry Lauder - who was the same as
ever, no improvement, but we had a good
time. Vaudeville & quite fair. Laura stayed in
to meet Susie & I got here about 6. Aunt Sarah
had been to dinner & stayed for supper and
cards in the evening - I was tired but not
sleepy so came to bed early but read in "Sun
Yat Sen" until ten o'clock.

Stormy & horrid all day. Clearing by night (?)

Sunday, January 2, 1916

Stormy - not very cold -

Up at 7-15. Read about all the morning
as did the rest of the family - no one to
church. Napped awhile in PM. & to 77
about 4. Charles & Esther there later.
Florence Harris rang up and asked us to
come over for a "monkey," so Henry [?] - Edith,
Laurel and I went about six. Gannett's [went] as far
as their house with us. Had a nice time
there. Back soon after 8. Laurel down to say
"Goodbye" to the aunts - as she returns to
Hardwick Vt. early tomorrow morning.
Read awhile and bed at 11 -

Monday, January 3, 1916

Clear and nice early. Snow squalls
late in P.M.

Up 6-45. Aunt Sarah in awhile.
Florence Russell telephoned and came out to dinner. - has left the Worcester Day Nursery - and goes to Providence soon to visit. Began to snow about four and said she must go so I went with her to [trolley] cars and kept on, to the Library. Read in the evening. Rest went to Aunt Sarah's to play cards.

Tuesday, January 4, 1916

Clear & cold - a fine winters day.
Dishes & read a bit - things I had to finish before tomorrow's Library meeting - "Good Housekeeping" and "Sim Yat Sen."
Rest sewed and played cards some.
Mame, Charles & Esther [Gannett] to supper & some cards in eve. Their wedding anniversary. Bed by 11.

Wednesday, January 5, 1916

Stormy most of the day. Up 6-45 -
To library by 9 so had to leave dishes for the others to do. Good meeting, hunted up some books - shopped a bit and back by eleven. Changed things after an early dinner, met Florence Harris on the Ave. at 1-15 and Vida at the Square and went on Florence's invitation to the Mass. His. & Gen. rooms & heard "Floating Cloud" [*] (B. May) [?] in her charming Indian song, dances & folklore.
Sat with Mary Fowle. V & I left after a bite to eat as I had an errand to do. Home by 5-30 - had to stand all the way - such a [commuter] rush -
Emb'd & read in eve. Rest played cards in P.M. and eve - Aunt Sarah up and to supper.
Bed about 10. Carrie Peirce back to 77 early in A.M.

[* books.google.com/books?id=rZwyAQAAMAAJ&pg=PA221]

New moon -
Thursday, January 6, 1916

Quite warm - clear and pleasant.

Charles telephoned that Mame had a headache so Susie D. left for home soon after breakfast. Dishes and sewed most of AM. Aunt Sue and Mrs. Mc'Lean [?] called on Mrs. Fowle, in Stoneham in P.M. Nap, etc. Carrie Peirce down to call and Aunts [came] back with her and I went to pay [florist] Mr. Duncan - to 146 awhile and over town for the walk as it was beautiful and clear with a narrow crescent of a new moon in the west. Susie Watson here to supper but left early. Read in eve and bed about 10.

Friday, January 7, 1916

Clear & fine & cold.

A beautiful (?) [head] cold developing during day and quite hale and hearty by night. Up 6-45. Dishes, bit [of] mending & to Florence Harris's by 9-30, carried books for her and went in town to South End to visit some old ladies - Mrs. Edwards - a Scotch-woman was very nice and a dear little boy was playing about the rooms, [?] Aunt Hannah, who has nursed for Uncle Will, was cheery, living in 2 dirty but sunny rooms & the other Mrs. _____ was quite interesting. All had some plants growing, mostly geraniums - Left Florence & to Kings Chapel to hear John Haynes Holmes - quite good - church crowded - Mr. Maxwell there - Saw Aunt Sue, who was in shopping, for a few moments. Errands, lunch - to Mr. Ungvarsky's [?] to have muff mended and he found a neck piece for me that he will remodel. Out by 3-30 & called at Vida's. She was out but I had a nice call with her mother - Found Cousin Sarah here - & Carrie Peirce came down for cards in the evening. Read, emb'd - wrote a bit - good hot bath, hot lemonade and bed.

Saturday, January 8, 1916

Another glorious, clear day.

Woke with a headache so didn't get up until 8-30. Cold better but quite drippy. Coz. Sarah left soon after 9.

Did dishes _late - wrote here & "blew" -
Aunt Sue sweeping some and Aunt G.
cooking - Read etc. all day - and slept
part of PM. and felt rather punk by
night. Aunt Sarah in in P.M. Aunt
Sue to a musicale for Star Island in P.M.
Late supper - Hot lemonade and to
bed early. Amy down for a few moments
late in P.M.

Sunday, January 9, 1916

Clear and cold - Not a cloud
to be seen all day. Up about 8 -
Cold seems much better - Dishes etc. & read
most of AM. Tel'd Amy to see about a walk
but she was too busy. Edith Rice had a
cold, but Josephine Frost would gladly go, so
hustled into clothes and up there & we
went to the Henderson house and back by
Arlington St. & to her house [at 58 Old Mystic] for a few
moments and I came home before six.
Went at 2-45. Sun set in an orange glory.
Everything was wintry, icy and attractive.
Brooks were delightful. Upper Mystic [Lake] was
a beautiful blue - (ice) and a fleet of ice-
boats sailing over it - A few skaters also.
Read in eve and bed by ten -

Monday, January 10, 1916

Snow - warmer.
Up 6-45. Aunts [up] much earlier to
wash. and I washed after dishes were
done. Began to snow soon after 7 -
a pretty, soft storm. Left all but union
suit in tub. Wrote to "Penny" & in here.
Stayed in all day - sewed, read and a
short nap in P.M. Aunts to bed early
in eve but I sat up and read - fascinated
by Charlotte Yonge's "Life of Hannah
More" [*] - so went to bed at 11 -
Mabel telephoned late in P.M. that Harold
Nazro [**] is not expected to live - has menin-
gitis - taken yesterday and has been un-
conscious since then - had a specialist - Dr.

Harvey Drum [?] today who injected serum
which they hope will take effect. Tele'd Edna.

[* books.google.com/books?id=UmXQ3402gvEC]

[** Harold, born about 1901, was the son of Flora (Fessenden) and
Philip. They lived at 169 Mystic st.]

Tuesday, January 11, 1916

Quite pleasant - not cold.

Up 6-45. Aunts ironing & I did

some after [doing] dishes & then hung out my

Put away Christmas presents.

clothes, wrote & read some. Florence

Russell out to lunch which was rather

late and then I hustled over town & to

146 as Mabel was abed with a cold &

Mary [maid/cook] in Boston. Found Barbara asleep

on the kitchen table - worn out looking for me,

fixed gargle for her and later read to

them. Geo. home and fixed chicken to

cook for fricasee [sic] for supper - and I showed

Mary about it later & fixed potatoes. Back at

6. Florence had to go in eve so [she] went when we

went to the concert. [with] Aunts Sue & Sarah - Mary

Winn & "Gert" Crocker. Teacher Club course - 2nd

concert & a wonderful one. Irina [?] Leydel [?] on

the violin - a young, very attractive girl, Mme. Wilhel-

mina Calvert in songs - fine voice & Charles

Shepherd who accompanied as well as ever

& that is finely. Back at 10 & bed soon. Harold

Nazro some better - spinal meningitis - serum working well.

Wednesday, January 12, 1916

Cloudy - some bits of sun - & some light

sleet falls in eve. Up at 6-45 - (all

hands late) Dishes & ironed - made bran

gems for lunch for Aunt G & me. Aunt

Sue in town. Aunt Sarah in. Read & wound

some worsted in PM - nap & down to see Mabel

& over town. Met Phil Nazro and he says

Harold is improving wonderfully and we are

all so glad. Had quite a talk with him.

Errands & library. Bought the first straw-

berries of the season. Aunts had eaten as Aunt Sue & Mrs. Mc'Lean [?] went to a lecture on Isles of Shoals at Bullfinch [sic] Church. Did some telephoning & to 77 for Carrie to show me how to crochet a shoulder shawl. Back by 9 - wrote here - a note to Emily Alden (sick with grippe) & to bed. Mabel feeling better but abed today. Charlie Rood [?] there.

Edith Rice's birthday.
Thursday, January 13, 1916

Up 6-45. A cloudy, poor day, not very cold. Mended & swept my room in the morning. Short nap in P.M. & down to see Aunt Sarah about 3. Found her having a tug with water in other side [of duplex] which was frozen at shut-off. Crocheted all of P.M. & stayed to tea as she wanted me to and until 9 in the evening. Read a bit, bath and bed by 10.

Friday, January 14, 1916

Pleasant & nice - grew very cold by night - Aunts ironing & I did some & later went to Boston - Met Vida at [Arlington] centre - on [trolley] car with Mrs. Harris & Florence - had to stand - Mrs. Hornblower (old lady!) in from [Harvard] Sq. so I didn't see V. at all as I left at Park. Went for my fur which was all ready and _fine - did some shopping, looked at rugs and chairs etc - lunched at Acorn - good smelts. Out soon after 2 - at library awhile - to 146 [Mystic st.] a few moments - Aunt Sarah there - [I went] up with some jonquils for Harold [Nazro] - who isn't so well - temperature up - & Flora much discouraged but Phil home [to help]. Read & crocheted & slept from 5 to 6. Aunt Sue to Winchester. Library in eve from 7 to 9 - very few there - coldest night of the season. Crocheted & read until 11-30. Aunts to bed quite early.

Saturday, January 15, 1916

Clear and glorious - cold - ther'r
down to zero. Up 6-45. Dishes &
filled lamps - & more dishes, mended
some etc. Aunt G. cooking. Aunt Sue
sweeping. Aunts Sue & Sarah & Carrie Peirce
left soon after 1 for Florida lecture [at Symphony Hall] by
Burton Holmes - Amy & I also went but a
bit later. We sat with the Gannetts who
were very late. A fair lecture but not so
good as I expected. Down [town] to shop a bit
and decided to stay in [Boston] to dinner so had
a planked steak at Cook's [at 150 Boylston St.] that was mighty
good. Out at 7-20 & to library - worked [?] from 7-30 to
9 - not at all busy. Crocheted until ten and
then went to bed.

Harold Nazro better today.

Sunday, January 16, 1916

Cloudy - warmer. Light snow
during night. Not up until _7-40
and Aunt G and I ate alone as
Aunt Sue didn't get up until nearly 11.
Read and wrote here and to Clarice.
To library in P.M. from 3 to 5-30 -
very few there and [I] read in Century
all the time. Back [home] about 6 - and
read in eve. Aunt Sue in to Lib.
to see Miss Newton & over to call on
Maria Hill - Bed by 10.

Monday, January 17, 1916

Cloudy - some sun - quite cold.
Up at the usual whistle-blow.
Aunt Sue to Boston. Washed a few
handk's and then washed the floor
(kitchen) - Sewed etc. all of P.m.
Amy rang up in eve, had been
home sick all day. - [now] better and
wanted me up so [we] crocheted
and gossipped until 9 - Bed by 10.
Aunts cut up apples for red-apple
sauce.

Tuesday, January 18, 1916

Pleasant & fine - quite cold.

Up 6-45. Did some washing & a little ironing, mending etc - also crocheted. Florence Russell out in P.M. and to supper. A busy day as I substituted at the Library from 4 to 6 - rushed back [home] for supper and over again from 7 to 9 - good and busy both times. Miss Leetch helped me close up. Had a hot bath and bed at 10 - dead weary -

Clear & glorious - quite cold.

Wednesday, January 19, 1916

[Washed] Dishes and crocheted. The bark baskets arrived from Mashpee at last. Went to Boston & looked at rugs & did a few errands and then went to King's Chapel where I met Vida. Mr. [Samuel] Maxwell spoke - good as usual - on finding God & told us to look for the angel in the faces we met when we went out. A few more errands, lunch & to the Tremont [Hollis?] to see "Daddy Long Legs" with Henry Miller and Ruth Chatterton - delightful people in a charming play & enjoyed every moment. Hot chocolate - more errands & home. Here by 6-15. To 77 in eve with my crocheting for a lesson on sleeve making. Back early. & worked a bit more - bed by 10. Aunt Sue to Somerville [?] Theatre with Maria Hill to see stock company in "Rebecca of Sunny-brook Farm" - said it was fine.

Thursday, January 20, 1916

Cloudy & snow about 11 - not very cold, 18°. Up 6-45. Dishes, etc. & crocheted some, ironed a morning [?] dress - got weighed 163 lbs. hang it. Asked George about taking the house at 37 [Summer st.] to live in and he said it

would be all right as far as he is concerned. No chance to speak to Aunts [about it] during day as Aunt Sue went to a D of V's. [?] at Vendome in P.M. & Aunt G. slept all the evening - Vida here in P.M. with some nice things for Clarice & I went to Aunt Sarah's with her & then to Amy's for awhile. Crocheted and read in eve. & bed soon after 10.

Cloudy / warm -
Friday, January 21, 1916

Great & good news - I go to housekeeping at 37 Summer St as soon as I can. Broke the news to the aunts at breakfast to their great joy and mine. Dishes & left at ten for Boston - stopped & told Aunt Sarah I was coming there to live. Didn't believe me at first but was pleased. as was Mabel. - to bank for some money, saw Mrs. Rice [?] out so went to inquire for Edith and up to show her the "bark basket." She & her mother delighted at my news. Noon when I reached Vida so stayed to lunch & then we went in town, Leavens [?] first and I found just the bureau I wanted for \$15 [~\$400 today] - a small chair & kitchen table - to Lane's [?] for the brown rug, 15.00 - & Shephards for napkins & kitchen things - had fine luck. Celebrated with ice-cream. Out by 5. In to tell Amy & family & tele'd La - not much supper - too excited - Library from 7 to 9 - bath & bed about 11 - Aunts to Cousin Sarah's to supper - & eve.

Saturday, January 22, 1916

Pleasant & warm. Dishes etc. & with my new [?] broom to 37 - & swept walls & floors. Too many callers to wash any paint. Mabel and Junior [came] up and Amy [came] down. Back [to 57] by 12 - & hustled into clothes later, met Mary Winn at one and in town to Symphony Hall where we met Amy & heard Burton Holmes in a fair

lecture of "Dixie Land." Most of the pictures were good - he was rather tiresome. Out by 6 - Ate alone as Aunt Sue went to see "Macbeth" at the Hollis with Ella Burrage [?] (Hackett [?] & Viola Allen) & didn't get home until 7 - Library 7-30 to 9. Felt very tired & went right to bed.

Sunday, January 23, 1916

Clear & fine. Dishes, read some and wrote here & to Laurel & Nellie Dean. [*] Also managed to upset the inkwell on Laura's letter, desk, floor & my apron, an awful mess. To the library in P.M. from 3-5.30 quite a lot [of people] in. So weary - for some reason - that I could scarce drag me home and stumbled all over the lot. Too tired to go back to Universalist celebration - a lot of the old pastors there, 75_{th} anniversary. Read in eve, Aunt G. slept - after she & I had supper. Aunt Sue ate on her return [home]. I did dishes & went to bed soon after 9 -

[* Nellie McMahan Dean was Nina's second cousin, born in the same year (1877) and living in Illinois. I don't know who Laurel or Laura was.]

Monday, January 24, 1916 #

Clear and beautiful - A muddy banged up house - Aunt Sue awake most of the night - up early & washed & slept about all day. Aunt G. achy & weary. and I didn't sleep much, had a sore [?] throat in night - with a big white patch and other internal complications and so went to bed when I had finished my small, draggy wash. Stayed there most of day & felt pretty punk. Up in PM - awhile, made some tea & had a cracker and went back to bed until 5. Had a little supper - did dishes - bed again soon after 8. Aunt Sue to a concert in Orthodox Church with Mabel in eve. Lions [?] Club.

Pleasant, warm.

Tuesday, January 25, 1916

Up at 6-45. Felt mighty poor all day. Dishes, bed etc, to 37 [Summer st.] with a few things, crawled back into clothes & to Lib. from 12 to 1 - then a few errands, in to see Uncle Warren [Peirce] & ordered some coal & wood for 37 - at Mabel's & to Aunt Sarah with her, back to aunts. & had a piece of toast & slice of orange for my dinner & then to bed & slept until nearly 5. Aunt Sue to Historical [Society] in eve but I was too done up to go. Managed to hem 5 dish-towels & one dish-cloth & sit up until 9-30 - Aunt G sewed & slept. Mr. _____ of Lynn lectured on "Landmarks of Old Boston" and they said he was fine.

Clarice called up from Bedford in AM saying she goes to Malden Thursday. Sent her a box of clothes.

Wednesday, January 26, 1916

Still very warm - 41° early and pleasant. Felt much better today and ironed after dishes were done - went to 37 by 10-30 & built fire. (Wood & coal came by 8 AM.) Washed dining room closet & brushed up some before 12. Aunt Sarah asked me to dinner which was very nice & then I hustled, washed parlor & chamber floors & closets in both places & large hall closet & brought some dishes down from the attic. Some weary & some dirty. Back to 57 about 5. Aunt Sue [went] over town. Aunt Sarah [came] in later on her way back from town. Amy & Edith down in eve awhile. Aunts to bed very early. Read paper & went to bed by 9. Laurence Peirce [2nd cousin] very sick - grippe & his old kidney trouble. Weighed in AM. 157 lbs. - 6 lbs. less than last Thurs. - but sweater weighs 1 3/4 & I wore it before - Lost 4 1/4 being sick -

Thursday, January 27, 1916

Still very warm 51°. To 37 [Summer st.] as soon as work here (57) was done. Barbara [came] up & [went] down there [37] with me but so busy I had to send her to Aunt Sarah's.

Washed dining-room floor & kitchen closets. Fire had kept [burning] all night. Busy all the AM, lunched with Aunt Sarah & Mrs. Hobbs. & [was] busy part of P.M. To bed awhile when I came back [to 57]. Aunt Sarah & Mrs. Hobbs up to supper - lobster salad. Library in eve from 7 to 9 - some weary. Read a bit & bed soon after 10 -

Tin [-ware] Shower.

Friday, January 28, 1916

Pleasant & nice - 50° - Dishes & bed - bro't down & washed a yellow table from seed chamber - to 37. Jack Welch there most of AM. whitewashing shed. & later I & some windows - washed the floor & doors ^ Vida called with some preserves. Back soon after one - bit to eat & had a nap & in town to do a few errands. Aunt Sue to Watertown to call on Mrs. Rugg. Mrs Harris to supper and Susie Dupee down in eve for cards. Dead weary but into glad rags & to 146 where Mabel had a party for me: Alice, Emily, Grace & Ed. & to my surprise Eleanor and Aunt Lizzie both. Florence Harris & Mame Gannett. [?] [unreadable] & talked. Children about awhile & gave me B-- brush, a dust cloth - Jr - soap shaker. All down to a nice supper at 10. D. Buttrick came soon after. & after everything was cleared away they bro't in the greatest number of bundles for me. a kitchen shower - & such lovely things - & first we knew it was 11-30 and everyone rushed & left. Florence & Mame up [to 57] with me as their mothers were still here. Bed about one.

Saturday, January 29, 1916

Clear & glorious, colder 14° - Up 6-40. Dishes, bed etc. & to 37 [Summer st.] - too cold to do much. Amy in before I went & Mabel & Barbara who went in with me. Built fire but too cold to paint. Looked over some things & got some in order. Geo. had bro't up the [tin] shower articles. & Mary Winn came down [from 77] with a cute little bean-pot from her & a brown baker from Josie. To 146 for some things. Aunt Sarah feeling bad with a cold. To 57 at one - mended etc. Saw expressman with things so rushed down [to meet him] - undid chair & part of bureau but found the back board cracked so left it & came back at 4. Mended, dressed etc. To 77 in eve on way over town & Mary gave me a nice little double roasting pan - a clothes line & pins and they asked me up to see Wm & if he didn't have 2 [?] pie plates, apple corer, box of matches & nice big kettle for me. To Lib, errands & to 77 for things & carried them to 37 - also left some butter & coffee & some things for Aunt Sarah. Aunts to bed early. Read a bit - bath & bed by 11 -

Sunday, January 30, 1916

Cloudy - mist PM & eve.
Up 7-30. Wretched headache which lasted until the P.M. Dishes & bed, carried George's 5 1/2 lb. pickerel [to 77] for Wm. to see. To 37 & found fire alive - carried few books but back quickly. To church with Amy. Aunt Sue also went. & Mabel there - Aunt Sue to Stoneham in P.M. to Mrs. Fowle's. Short nap. Amy & Edith to 37 with me to look it over. Read paper etc. rest of day & some in "The Complete Angler" - Bed by 9 -

Monday, January 31, 1916

Cloudy and damp but no rain -
Warm. Washed after doing dishes and went to 37 [Summer st.] with some things - Plumbers came but couldn't do anything until P.M. when they blacked the front

room stove - (making a mess of the paper in back), and put a new trap under sink. - Hung some pictures, unpacked bureau - stack of nails to take out, cleaned up after men, and kept busy all day. Amy down about 5 with a pitcher & bowl & [we went] back together. Weary but into another dress. Read some in eve and tele'd a lot. Aunts at Aunt Sarah awhile. Wrote Josephine about C. C. with me on Sat. night at 37.

Grandpa Humphrey died this afternoon about half-past four. - 91 years old -

Tuesday, February 1, 1916

Cloudy & warm - 52° - quite damp. but not rainy - Up 6-40 - Aunts much earlier (I think). Aunt Sue in [Boston] early for tickets to "Daddy Long Legs" - To 77 on errands & then to 37. George [came] up and helped me put glass on bureau or I helped him. Expected to paint shed floor but paint was all dried up so washed dishes and kitchen shower things instead - and put bureau drawers partly in order. Lunched with Aunt Sarah. Back to 57 by 3 - & had a nap. Aunts gave me a beautiful tablecloth & napkins. - a birthday [gift] as well as now. Over town on errands & to 146 & carried a few more things to 37 & fixed fire. Mended in the evening & accomplished quite a lot. Aunts & Carrie Peirce to Aunt Sarah's for cards. Bed soon after 10 - Rest of the Mashpee baskets arrived in P.M.

Wednesday, February 2, 1916

Cloudy - snowed later - not very cold. Up 6-40. Dishes & ironed. Mrs. Harris tele'd & had tickets for Historical in Boston so V & I said we'd go. To 37 & busy all the morning. Began to snow hard but thought we'd go [anyway]. Met Vida at Sq. Mrs. Bailey [?] also there on her way to H&G. A few errands & to hall by 2-30. Crowded. & a lot of men [came] as they were having their business meeting. Speaker _____ of Salem

had to rush but was very interesting on "Pewter and early lamps." A few more errands & out by 5-30. Off [trolley car] at Mystic & left some things at 37. Mended some in eve & read. Bed by 10 after a hot scrub.

[From the Boston Daily Globe, Feb. 3 ---
"The annual meeting and election of officers of the New England Historic Genealogical society was held yesterday afternoon at the rooms of the organization, 9 Ashburton pl. George Francis Dow, secretary of the Essex Institute of Salem, read a paper on "Old-Time Pewter and Lamps and Lighting," and there was an exhibition of old pewter pieces."]

Thursday, February 3, 1916

Snowed hard all the morning. Couldn't go to 37 so gave my room [at 57] a good, thorough sweeping. Cleared at noon so in P.M. went snow-shoeing with Esther Gannett and a friend - Snow very soft but enjoyed it - only got soaked and had to change everything. To 37 a few moments & over town on errands. Edith down awhile in eve. Read & to bed early.

Grandpa Humphrey buried today.

Friday, February 4, 1916

Moved to my new home today - at 37 Summer St.
Up 6-40. Dishes etc - Geo in & got him to carry stove [?] from attic & Aunt G & I bro't down the small table and three chairs - & Mike carried them to 37 in P.M. Down [to 37] to build fires & then to 77 and Edith and I brought [?] a small table for dining room & 2 chairs. Busy washing them all and getting rooms in order. Dinner with Aunt Sarah. Carried 3 heavy loads from Aunts in P.M. - [then] over town

& to Mrs. Belyea's [for rent money] late & supper with the aunts. Coz. Sarah & Maria Hill there. To 37 soon after 7 for the night. Read in eve & slept quite well - Bed by 10.

Saturday, February 5, 1916

Pleasant - warmer -

One busy day. Up 6-45. Fires fine.

Breakfast - fixed beans - to bake, made custards - Aunt Sarah made me a cake.

Arthur, Jr. & John in for quite awhile.

hard [?] sauce [?] to go to Lib. from 4 to 6. Blacked

small stove for upstairs & Mike carried it up in P.M. - then washed kitchen floor -

put table there & did all I could towards tonight. Mabel up & we went over town

together - Busy at Lib. Errands & rushed

back - at aunts a moment. Beans & nice

brown bread (Aunt Sarah) & cream cake (Aunt G.)

for supper. C.C. [Christmas Club] here in eve & every body

present - with Rachel Johnson for the

first time. They gave me a wonderful

pitcher & 12 glasses. Had a good time or I

did anyway [?] Creamed chicken & toasted crackers,

olives (Amy) celery, hot choc. with whipped cream,

& cake - Aunt Sarah & V.D. They went about 11 -

& I did glasses & silver & got to bed at 12.

Jenny & Jo [Frost] gave me a beauty pot of jonquils -

Alice Winn's mother [nÃ©e Anna Butterfield] died last night.

Sunday, February 6, 1916

Clear & fine - warm.

Up at 7-30 - tired & sleepy all day.

Grand rush with fires and ashes

and breakfast, lamps and last nights

dishes. Church - sat with F. Harris - Back [?]

with Susie Watson. M. there. To Edith Whitte-

more's as I didn't find Miss Newton at

Library. [Her] House is very attractive. Dinner & a

few moments rest and library from 3 to

5-30. Lot [of people] in - especially children - for Miss

Leetch to look after - 105 there. Back by 6 - had

cheese sandwiches & prunes with cream. In

Aunt Sarah's to read the paper - & later Amy

& Edith came down and stayed awhile - Jr.
up in P.M. with Felice's trunk - In Bed at 10.

Monday, February 7, 1916

Clear & fine early, cloudy later
Up at 7 after a fine nights sleep -
Fire good in kitchen & built [?] other [?] after
breakfast. - swept rooms & decided to
wash. & later wrote here. Aunt Sarah
to Boston. Waited lunch for her & we ate
together about 2. Miss Leetch over after
one for half an hour to see if I would
go to Lib. at noon hour tomorrow.
Busy in PM. & to 77 in eve to have
Carrie teach me the scallop on the
crocheted jacket. Back at 9 [?] & bed soon
after - Mrs. Hobbs called on Aunt Sarah
in P.M.

Pleasant & nice

Tuesday, February 8, 1916

Up 6-45. Rather cold - busy all of AM.
& an early lunch - to library from
12 to 1 - and then in town to do a few
errands. Back by 4 - read a bit - & looked
after fires, into best gown and with
Aunt Sarah, [Aunt] Sue & Mabel to Universalist
Fair for supper & to look about. Bo't a cute
brown apron. All on to High School Hall later
to the last Teachers Club Concert - Heinrich
Gebhard played (piano) wonderfully,
& Miss - read "Peg o' my Heart"
very entertainingly. Sat in balcony
with Vida - rest on the floor. Back
soon after 10.

Wednesday, February 9, 1916

Pleasant (?) Up by 6-45. Room quite
chilly but cold bath warmed me. [!]
Busy all the morning with fires &
cooking etc. Managed to crochet
some & in eve finished the jacket of
chinchilla stuff. Over town in AM. & to

library & errands - as stove pipe didn't fit. Late lunch & read & mended in PM. Aunt Sarah [came] in in eve as my stove decided to burn & I was nice and warm -

Thursday, February 10, 1916

Wonderful sights - - A deer and a pheasant in the street near the house.
Up 6-45 - cold water was frozen in pitcher as I forgot to put it outside in hall. George [came] in later & put up stove pipe and I started a fire and soon had the rooms almost _too hot. Ironed etc. Edith Rice came up about 11 - Brought some dandy looking beets and tomato sauce. Looking out front room window saw a pheasant in street, went up in my room and looked out and there was the darlingest little deer. Started past house - so [I] put up window to scare it back & away it went over the wall and fields & up the side hill. Aunts [came] down early in AM. & in PM. just as I'd finished dishes. Mrs. Damon came - called on me & then on Aunt Sarah & stayed until 4 - [I] Dressed, [went] to aunts, over town, lib etc. & Amy's. Read in eve & Aunt Sarah & I visited each other.
Bed 9-30 - Grate fire acted like the deuce all day & _wouldn't burn.

[Also on this day, a tiff began between Wellesley and Swarthmore colleges over "which college's female students most closely resembled the Venus de Milo."
www.atlasobscura.com/articles/100-years-ago-american-women-competed-in-serious-venus-de-milo-lookalike-contests]

Friday, February 11, 1916

Pleasant early - some snow in P.M. & eve. Up 6-45. Seemed good to have a warm room. Stove went it in great shape during day and [I] had to open it _and the window. Busy with stoves, cleaning etc. At aunts a few moments. Tried graham gems and blamed things were in [oven] 1 1/2 hours.

Miss [?] Perry called in P.M. mostly on
Aunt Sarah but in to see my rooms. [I went] Up to
inquire for Harold [Nazro] - [then] in at 146 & over town.
Back by 6. Aunt Sarah to aunts for cards
& to supper - Mrs. Toutt down for a few days.
Mabel up in eve and we both mended
until about 10. Bed before 11 -

Lincoln's birthday - Snow, fine stuff -
Saturday, February 12, 1916

Up at 6-45. Room almost too warm.
Dishes [?] etc. grape-fruit & griddles & coffee.
Busy all AM - lamps - etc. & made some
date [?] cakes - found right combination for
them and it baked fine - Aunt Sarah
gave me "pink hash" for noon. Wrote here
in P.M. and napped a bit and
later Amy & Edith came down
with their sewing and we sat
up in my nice, warm chamber.
Over town in eve with Edith. Good
to be out. Bed by 10 -

[Also on this day, poet John Townsend Trowbridge, 88, died at 152 Pleasant st.]

Sunday, February 13, 1916

Snowy & blowy. Our biggest storm.
Not up until after 7. Too snowy
to do much with ashes. Sat in
my room most of day as it was so
nice and hot there. Read & slept.
Snow blew & drifted & I had just
decided to go snow-shoeing late in
PM. when Amy came and didn't
enthusiase so gave it up. Edith down
later and we had a jolly supper -
Warm enough in eve to sit down
stairs. Had kerosene stove in the
dining-room and it went up to 78 -
Girls went about 9. Read until 10 or so.

Monday, February 14, 1916

Clear & nice but mighty cold.

Had 13 val's [valentines] not bad. for an O.M. [old maid]
Washed after the various things
were tended to. Fingers pretty
cold hanging out [laundry] but did it and
they dried quite well. Sewed (?) P.M.
All hands - Aunt Sue, Aunt Sarah,
Mabel, Emily, Susie Dupee, Mame [?] to
Mrs Harris's in eve to a very nice
Valentine party. Nellie Hodgdon and
Mrs. Martin [?] also there - and Mrs.
Toult. Walking [was] too bad for Aunt G.
Usual nice refreshments - stayed so
late [that] lights went out just before we came
in. Didn't sleep very well.

Tuesday, February 15, 1916

Pleasant cold. 2 below 0. Up at
6-45. Cold as a barn downstairs
but Aunt Sarah loaned her oil
heater & I ate in kitchen & later got
Mike to take away the old Franklin
stove and bring the nice one that
really _heats from my room & get an air-
tight [stove] from 146 for up there & it seemed
good to have a warm sitting-room by
P.M. Ironed. Went snow-shoeing in PM.
alone - to Peirce's Pines - rather hard
going & got good & wet but enjoyed it.
No signs of deer - but saw pheasant &
some rabbit tracks. & found pussy-willows.
Alcohol rub & rest. Cards in eve in Aunt
Sarah's - 2 tables. Aunts, Clara, Carrie, Susie D.
Mrs. Deshon & Mrs. Souale. [?] Had a good
time but dog-weary & to bed about 12.

Wednesday, February 16, 1916

Quite pleasant - not so cold -
Ashes & lamps tended [to] early
and left by 9-20 for Boston. Met
Aunt Lizzie (on her invitation to go
sporting) at the Square and Mrs.
Anna [?] Hill. In to the Park Theatre
and saw the round of [motion] pictures
Marguerite (?) Clarke in "Still Waters" was

very sweet. Had a nice lunch at _3
at the "Royal" Harrison Ave - fried
noodles, chop suey - rice with meat -
and those ladies wanted more pictures
so we saw the round at the Bijou and
parted at Harvard Sq. at 7. Called at
library and Deshons and here about
8-30. Fires & bed & read awhile -

Thursday, February 17, 1916

Clouds - quite warm.
Not up until past seven and
didn't do much but read and
sew all day. At aunts in AM. to telephone.
Bed awhile in P.M. Amy & Edith
down in eve with their "work" and
stayed until nine. Read and bed
about 10.

[Also on this day, the Arlington Board of Trade, now called the
Chamber of Commerce, was incorporated.]

Friday, February 18, 1916

Cloudy and dull, warm.
Up about 7. Put in most of the
morning sweeping and dusting.
Read some in "Jaffrey" - Bed in PM. &
had a nice nap & then over town
in a rain. Met Vida who came
back and stayed to supper which
seemed nice & old timey. Talked in
eve and crocheted - Bed 10 or so.

Saturday, February 19, 1916

Quite cold. Pleasant. windy.
Busy with cooking etc - made
nut bread, pound cake and soft
custard. Washed dining & kitchen floors
Did a little mending. Amy down &
wanted me to go to Somerville Theatre
in P.M. & "Old [?] Homestead" [*] so Aunt Sarah
Mary Winn, Amy & I went - a punk
show & [we] were bored to death & glad to

get out. Off [trolley car] at centre to do errands
& glad to get back it was so cold.
Read in eve and to bed by 10- or so.

[* www.imdb.com/title/tt0005824]

Sunday, February 20, 1916

Cloudy and cold. A lazy day.
Up soon after 7. [Tended to] Lamps, ashes, etc.
and read paper and "Jaffrey"
rest of the day. Not out [of house]. La [*] and
Rachel Johnson over in P.M. and
to tea and Amy came down in
the evening. Talked & called on
Aunt Sarah. Read later and bed
soon after 10.

[* Nina's second cousin Eleanor "La" Prentiss lived on Belmont Hill.]

Clear

Monday, February 21, 1916

Coldest day this winter 10^{Â°} below 0 -
Up 6-45 - Water was frozen and took
a good part of the morning to thaw
it out. Didn't wash [laundry] consequently.
Amy down awhile. Read a good part
of the day. Arthur, Barbara, John and
another little boy [*] in for awhile - Over
town in P.M. beautiful & clear if cold
On to city. to Dr. Bailey's - did a few
errands & out by 5. From Sq. with Charles
Gannett [**] - & met Mary Winn over town so
back together - & in for a few moments.
Supper & read paper. Amy & I to
see Helene Johnson in evening for an
hour or so. Wrote here & bed by 10.

[* Arthur (6.5 years old) and Barbara (4.5) were children of Nina's
brother George. I suppose that the other boys were playmates.]

[** Mr. Gannett was married to Mary "Mame" (Dupee), whose mother was a
first cousin of Nina's father. Charles was a civil engineer and the
park commissioner for Arlington. They lived at 7 Academy st.]

Holiday & Geo's 43^d birthday - Warmer -
Tuesday, February 22, 1916

Up at 7. Good day so decided to wash [laundry] & had a crowded line. Dressed in a rush & to 146 [Mystic st.] with Geo's present - turkish towels and stockings - he was in tub, & Mabel at Nazro's so left them. To 77 [Summer] to a dandy boiled dinner with 8 vegetables potato, beets, yellow & white turnip, squash, parsnip, lima beans and cabbage. Crocheted in P.M. Poor A.J. [Amy] had a pain. Back [home] at 4 - stopped at aunts - fixed fires - into best gown & to Mrs. Deshon's soon after five - Helen Follansbee [?] there for a few days and gushy as ever. Sewed etc. & had cards in evening - Richard and Helen over [home] with me at 11. Aunt Sarah had aunts and Carrie Peirce to supper and in evening for cards.

Wednesday, February 23, 1916

Cloudy & snowed some late in P.M. Some clearing mending etc. Jr [~8 years old] up early and said he'd have dinner with me. & he & John came in and read awhile & in P.M. went to movies together. Nap. Edith down to borrow snow shoes. Emily Dribble [?] with her. Aunt Sue & Mrs. Fowle called in P.M. & Aunt Sue asked Aunt Sarah and me up for cards in eve. 2 tables - for Anne Wilson. Maria & Mrs. George Hill there. I came out ahead & won a cube of pins. Nice treat & home about 11-45. Bed quite soon.

Thursday, February 24, 1916

Stormy at times - and no sun. Up at 7. Ashes, lamps etc. and then ironed. Edith Winn down and Junior and John in for awhile. Intended calling on Florence Harris in P.M. but Barbara & Esther Alden came in and stayed all the afternoon, cutting out dolls - looking

at books etc. while I mended and later we "took turns" telling stories. Read and mended in the evening. Aunt Sarah in. Bed soon after nine.

Friday, February 25, 1916

Poured [rain] about all day - let up a few times for a few moments. Walking _bad. Did some cooking etc. and sweeping & dusting kept busy all the AM. ^ Nap in P.M - read some and did a lot of mending then and in the evening. Not out as my rubbers have more holes than is _wholesome (bum joke.) and it poured every time I thought of going. Bed by 10 -

Saturday, February 26, 1916

Poured [rain] most all day - snow nearly gone but walking quite bad. Stars out by bed time. Up at 7. Busy all the A.M. - cleaning & cooking, bread, beans and made cookies - Bit rest in P.M. - and to Town Hall at 2 with Aunt Sarah to see "Fifi of the Toy Shop" - dolls etc that came to life and very charming - nice dancing and singing etc. Hall packed [with people]. Up to see Florence Harris [at 23 Academy st.] who is abed with the shingles - library, errands and _home - a good place to be. Dog weary in eve - read and did a little mending & bed by ten.

Sunday, February 27, 1916

Pleasant, windy, not very cold. Not up until 7-40 - [tended to] ashes, lamps and cats. Amy down at 10-30 and [we went] to church together - [Rev.] Mr. Gill [spoke] and very good. Barbara and [George] Jr. up early in A.M. with some tins. Made candy after dinner and wrote here & then read. Also wrote notes to Marion Buttrick and

Mrs. Ralp [sic] Whitcomb. Amy down awhile in P.M. to say she couldn't come to supper. Read in eve also.

Had some fine strawberries with the real _native flavor.

Monday, February 28, 1916

Pleasant but very cold.

Washed - cold _on _the _hang -
Busy all of AM. Nap (?) and did quite a lot of mending. Back [?] all done up. Vida in for an hour from 2 to 3 & she and Aunt Sarah [went] over town together. Up to aunts for awhile - [they were] full of news. One piece [of news] - Helen Follansbee's engagement to Clayton Walsh. Read & sewed in eve & bed by 9-30 -

Tuesday, February 29, 1916

Pleasant & not _quite so cold.

Lamps, ashes etc and then ironed. Barbara up for a couple of hours. At aunts a few moments about 12. Bit nap - read some - to 146 and [then] Mabel, Barbara & I over town. Historical [Society] in eve. M'dame [?] de Gozzaldi [*] on "Grandmother's Cupboards" - China etc. Mrs. Deshon & Richard went with me as speaker is Maud Batchelder's cousin - quite good. In with Mabel to get proofs [?] of pictures. All the family but Barbara.

[* www.cambridgehistory.org/library/gozzaldi (Thanks, Sharon!)]

Wednesday, March 1, 1916

Clear & glorious and not too cold.

Up 6-40 - Had to hustle a bit for library meeting at nine - All there but Edna [?] and a very good meeting. Walked to Draper Ave. with Edith Rice, called on Flora & saw Harold a few moments. Mrs. Allen there too. In to see Mabel and not back until 12. Read and emb'd in P.M.

Mrs. Sterling called on _us. and gave us each an orange. Read in eve & sewed - bath and bed by 10.

Thursday, March 2, 1916

Another snow storm - that wasn't bad after noon & very light. Quite a comfy day, not so very cold. Up at _7. Swept & dusted "all" the rooms and then read a bit - finished emb'g a towel and squared up my accounts for the last few months. Wrote here in P.M. & went over town later, Mrs. Belyea's, etc. & paid coal bill - _nearly \$10 [~\$300 now]. To Amy's in eve with some sewing - Aunts & Carrie Peirce at Aunt Sarah's for cards. Bed by 10.

Pleasant - quite cold.

Friday, March 3, 1916

Usual things [to do] early & then mended & read etc - in the morning. Rushed in town [Boston] in PM - a few errands & to Dr. Bailey's - only there a short time - building down a nut [?] _to a crown - a few more errands & to Mrs. Richardson's for a shampoo which [?] seemed very, very good. Out soon after 6 & home & read & rested during the evening.

Saturday, March 4, 1916

Pleasant - rather cold. Stove acted like time - had to bake apples in Aunt Sarah's [next door], but managed to make soft custard. To aunts to [use] telephone - Mended some, dusted etc. Left at 2-30 to meet Amy at Bunkio's. She was _very late & while waiting I saw Mr. & Mrs. Tyndale going by so rushed out and had a moments chat. Amy & I to the Copley Gallery - some lovely Mother Goose pictures by Jessie Wilcox Smith - & to Art Club - all _fierce. Walked down to the "Mary Elizabeth" and Amy treated as I am low in funds these days.

Out soon after 6 - & off again at 7-30 with Amy & Edith to the Frosts, a C.C. meeting - all there [at 58 Old Mystic st.] but Vida and had a _mighty nice time - Not home until past eleven - down in [trolley] car - Bed at 12.

[If you want to follow Amy & Nina's perambulations: Bunkio Matsuki had a Japanese import shop at 380 Boylston st. The Copley Gallery was located at 103 Newbury st. ("The Jessie Willcox Smith Mother Goose" book was published in 1914.) The Art Club (bostonartclub.com) was and still is at 6A Appleton st. There were two "Mary Elizabeth" tea rooms, and the closer one was in the basement of the Park Street Church.]

Pleasant - cold.
Sunday, March 5, 1916

Not up until nearly 8 - (1 minute of)
Read after [house-] work was done. Library in P.M. from 3 to 5-30, rushed home for supper (E. Rice had asked me there but couldn't go) - to Amy's by 7 and she with me to our church to hear Mr. Maxwell - who, of course, was good. The first of five nights this week - a series in advance of "Billy Sunday" next fall. Back by 9 & bed soon after & dog-weary. Vida to Amy's with us. [?]

Snow by night.
Monday, March 6, 1916

Cold again - down to 3 above 0, but nice & clear. Washed [laundry] and a busy morning. Bit rest in P.M. & then [went] calling with Aunt Sarah but had bad luck as Myra Perry [?] and the Harris's were away & Ruth Peirce still at the "Ark" [?] - but we finally found Mrs. Deshon & stayed quite awhile. Errands & lib. & back about 6. Read awhile & Aunt Sarah & I to Mabel's in eve. until nearly 10. Crocheted. Snowing some when we went and hard when we came back & quite deep. Bed in short season.

A drizzly day and much warmer.
Tuesday, March 7, 1916

Up 6-45. Ironed. Barbara came up early and Aunt Sarah tele'd from aunts for Mabel to come to lunch with me - We sewed in Aunt Sarah's [part of duplex] during the afternoon and [niece] Barbara played with Felice, etc. Had tea & cake about 4-30 & they went by 5. Arthur [came] up later with some bread for me & stayed awhile - _Very light supper. Wrote here & read in eve. had a good hot bath & in bed about 10-30.

Wednesday, March 8, 1916

Cloudy - some mist in AM - snow by 1-15 & a blizzard until about 9 P.M. when it stopped. Brushed up & dusted rooms - & washed _all the floors. Barbara up to see me _and play with Felice & stayed until 12. Hurried lunch & left by 12-40. Due at Dr. Bailey's at 1-30 but delayed everywhere so was 20 min's late. Didn't do much - Saw 3 wild geese fly by while in chair. Did a few errands & out to the Library & read a bit. & back by 4-30. Paper, etc. Wanted to go to church in eve to hear Mr. Maxwell but storm was fierce - worst of the season - so read & went to bed by 10.

Thursday, March 9, 1916

Pleasant & nice [weather] so washed two tablecloths and ironed them in P.M. Also cleaned the silver which looked quite different - Barbara up to spend the day as her mother and Aunt Sue went to the theatre. Had Indian bread which didn't rise so cooked it in P.M. in Aunt _Sarah's oven - Read to Barbara & mending. Snowshoed around the house to try it, best [conditions] this season, harder - Down [to Mystic st.] with Barbara at six - Rushed supper, etc. & left before 7 - at Mrs. Deshon's, she had a little book that Richard got for

me, "Peter & Polly" a cat story. On to Harris & met them on the way to church - Mr. Parks [?] preached and was fine - believes in a renewal [?] and natural & joyous religion - quite [?] a goodly gathering - 22 last night in spite [?] of the storm but Mr. Maxwell got stuck [?] & couldn't come. Back at 9 - & read until [?] about 10 -

Friday, March 10, 1916

_Another snow storm but it stopped by one o'clock. Up at 6-45. Usual things [to do] & to aunts to telephone Florence [Harris] about Boston. She was game and I met her at Mame's at 10-30 - (Called on Mrs. Deshon who has bronchitis.) Called on a Mrs Irwin - lunched very well at the Y.W.C.A. for 15¢ - then called on Mrs. Edwardes [sic] & from there went to the Castle Sq. [theatre] to see "Between the Lines" - very good indeed - not much Craig or Young - thank goodness. Days outing cost just 50¢ [~\$15 now] - including fares. Down in [trolley] car with Mabel & Lil Heath who had been to the play & were staying in [Boston] for dinner. Had supper with Florence (Pink tuna diddie) [*] as Mrs. Harris & Mrs. Sears [?] went to the Unitarian Club dinner with Mr Gill & Mr Phinney in the latter's [motor] car. Did a puzzle in eve & home about 9. Talked - read paper & bed about 11 -

[* Kim Salazar writes: "Diddy seems to be an older word for a mixed baked or stove-top 'casserole' that includes green peppers, canned or fresh tomatoes, shredded cheese, canned or fresh corn, plus a protein - usually tuna or bacon, or leftover chicken or other meat. It's often served over toast points."]

Saturday, March 11, 1916

Clear and glorious - Fine for snow-shoeing and _did want to go but had a - pain instead. Made some date cakes & brushed up & dusted - Amy down awhile in A.M. To bed in P.M. & felt better. Read & wrote here. Aunt Sarah over town. Just read & to bed

quite early.

Pleasant - quite warm - walking bad.
Sunday, March 12, 1916

Usual things & to church - sat with
Florence Harris - Myra's 2nd boy Tileston [Perry]
christened. Back with Aunt Sue and
Mary Winn. Read in P.M. etc. Jr. here when
I got back from church so had dinner
with me. & stayed until nearly six reading
and playing with Felice. Florence Harris over
for supper - looked for Amy but they had
company. Talked etc in eve and enjoyed
it. She went soon after 9. Bed 10 or there-
abouts.

[I think that Felice was a doll that Nina had had since before George
Jr. and Barbara were born.]

Monday, March 13, 1916

Snowing early but cleared later and
quite warm. Washed small things,
napkins, hanky's & stockings - brushed up
& dusted & hemmed part of a napkin
(one side) and emb'd initial - first of
my dozen big ones. Over town in P.M.
walking was fierce, so slushy, some
errands & ordered meat as I was out.
Barbara up in A.M. but I had so little
to eat I didn't ask her to dinner -
Jr. up in P.M. just as I was starting
away so [he] kept house while I was gone
and had supper with me and I went
part way home with him later.
Read in eve -

Cloudy but no snow until night.
Tuesday, March 14, 1916

Up 6-45. Washed rest of my
things & had a [clothes-] line full and
ironed some of them later and all
of yesterday's. Mr. [?] Mc'Leann [?] away
& I had lunch with Aunt Sarah - a

dandy casserole. Carrie Peirce to see Aunt Sarah in P.M. & in here a few moments. Didn't feel very good - had a pain in PM - indigestion or something so went light on the eats. Read in eve & bed by 9-30 or so. Sewed in P.M.

Wednesday, March 15, 1916

Snowy & blowy again - and a wild day outside. Did a bit of ironing - wiped up some floors & upholstered [?] rest of day - utility box in AM. and divan in P.M. looked pretty good too - worst part was taking out the nails. Crocheted & read in eve, bath & bed by 10. Mabel [came] in a few moments in P.M. to say that Jr. is sick - temp. of 104° and Dr. said it was either malaria or typhoid. he hasn't been well for quite awhile.

Thursday, March 16, 1916

Pleasant but a lot of snow and mush drifted and quite windy still. Up 6-45. Dishes, etc. & brushed up & washed dining room floor. Crocheted some - [dressed] into best things - called at 146 [Mystic st.] - Jr. better - think it [is] malaria now - to Mrs. Deshon's to a nice lunch. & Mrs. Atkinson there & we three to Town Hall as Mrs D's guest. Women's Club lecture on White Mts. with beautiful pictures - Mabel sat with us. Poor Mrs D. coughed so she had to go out before the end. Back with Mabel & [went] in a few moments & home about 6 - Read in eve & bed at 10 -

Friday, March 17, 1916

Clear and nice but very cold and very windy - 10° above 0.
Woke by 6 but not up until half past. [Did] Lamps, ashes and food and in a rush when Uncle Arthur [*] came to see about the fireplace - said it would cost about \$20 [~\$600 now] if

things were O.K. otherwise \$30 - Left by 9 & to
[dentist] Dr. Bailey's at 10, [He] worked on crown until
11-30 or so. To the noon service at
King's Chapel & very good. Prof. [G. A. Johnston] Ross of Union
Theological [Seminary] on "sins and repentance" -
Lunched at "Acorn" - a few errands & out [of city] - at
Susie's [?], Lib, to see Jr., who is better, & here
soon after 4. - wrote here & read - and read
in eve. & bed at 11. Vida called in A.M.

[* Arthur Linden Bacon was the only brother of Melissa, Nina's late mother.]

Saturday, March 18, 1916

Clear and very cold - 2^o above 0 at farm [57 Summer st.].
Swept & dusted - no cooking needed.
Mike [handyman?] here to clean stove pipe elbow - pretty
well worn out but fixed it for a day or two
with wire & fire [was] punk _still. Gus Bishop
here to see about the fireplace, and said
it wouldn't cost _over \$7 [~\$200 now] - some different
from A. Bacon's price - told him to do it as
soon as he could. Nice boiled dinner with
Aunt Sarah. Put gimp around divan in P.M.
read & mended a bit. Richard Deshon called
& Mary Winn a bit later. At 146. Jr. abed but
feeling lively; errands & back about 6. Read
after supper. Bed about 10. Felt a bit shakey
as to "tummy," too much cabbage & tongue hash.

Sunday, March 19, 1916

Pleasant and warmer - (thank
goodness). Up soon after seven,
didn't feel very good so had only
black coffee, an easy _eat. Tore off a bit
of dining-room [wall-] paper - a start anyway.
Wrote here, to Florence Russell and a
card to Clarice & one to Miss Hardy
& read [Boston] Herald. To Mrs. Deshon's at
one to a dandy roast-beef dinner
& stayed all of P.M. & until _8-30 - so of
course had a good time. Miss [Elizabeth] Sansom
down for awhile. Read a bit - bed by 10.

Monday, March 20, 1916

Pleasant - quite cold.
Washed - not much this time,
swept & dusted & sewed some.
Jr. up in P.M. & kept house while I
went over town for an elbow for the
stove (kitchen - a damed [?] acting thing &
won't bake at all). Amy called
while I was away. At Mrs. Deshon's -
a few moments - Mrs. Fowle [?] there and
we all had some nice tea -
Jr. to supper with me & [then] I went part
way down with him - Fred and
Vida called later & after they went at
9 Mabel came and stayed until 11 -
Read a bit and bed at 12 -

Tuesday, March 21, 1916

Clear & nice - not too cold.
Up 6-30. Ironed. Jr. [came] up & left him
here reading. Met Vida at 11-15. & in town
to King's Chapel to hear Wm. Hills
who was very good - lunched at Acorn.
a few errands & out to see Damon at
the "Peter Brent," [Brigham Hospital] where he is for a week.
Saw Susie Watson a few moments.
Left Vida who went to her lecture -
music - & home - Read in eve and at
Amy's awhile.

Wednesday, March 22, 1916

Another snow storm and quite
a bad one. Up 6-45. Swept, dusted
etc. Decided to take off some paper
in dining-room so began at 10-30 and
kept it up until 4: finished 1/2 of it.
Read & sewed a bit rest of the day & eve.
Aunts Sarah & Sue lunched at Touraine
& saw "Daddy Long Legs" as guests of
Mrs. Henry Robbins -

[Imagine the two "old maid" sisters, age 73 and 63, dressed up and
lunching in one of the dining rooms at the Hotel Touraine. Baedeker
(1909) described it as "at the noisy corner of Tremont and Boylston

Sts., a large and sumptuously equipped house, with internal decorations in the style of the Chateau of Blois, a handsome library with 4000 volumes, and a view over the Common." From there they went to the Hollis St. Theatre as guests of Eva (Hall) Robbins, who was married to a nephew of their sister-in-law, Sarah (Daniels) Winn, and an older brother of Nathan Robbins.]

Thursday, March 23, 1916

Pleasant - a great day for snow-shoeing - but - I didn't go. Swept halls etc. To 146 by ten as Mabel went serving - dinner for the others - read & crocheted. George not back until 5-30 - then [I came] home - an oyster stew. to library in eve & Mrs. Deshon's a few moments. Bed about 11 - read some first.

The _deer

Friday, March 24, 1916

Pleasant - warmer - mushy walking. Put in all of A. M. and until 2 P.M. taking off the rest of the dining-room paper, finished it, wiped the floor & did a grand hustle, at 77 by 3 and with Carrie and Aunt Sarah to High School - to see the Camp-fire girls - very good. Mame, Lucie [Susie?] D [?] Edith & Florence Harris there. Over the building - (or part of it) to Mame's awhile & F.H. & I to library & doing errands & then to supper with her. Mame & Esther [?] up in eve & [I] left with them at 9. Read paper in bed. Lights out at 10-30 - - Dogs chased the deer from Cutter's ledge in AM - it ran across farm - watched the men a few moments when dogs came down the road [?] & it sailed over the fence into the orchard, fed awhile & went back by Cutters.

Jr. up in P.M. while I was away & read.

Saturday, March 25, 1916

Clear and pleasant - warm and
_springy. Up 6-40. Amy down awhile
and Jr. up to read. Swept and
dusted rooms, wiped up kitchen floor
made apple sauce, soft custard and
lightning cake, [*] and cooked chickens for
fricassee. Sewed some - called at aunts [?]
& on to Amy's with work & finished
crocheting a white jacket - down town to a
few errands & back there to [baked] beans. -
Home by 7-30 - Aunt Sarah to movies
with Aunt Sue. Hospital Aid week. [?]
Read - tub & bed at 10.

[Kim Salazar writes:

Lightning Cake - an old recipe that's still going strong. Here's the earliest on-line rendition I found, from 1935. Basically, it's a plain yellow cake, but a quick mix one, that happens to go particularly well sliced and layered with custard. Some other versions add orange or lemon zest and extract.

articles.baltimoresun.com/2004-09-29/news/0409280139_1_cake-recipe-requests-baking-powder]

Sunday, March 26, 1916

Pleasant & fine but fierce walking. [?]
Rather [?] a rush early, to church where I
met Susie Watson - Mabel there too. Mr. [?]
Gill on "Purgatorio" from "Divine Comedy" and
very good. Susie with me for the day. At
Amy's a few moments. Fricassee chicken for [?]
dinner - 3 [of George's] children up awhile in P.M. and
later Susie & I went to the aunts for a bit [?]
& on - to the organ recital. Mendelssohn &
all very nice. Amy & Edith there & [came] back
with us for a "crab [?] glide" - & they all left by 8 [?]
Dishes [?] & read awhile.

Monday, March 27, 1916

Pleasant - warm and nice.
Fire acted like time so [it] took about
all the morning to wash [laundry]. To aunts to
tel. La [2d cousin Eleanor Prentiss]. Read [?] in P.M. and then Aunt
Sue came down to ask me to go to
Cousin Sarah's with her & we went about
3-30, had a nice call. She had a beautiful

azalea [*] she wanted Aunt Sue to see. Mrs.
Ladd there at first. Back at 6 - Aunt Sue to P.O.
& I carried a mag. To Mrs. Deshon & they
insisted on my coming in to supper & I had
a nice time - coming home soon after 8.
Read & bed by 10 -

[* Richard Duffy writes (and Elizabeth Rehfeld concurs:

"Azaleas in March 1916 were objects of pride for those who did their best to nurture them year after year and get them to bloom in early spring (especially at Easter, which is three weeks away in 1916). Many azaleas were imported from Belgium, and with World War I raging, there was a shortage predicted in Boston in 1916. This spurred people to give extra care and attention, and to share techniques to preserve the plant. If Cousin Sarah had a particularly nice specimen of azalea in bloom (versus one that merely had been purchased lately), it makes sense that she wanted Aunt Sue to come to admire it."]

Tuesday, March 28, 1916

Pleasant - warm.
Irons about all of AM & some in PM.
Washed & ironed white dress with
lavender bands - came out well. Up to
aunts to tele. La - in AM. Mended some in
P.M. over town later & carried white dress &
some [?] lace to Lucie - Library etc. & back
early. Historical [Society] in eve - fairly good - a Mr.
Batchelder [spoke] on flags - of different nations
& Tommy Hutchinson reading an old deed.
Back about 10 & to bed. Nap in P.M.

Wednesday, March 29, 1916

Clear & nice.
Swept & dusted & washed kitchen
floor. Busy all of AM anyway.
Read & sewed in P.M. & later went over town -
Emb'd a towel to send to Mrs. Sturgis [in Mashpee] for
her birthday Sat. Called on Mrs. Deshon
who urged me muchly to stay to supper but [I]
refused steadily - "too soon a get." Read in
eve - & bed about 10 -

[!!!]

Bought 4 rose-bushes -
Thursday, March 30, 1916

Pleasant & nice - not very _cold
Up at 6 - dishes, lamps ashes etc.
And left at 8 for Boston. Dr. Bailey -
9 to 10 - a few errands & out by 11-30 - on
Lowell Car. At Franklin St. [trolley car] hit a woman
of 65 or so - a Mrs. Reilly and cut a fierce
gash in her head - broke a rib & collar-bone
Brought her in car and went to Police
Station where Dr. Young tended her and
took her to his hospital Head bleeding
fully & was a _bad sight. Home by 12 - very light
lunch & supper. Read & sewed in P.M. At 77 [Summer st.]
to see about linoleum for shed but it was too
far gone. Florence Harris over to see me & a man
from [Boston] elev'd [Railway] came to interview about accident.
To Lib. with Florence - few errands & back. Read in
eve & in bed before 9 - where I read awhile -

Friday, March 31, 1916

A beautiful day with walking
very good again and safe to go
without rubbers. Swept & washed and
dusted all the down stairs rooms even
the shed - started some of the dinner -
into pink crÃpe and read and mended
until La came a little before 12 - Lunch
about one - talked and sewed or emb'd -
and later called on Mrs. Deshon and
went to the Library - A rush supper &
left about 7-30 - stopped and asked Richard
Deshon if he wanted to walk - which he
did & we went to the foot of La's [Belmont] hill -
a fine night but I was dog-weary.
Richard back to house and in for a few
moments. Read paper and bed about 11 -

Saturday, April 1, 1916

Clear and fine and warm - an
ideal spring day.
Not up until 6-45. Oven behaved

quite well so made a sponge cake
and date bread (instead of nuts), wrote
here for the last week, and sewed some.
Over town late in P.M. to do a few
errands and pay some bills - electric
bill, [?] Dave's [?] etc. & to library as usual.
Read in eve awhile. Johnstons called on
Aunt Sarah and came in to see [me] about the
stove and about 8-30 I went to Amy's
to C.C. meeting. Only the Woods there but
everybody but Vida came later. Had quite [?]
a good time. Home at 11. Most everyone
dog-weary like myself.

[The digital image of this page that I have is very difficult to read.
If anyone else want to have a go, I could publish it on the Web.]

Robins and blue birds with us.
Sunday, April 2, 1916

Pleasant & nice - quite warm.
Up at 7-30. Stayed home [from church] & read
until nearly 12 when I went to the
rock [?] & back. Robins and bluebirds were
numerous by the brook. [?] and two blue- [?]
birds were in the apple-tree when I
sifted ashes early. Fire in Crosby's [?] & Cutters [?]
that men were fighting. Mabel & Jr in for
awhile. Aunt Sarah to church _alone -
met Mrs. Hobbs so had her come back for
the day. Amy & Edith down about 3 & we
walked to Winchester to church - nice walk
but E. & I were weary. Evelyn Scutney [?] sang
and Howard White played cello. _Rode house. [?]
"Light supper" & read in eve. Excuse [?] me [?], I
had supper with Mrs. Hobbs and Aunt Sarah.

Monday, April 3, 1916

Up soon after 6. Some rush as
I washed [laundry] and left for city [Boston] at
10 o'clock. Dr. Bailey's at 11 - only there
an hour, lunched at Mary E. as Acorn
was _packed, a good fruit salad. Out about 2.
Nearly got caught in elevator at Dr. B's - boys
didn't open door enough & started up too quickly.

Called at [renter] Mrs. Belyea's but didn't find her [?] library [?] and home about 4. Took in clothes and sprinkled them and read rest of P.M. & eve. & bed by 9 or so.

Tuesday, April 4, 1916

Cloudy & overcast - some snow but not to last at all. Rained hard later. [Did] Various things early and then ironed - not much of it to do. Think I napped a bit in P. M. and then read & sewed. Aunt Sarah over town. Jr. in a few moments. Didn't go out it was so wet. Read in eve.

Wednesday, April 5, 1916

Clear & nice.

Up soon after 6. Work done & left for [Library] staff meeting by 8-45. To Mrs. Belyea's - [then] paid about half of [her] rent out in bills and did a few errands & back at 11-30. Lunch, changed clothes and left with Aunt Sarah at one for city. She had had tickets given her for [William] Hodge in "Fixing Sister" - fairly good. Sat [?] 6_th row, too near for me & for general effect. Had tea at the English [Tea Room] and out by 6. Off [trolley] at centre to do some errands and get a skybook [?] for Aunt Sue. Read in the evening - some weary and bed early.

Thursday, April 6, 1916

Clear and nice.

Up 6-45. Ashes, lamps etc & then swept dusted and wiped floors of down-stairs rooms. Raked up the yard for an hour and improved it some-_what. Like an idiot ordered a _small ham [?] instead of half a one and here I am with nine lbs. of it to _eat up. Live and learn, maybe acquire indigestion in the learning. Slept [?] an hour in P.M. Coz. Sarah called on Aunt Sarah and came in to see my rooms.

(some sight at present) Mrs. Knight and Mrs Thompson called on Aunt Sarah so in to meet them. Over town to do various errands, & back about 6. Jr. up & said he'd have supper with me but got miffed and went home. Read in eve and up to bed by 8-45 but read until after 10.

Friday, April 7, 1916 #

My last day at the 38 [years] mark - Wow!!! Windy but pleasant - and quite cold. Up 6-40 - Not feeling much good so mended, sewed and wrote here - and stayed abed a goodly part of the day and went [to bed] for keeps by 8 P.M. but read some.

Saturday, April 8, 1916

My 39_th [birthday] and I wished for Popponnesett but had to be contented with Arlington which wasn't very gracious to me - as it was too cloudy & cold for [walking in] the woods and raining by P.M. and nothing good on at the theatres. Also stove acted like time. Not up until 7 as I didn't feel very frisky. Aunts [came] down early with a nice cake - 1/2 doz eggs - some pepp's - and a \$2 bill - then AJW [Amy] - who'd forgotten _my] day thinking its tomorrow (when she gave me a glove check for \$4) and soon after [that,] Mabel and the 2 [boy] children also had saved money and Barbara bo't me a doz eggs. Arthur, a red geranium and [George] Jr. a can of asparagrass-tips. Ma [?] - 2 pr. very pretty & much needed drawers. Aunt Sarah - a cake cooler & some fine choc's - that were muchly enjoyed. To city in P.M. looking for something for Jr. Ate alone tho Aunt Sarah asked me in. Read in eve. Vida up & stayed a nice long time and bro't a lovely emb'd crepe waist - Bed at 11.

Sunday, April 9, 1916

Rain early - then snow and a regular blizzard in P.M. clearing

late in eve. Up about 7. Down [to 146 Mystic] with Jr's [8th birthday] presents soon after 9 - had a small cannon, pistol and some soldiers, a choc. bunny, "Grandfather Frog" [*] - and 50¢ - felt too poor for much this year. Back [home] & read paper until after 12 - [changed] into glad clothes with an old skirt over them and to 77 [Summer] for dinner. Susie Watson there - left at 2-45 for library - duty 3-5.30. Miss Newton & Miss Leetch. On to Mrs. Deshons - Helen _and Clayton & Annie Welch there to supper & eve - & had a nice time. R. [came] over with me about 8-30. Bed soon.

[* books.google.com/books?id=UV1u6IbgoAIC]

Monday, April 10, 1916

Pleasant - quite cold early but sun warmed us up and snow disappeared quickly - Up 6.30 - Quite a washing to do but done in good season. Fine day for the woods but didn't get there. Nap in P.M. and not over town, until eve. Read in PM late. Library - called at Deshon's (?) and up to Florence Harris's for awhile. Bed soon after I came back. Aunts and Carrie Peirce playing cards at Aunt Sarah's in eve Mrs. Mc'Learn out awhile in eve.

Tuesday, April 11, 1916

Pleasant - rather a slow day as I didn't seem to accomplish much early. Ironed later. Had a ham to cook. Read etc. in PM - looked over a lot of post cards. Nap and over town later - library - errands etc. Read in eve - & bed fairly early. At Winn's (77) awhile early in eve.

Richard Harding Davis died - [*]
Wednesday, April 12, 1916

Pleasant, I think -

Swept and dusted rooms and
wiped up kitchen floor - made some
spanish cream, mended a very little -
& read some - Looked over a lot of cards -
letters etc, destroying a good many,
same in P.M. & late in eve. At aunts in AM -
Barbara up in P.M. & had supper
with me; [went] down with her - [washed] dishes - & to
Florence Harris - calling at aunts & Deshon's
on the way. Committee meeting to see about
eats for Historical [Society] - same old sixpence -
ice-cream, cake and coffee - decided by Mrs.
Gannett - as Florence agreed to everything. Mrs.
Martin [?] left early, and my suggestions were
all squelched. Back at 9-30 & to bed about
11 - feeling a bit blue - too many old letters etc [?]
Carrie Peirce called in AM.

[* en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Harding_Davis]

Thursday, April 13, 1916

Pleasant but with some clouds -
not very warm. Up 6-45. Put in most
of the day in my room finishing reading
letters, etc - and burning - Last of W.F.G's.
& R.L.W's. [*] _etc. Rather tiresome but some
interesting letters. Barbara up and stayed
most of the morning. Short nap in P.M.
Aunt Sue down with some dessert for my
dinner. Light supper and to library in eve.
& at Deshon's for raincoat. Only Richard
there, Ma at the movies. Read awhile
and light out at 10.

[* I believe that these initials stand for two gentleman callers from
several years previously, namely Wallace "Goody" Goodnow and Ralph
"Whit" Whitcomb.]

Friday, April 14, 1916

Rain & chilly -
Up 6-20. Fire [was] punk - better later.
Carpet - swept & dusted - Carrie Peirce
called. Doane's man [came] over with my mirror,
looks very good. Ironed a bit - wrote here &

a card to La. Made my first strawberry short cake - and ate half of it. Over town in PM - paid Doane, [then to] library & various errands. Read or sewed in eve.

Saturday, April 15, 1916

Clear & nice but very windy.
Bread to cook & made coffee cakes but oven was poor as usual. for latter.
Dusted some - washed ice-chest & little house ready for painting. Amy down in P.M. to say Gannetts wanted some one to ride [in auto] and as Aunt Sarah couldn't go I dressed in a rush & they came at 1-45. Charles, Mame, Esther & Carrie Peirce. Fine ride to Andover & home thru the Fells - stopping to see the Underwood bear [*] & other animals & birds. Back soon after 5 looking a sight with crooked hat and hair in all directions. Read some, supper etc - and Amy & I over town in eve on errands. Back by 8-30 - read awhile - bath & bed

[* books.google.com/books?id=qtxMAAAAYAAJ]

[From the Arlington Advocate, April 15:

"New Fire Proof Building.

Approaching completion on Medford Street is the most perfect specimen of fire proof construction ever erected in Arlington... Seven stores and eight offices in the second story occupy the front of this ornate reinforced concrete building, while the rear portion contains an up-to-date theatre, in plan, finish and decoration a rival of the best Boston playhouses... The basement section of this building is being fitted up by the Mystic Bowling Alley Co. There are eight full length bowling alleys, unusual arrangements for seating visitors, and every modern convenience will be offered patrons.... Billiard and pool rooms are located in adjoining sections."

www.regenttheatre.com/about]

Sunday, April 16, 1916

A glorious warm - spring day.
Not up until 8. Breakfast, etc. & read paper and longed for Mashpee. Went to walk about 11-30 - Peirce's Pines and back. Fine in the woods - honey-suckle & violets

well started - also snakes - saw a bunch [?] of 12 or more in the blueberry pie. Back about 2, lunched - dressed & read some. Mabel and Barbara up & later Geo. Prentiss came for awhile. M. to aunts & back to supper with me & we had just finished when bell rang and it was Mrs. Deshon and Richard - Mrs. D in to see Aunt Sarah awhile and R. here - others [?] up later & stayed until 9-30. R. to aunts for eggs in the meantime & Aunt Sue down with clothes [?] & to tell me Dr. Bailey tele'd and postponed the appointment. Bed about 11 -

Nine years today that Papa died.
Monday, April 17, 1916

Clear early - showers rest of the day.
Up 6-30. Washed - down for [buying] paint & put a coat on the "little house" - which took until one. Children up - vacation week. Lunch - dog weary so to bed awhile - then Mrs. Sterling called. & Maggie up to help Mrs. Mc'Lean [?] so [she came] in awhile. Aunt Sarah with aunts, et. [?] to Weston - picnic at Fannie Jones's. Began to pour before I [?] started but went to Mr. Duncan's & got some calendula's & carried them to the cemetery. On to do a few errands, lib & back at 6. Read in eve. [Rain] Poured some of the time. Light out at 11 - as I read in bed.

Tuesday, April 18, 1916

Rather raw and cloudy.
Up 6-30. Ironed [laundry] early & then put 2_{nd} coat of paint on the little house. Mabel [came] up for a recipe. Aunt Sarah [went] in town. Henry Daniels [came] over but couldn't stop - [I felt] Weary in P.M. and [took] a nap. Mr. Bishop up to say he'd come Thurs. to do the fireplace. Not over town until evening - To 146 [Mystic st.] first to telephone to La & then on to buy some bread - bother [?] Edith Rice & came home - read a bit & bed by ten -

Wednesday, April 19, 1916

One glorious day.

Pleasant - and warm enough - just
right for walking. Up 6-15 - washed some -
put up lunch etc - lobster & ham sandwiches,
crackers - toasted & picnic [?] - dutch [cottage] cheese & oranges.
Edith Rice here promptly at nine & we left
soon after for the woods - wandered [?] at our [?] own [?]
sweet will - saw thrushes, robins etc - in the brook [?]
there [?] - found pussies [willows?] - & then had the rock view
& went on to the pines - where we stayed a couple
of hours, and had lunch & such a good one - Edith
had scones [?] of her own make - jelly, candy, stuffed
figs & crackers, also ginger ale. Then wandered
along again & reached "her" camp - called on Uncle
Sam Smith, held the white rooster - & down to see Mrs.
Wade - washed up - to the resevoir [?] for the view - saw
deer tracks, & walked slowly home - getting here
about _7-45. Bit [of] reading & to bed - not very tired
but quite happy.

Set out roses [?] -

Thursday, April 20, 1916

Clear & fine - Up before 6 - Cleared
the dining-room for action - everything
out but the table. Mr. Bishop came by
nine [?] and by four I had a fine fireplace
ready for use - had been closed for over
fifty years. and it seemed _so _so good.
Worked out doors most all day - raking -
carrying etc. & Jack Welch [?] dug [?] up a
couple places and planted my pink
rambler [?], Killarney [?], La France & Persian
yellow and I transplanted a moss [?] rose [?]
& brought stars of bethlehem from the orchard
& planted by the lilacs - Had a nice day. Vida
up soon after 4 & [I went] over town with her - ordered
paint etc. Read in eve & bed quite
early.

Friday, April 21, 1916

Cloudy - some cooler. Rainy by night. Up before 6 -
& cleaned up dining-room & washed
floor, etc. Mrs Bishop came and white-

washed ceiling and did all of Aunt Sarahs and the halls. Waited for paint & in the meantime Joe Prentiss came & called and we asked him to stay to dinner and Aunt Sarah & I consolidated & we ate in there. Opened [?] paint in PM. Joe did a bit before going and I kept at it until nearly seven o'clock doing all but the window sash - white paint and made it look much lighter. Light supper - in kitchen - read and bed by nine.

Saturday, April 22, 1916

Clear early - then rain and poured all of P.M. and night. & quite cold. Up at 6 & early breakfast and washed kitchen floor and then started to paint and painted all day - going over the whole for a second coat except window sash, which had their first. Stopped long enough to sweep the halls and Aunt Sarah kindly dusted them, and for a bite of dinner. Josie Prentiss called in P.M. late. Aunt Sarah & I were invited to the Deshons to supper but it poured so hard we didn't go. Supped with her after changing dress at some after 6. Read in eve and to bed quite early.

Easter.

Sunday, April 23, 1916

Cold and rainy all day. Woke early & read, and up about 7-30. Church and sat with Florence Harris so we could talk Historical. S.S. later. Singing in church quite poor and sermon not so very good - not at all an inspiring service. Amy down awhile in P.M. Read and wrote here. Helen Damon-Smith called and loved the little home and then we went to the aunts where H. got some snowdrop bulbs Walked to Russell St. with her and then back to 146 [Mystic]. Met Etta & Flora outside and chatted awhile.

Back about 7 - & started to write when Miss Newton came and made a nice call & returned a jelly jar filled with chocolates. Wrote here again - a long letter to Miss Hatch and went to bed at 10.

Monday, April 24, 1916

Rainy - quite cold - a drizzly day.
Up at 6. Rushed breakfast, lamps and ashes and began painting soon after. [?]
Stopped long enough for some lunch and to move bed - but kept it up until 4-15 when I finished the third coat, and it looks quite good. Dressed in a rush and over town on errands - & back soon after 6. Mrs. Hobbs down to see Aunt Sarah so stayed to tea with her. Mabel up awhile in eve to see how the painting progressed. [?]
Wrote to Clarice as I had a letter today from her saying she was married April 2_{nd} - also to Clara Collins who sent me an Easter [?] card and some perennial sweet-pea seed.
Bed about 10.

[Also on this day, the Regent Theatre first opened its doors, screening Mary Pickford's movie "Rags."]

[Easter Rising in Ireland began.]

Historical - with "Poor Pillicody"
Tuesday, April 25, 1916

Up by 6 - Usual things & staid [?]
in to put on enamel. Found it rather harder than the other [paint] - left off at 10 - one door, mantel and some mop [?] done. To library then bank. & in town, to Davis [?] & got several samples of paper - lunched at Acorn - found my gray rug at [T. D.] Whitney's to my delight so bo't & bro't it out. Out by 3 - & to Florence Harris's, helped carry things to church & we fixed [flower] basket for long "food" table in ladies parlor - pussy willows & jonquils - & [went] on for Mrs Deshon & fairly rushed her to church. Historical Society - play

of "Poor Pillicody" [*] James Parmenter, Herman & Millie Bucknam, Nellie Hodgdon & Ethel Wellington - descendants of old [?] Shakspeare [sic] Club - howling funny. Lot of people there & a good many in old costumes. Ices - cakes - coffee (Hardy [?]) & peppermints later. Home soon after 11. Had a _good time.

[John Maddison Morton's one-act farce "Poor Pillicody" was first performed on July 12, 1848, in London. -- victorian.nuigalway.ie/modx/index.php?id=106]

Wednesday, April 26, 1916

Rainy - rather cold. Another day at painting - enamel this time & rather hard to put on. Started in soon after eight and kept it up until 2 [?] stopping only for lunch. Then dressed & rushed in town [Boston] to tell Mr. Davis I had decided on the yellow paper. Can't do it until next Monday so have a bit time to rest. At library awhile, errands & home about 7. Rather weary - light supper & bed quite early. Harriet [Daniels?] not so well. Miss Goodwin here - keeping in bed now.

Thursday, April 27, 1916

Clear & nice - quite cold. Up by 6 - Washed and then cleaned up all the down stairs rooms so that they looked quite good again. Mrs. Stearns called with some nice maple-syrup for me & stayed awhile. Painted door towards kitchen in P.M. and kept busy until about 3 - then dressed. Rested some & sewed a bit (!) Good to have painting done. Amy & Edith down awhile in eve. Read & to bed at 9 -

Friday, April 28, 1916

Another snow storm that lasted all day and a good husky one with very wet walking - at _least 5 in deep. Up by 6-30 - rushed & left at 8. & at Dr. Baileys from 9 to after 10. & he finished work for this time, took out a couple of old wisdom tooth roots. Walked to Park St. & did a couple of errands, stopped at Vida's (has a bad cold) & home at 12, wet & weary. Had some lamb soup with Aunt Sarah & then in and ironed and had an egg-nog later. Mended some. Barbara up so cut out dolls for her from L. H. J. Read a bit in eve. & to 146 soon after 7 & Geo & Mabel went with Emily & Arthur to bowl at Boat Club. Arthur & Barbara in bed about 8-30 but Jr. not until 10. Emb'd some, & rushed home at 11 when Mabel returned. Weary & to bed _very quickly. Rained some toward night. A record storm [?] - Had a wee wood fire and it burnt beautifully.

C.C. at Rachel Johnsons. [628 Pleasant, Belmont]
Saturday, April 29, 1916

Clear & pleasant and snow soon vanished. Good and busy all day, cleaning, painted doors to brick & ashes oven, washed dining-room windows, made cake, soft custard, cut up oranges & bananas and ground the last of my 9 lb. ham for omelet. & had some cheery little wood fires. Jr. in awhile. Jack Welch bro't [?] me some nice big wood for fireplace. Wash in P.M. slept 1/2 an hour, mended - over town at 5. on various errands, stopping at 57 [aunts] & 77 [Amy & Edith] on the way and at 57 on the way back. Just eating when Gannett's [?] with Amy & Edith came for me to ride to Rachel's - so of course couldn't go. Went up [?] stairs to get ready - so weary I rested a bit & found I _was so tired I'd better go to bed instead of Belmont so went by 7-30 but read some. Tooth ached some but "cajaput" [tea tree oil] did

the trick & I slept from 10 on.
Aunt Georgianna loaned me some old
andirons of theirs - great.
Harriet [Daniels?] not eating _anything

[Also on this day, the Easter Rising in Ireland ended.]

A chipping sparrow in new [?] apple tree -
Sunday, April 30, 1916

A clear, beautiful day - an east
wind but with the fireplace
busy I was more than comfy.
Didn't get up until 7-40 and had
breakfast at nine. Amy calling in the
meantime. Felt quite rested after
eleven hours in bed - Jr. in awhile -
Read, etc & wrote here - dinner at one -
walked to Forest St. and met Edith
Rice at 2-45 and we went up Turkey Hill
and then across to Steep Rock [now Road] - Wind made my
tooth feel like ----. Found dog-tooth violets,
blue violets and jack-in-the-pulpit - and one
wee cinquefoil. Fine walk Edith back with me
& [?] Barbara & Jr. in so they toasted bread by the
fire while I fixed tomato salad, tea, cut cake, etc
Mabel [came] in for children. Expected Amy but she
didn't show up (Mrs. Mabel Kitchen called on her.)
Dishes, read a bit and bed about 10 -

Monday, May 1, 1916

Pleasant & warm - a good breezy.
Up at 6. Fire about as usual - fair
early, nothing doing later. Washed early.
Paper hanger here from 9 to 4 and I have a
nice light dining-room now - in pale yellow.
Lunched with Aunt Sarah, as my rooms were
quite upset. Barbara up awhile in P.M.
Waited & mended but finally changed dress.
Room quite clean when men finished but [I]
brushed up and cleaned up some, and later
went over town. Read some and to bed
quite early, but tooth ached like mad
from before 12 until after one - nearly 2 -
and then at intervals - so that I walked

the floor a good share of the time.

Pleasant -
Tuesday, May 2, 1916

Up soon after six. Ironed - and then cleaned up the rooms some, washed floors etc - so kept busy. Rested awhile in P.M. To cemetery about 12 with some mayflowers for Papa. Barbara with me. Tele'd for some [fire-] wood and to Dr. Bailey about tooth ache - [he] said to paint with iodine. Read and mended in P.M. had an early supper - and over town later, to library - carried some arbutus to Gannett's and stayed awhile and then to Florence Harris's with flowers and stayed until nearly nine. Home & bed & read some.

Wednesday, May 3, 1916

Pleasant & warm - Rain in night.
Up 6-45. Various things and to library at nine to the Staff Meeting. Mrs. Rice and Edith back with me to see [my] house and Edith and I in orchard for plants for her and dog Jack [?] with us having a great time barking at the birds. Light lunch as I felt a bit "squeemy" [?] - Mended a lot in P.M. by the fire and Aunt Sarah in to enjoy it with me - and later Mrs. Deshon came and we made tea and toasted bread at the open fire and Florence Harris came in time to enjoy it with us, and latter stayed to supper with me after we had been to 146 [Mystic] so she could telephone to her mother. Mary [?] Winn here in eve after calling on Aunt Sarah and later Amy and Edith came down so we had a jolly room full and a good fire. Read papers [?] and to bed about ten. Two feet of nice firewood came in A.M. [?] Harriet growing weaker and taking no food but quiet -

[Harriet Daniels, born in 1836, was Aunt Sarah's sister.]

Thursday, May 4, 1916

Clear & nice. Harriet [Daniels] died about 9-15 this morning. Aunt Sarah and Mrs. Mc Learn [] had been up with her all night. Her breathing was hart but the end was easy. Miss Goodwin[] here to help and Hartwell later. & Henry Daniels in P.M. Kept busy, brushing up and doing all sorts of things. Had living-room stove taken out in P.M. and then cleaned out chimney - xxx lodes[] of soot that had evidently been gathering for ages - a mighty dirty job, washing[] xx bath later. Mabel in awhile - over town - to Mrs. Belyea's - then Lucie's to try on a waist paid[] for bill. Hutchinson's, to library, to Mrs. Deshon's[] Gannett's - paid Young's[] bill and called at 77 and back about 6-20. Late supper - Susie Dupee & Carrie Peirce at Anut Sarah's and xx to see me later. Emma[] Baker & Mabel up to xx Aunt Sarah. Wrote here, read a bit and bed.

Friday, May 5, 1916

Pleasant - a busy day. Swept, dusted washed all my rooms and the windows down-stairs. Rest also - sweeping. Done at 2-30. Mrs. Hobbs [came] to see Aunt Sarah in P.M. and back [?] again for the night. Over town in P.M. errands & to the Library. Florence Harris here in the evening with a forsythia bush [?] and a dear little cake for me. Later we went to the Winn's (77) Helene Johnson had walked over with Miss Robbins one of Dr. Young's nurses. Amy & I went part way back with them & talked so it was 10 when I got back. Aunt Sarah had had callers - so was still up. Bed at 11 -

Saturday, May 6, 1916

Rained early but cleared by ten or so. Up 6-45. Made a cake and managed to bake it in my oven. (with wood fire) Jr. [?] over for sugar for me. Helped Aunt Sarah with flowers, arranging them - there were a great many beautiful ones. Harriet

looked very well. The funeral was at 2.30 with Mr. Rider. Aunt Sarah wanted us to go to the cemetery so I went with Aunt Sue, Geo. & Mabel. Dora & Geo [?] both [?] to funeral. Over town later with Mabel & at aunts with some things & Aunt G. gave me beans and brown bread so I had a nice supper (as if I usually [?] didn't). At F. Harris's in eve with Historical bills for approval - & she & I at the Gannett's until 9.-clock [?]. Bed by 10.

Set out a forsythia bush by piazza in eve - one that Florence Harris gave me.

[unreadable]

Sunday, May 7, 1916

Changeable - some showers.

Up 7-20. Read some after a light breakfast - & then went up to our bit [?] of woods and found some beautiful saxifrage and rue anemone, one honey-suckle and a few violets. Brought a violet root home and planted it. Went to the cemetery with Aunt Sarah and carried the wild flowers for [brother] Arthur - 23 years today since he died. Wrote here.

An oriole sang by the house early and I saw another in the birch [?] by Crosby's - also a wee yellow bird, cat-birds, downy woodpecker and chipping sparrows.

Jr. up in P.M. and part way up Summer St. with me. Met E. Rice at 3-15 [?] on Forest St. called for a D---- girl - then up Aerial St. to Mr. Craslands [?] - great flower lover [?] - his daughter with me & we went for hepaticas on Locke's land - rather late for them but I never saw so many cowslips - Got dog-weary. Home with Edith to supper and had a nice time, saw the house etc - and stayed until _9-30. Bed _very soon & gladly tho I had a fine walk.

Monday, May 8, 1916

Pleasant - Washed [laundry], which took most of the morning. Planted some nasturtium seeds and the marigolds & hepaticas I got yeaterday. Kept busy at something or other -

Read in eve - (?) -

Tuesday, May 9, 1916

Pleasant.

Ironed most of the morning.
and mended about all the after-
noon. Myra Barker called on Aunt
Sarah & came in for half a minute or so.
Over town later - wanted floor paint but
didn't have the right shade. In library
for awhile, home and read. Bed by 10.

Wednesday, May 10, 1916

Pleasant & fine.

Up at 5-50. Swept & dusted all my
rooms and half of my half of the attic and
carried air-tight stove up there and
met E. Rice on the 9 o'clock Winchester [trolley] car.
Went for bloodroot - rather late but found
quite a lot and piles of wood-anemone.
Down on the 11-30 [car]. Put in most of the
afternoon mowing the lawn - grass so long
it was hard work. Later, while I was
over town a boy stopped and asked
if we wanted him to work - only 15¢ [~\$4 now] an
hour so he comes tomorrow.
Read and bed soon after 9 -

Thursday, May 11, 1916

Pleasant - _very windy -

Up at 6 - Paint didn't come so
finished brushing up attic and
cleaned paint in my rooms. Barbara
here to spend the day - had to eat in
the kitchen - James Davie here in P.M.
working - Junior High boy, finished Aunt
Sarah's lawn and started to dig my hi [?]
garden - worked until six. Edith Whittemore
here in the evening - called on both sides [of duplex].
Aunt G. down in the night as Aunt Sue
went to Dartmouth - Junior Prom - to be
gone about a week. Walked part way
with Edith, read and bed about 11 -

Friday, May 12, 1916

Pleasant - windy - and everything getting dry. A busy day. Washed one side of kitchen and then floor paint came so began dining room floor about 11 - Stopped for lunch and had it done and brushes washed at three [o'clock]. Boy here working - and dug up my various gardens - 2-6 [PM?] - Transplanted the sweet-williams in order to do away with the round centre bed. Kept me busy. Over town in eve and talked with E. Rice in Lib. until 9 - Home then. Rest [?] abed.

Saturday, May 13, 1916

Clear & nice.

Up by six, early breakfast - made some tiny cakes - fixed stuff for short-cake all but milk, strawberries etc. planted four-o'clocks, snap-dragon, candytuft and poppies -. Boy here finishing lawn from 8- to 11-30, looks fine. Cleaned some. Bath in P.M. rested and then sewed. Over town in eve on various errands - called at the Deshons. Met Jennie Frost who asked me to Amherst night at the "Pops" next Wed. Other ladies abed when I returned and it didn't take me long to follow suit.

Sunday, May 14, 1916

[unreadable] - our land next George's.
Bellwort - rue anemone - wood anemone,
wood betony, quaker violet, wild cherry,
honeysuckle, corydalis, blueberry, saxifrage,
jack-in-the-pulpit, - wild strawberry, pansy foot [?]
mustard - cinquefoil - beggar-ticks
Up at 7-20 - an easy breakfast - watered
onions, plants & seeds and started for
a walk about 10. [George] Jr. joined me and
later Arthur & we went to the ledge
overlooking Mystic - finding flowers

named above, hills [?] blue with the quaker
violet - boys liked the honey-suckle and
jacks [in-the-pulpit?] best. Back soon after 12 - had an
egg-nog and strawberry shortcake, and
[unreadable] for a nap & stayed up reading paper
until Amy & Edith came down when
we sat out doors awhile. Aunt G. with
Aunt Sarah. & Mrs. Sterling, Annie [?] Bates, Susie D.
Carrie P. & Coz. Sarah called there. Vida in
at [?] six and Aunt Sarah asked us into
supper [?] which was mighty nice of her & both
enjoyed it. Talked & later part way home
with [?] her. Read in bed until 10.
[unreadable] floor but not quite dry enough.

Monday, May 15, 1916

Showers and cloudy - quite cool.
Up 6-30. Made some tiny cakes for
Mrs. Deshon - her birthday today.
Washed and planted some seeds -
calendula and coreopsis, and set out
a quaker violet - also ironed a morning
dress. Barbara and 2 Tobins up awhile
in P.M. but not in. Napped for an hour,
& wrote here. Spread papers on floor so
I could walk about. Over town on errands
etc, didn't find Mrs. Deshon but went
back later and they insisted on my
staying for supper, and about eight they
came over [to Summer st.] with me and stayed until
9-30. Read paper & W.H.C. [*] until _12.

[* uwf.edu/dearle/enewsstand/enewsstand_files/Page4337.htm]

Tuesday, May 16, 1916

Quite cold.
Cloudy, some rain now and then
but not heavy. Ironed most of the
morning - Early dinner of baked mackerel
that Aunt Sarah gave me. Bit of a rest
and read and met Vida at 2 and in
town together. Found some fine rubber-
soled shoes for \$1.95 [~\$60 now] in Filene's bargain
basement, also a 5Â¢ vase at the 5 & 10. To Miss

Stone's while Vida had a suit fitted -
Out by 5-30. V. to last music lecture.
Bought some frankfurts for supper and
they were good on a cold, damp night.
At the Winn's (77) in eve until about 9.
Read in bed until 10. Aunt G. [stayed] with
Aunt Sarah.

[Also on this day, France and the United Kingdom concluded the secret Sykes-Picot Agreement, which proposed dividing Arab lands, after the World War and the partitioning of the Ottoman Empire, into French and British spheres of influence. The Agreement is considered to have shaped the region, defining the borders of Iraq and Syria, and leading to the current conflict.]

Cold.

Wednesday, May 17, 1916

Woke up to hear the rain pouring
down in good shape - and just
pelting now at 9-30 A.M. Swept and
dusted rooms and wrote here and to
Emily P.B. and Nellie Dean. [*] Rested some
in P.M. rain stopped luckily - over town,
an early supper and into Rouse [?] silk and
winter coat, it was so cold. Left at 6-45 &
met Jennie at 7-45 at Symphony Hall.
Amherst Night and fine as ever. The
Amherst leaders small son led one verse,
to the delight of all. Marquarre, [?] the regular leader, was
no good - music was good in spite of him -
Dandy seats - 1_{st} bal. near stage. Home from
centre in taxi at Jennie's expense & she went
on home. Bed by 12 but woke soon after [then] with
wild neuralgia in my face, d--d old wisdom
tooth roots - slept mighty little during night.

[* Both Emily Penstone Bickerdike and Nellie McMahan Dean were Nina's second cousins, born in the same year as she was and living in Illinois.]

Pleasant.

Thursday, May 18, 1916

Neuralgia better during day but
worse than ever at night. Slept - five
and ten minutes at a time and nothing

would help but cold water - "Sumpin fierce"
Busy in the morning - washed part of kitchen
after putting second coat of paint on the
dining room floor. Rested a bit in P.M. & then
went over to see Aunt Lizzie - Cars slow &
arrived at 4. Found her ironing but glad
to see me. Richard there and Papa [?]. Didn't
see [?] Holly. Uncle Ed in N.H. Stayed to supper
and left with them at 7 - then being Holly,
aunts Elizabeth and Altanah who were going to
see [?] Ethel Barrymore. Home soon after 8 and
to [?] bed soon after 9 but _not to sleep. much.

Friday, May 19, 1916

Up 6-45 - and blamed neuralgia
kept up about all the morning - Expected
to help Aunt Sarah & Maggie clean
hall but no go. Made a bed by the
"white house" and planted morning glories -
ordinary and Japanese - but had to run in
for cold water every minute or so. Went
to aunts about 11 & it slowly eased up and
didn't begin again - Got an hours sleep
in P.M. & read later. Junior Alliance
girls in Belmont gave "Fauchon, the Cricket"
in eve but didn't dare go. Edith down
a few moments.

Saturday, May 20, 1916

Pleasant - cool.
Up 6-15. Made some cakes. Amy
down & later [I] went up there and on
Cutters rock awhile with her (?) & Madelin Whitney
Aunt Sarah left in AM. to visit the Riders
over Sunday, and Mrs. McLearn went for
good about 8 AM. Nap & read & mended
in P.M. & over town later. Think I read in
eve & went to bed fairly early & quite weary
& no neuralgia. Josie down in PM to
see if I would go to Campfire girls play
(Esther Gannett's) in eve but feared the old
tooth-ache.

Sunday, May 21, 1916

A wonderful day.

Up at 7-40. Filled lamps and had fire started when Dorothea Clapp came to say that Amy had a sick headache and could I go to Nahant with them. Had a glass of milk - locked [?] & changed shoes & dress & went by 8-30 in Dot's [?] car with Jo Frost & Madelin and a little chap [?] Charlie Thomas driving. Sat on rocks & later had lunch - sea was wonderful, had a fine ride down, windy but not cold - walked out by Ledges & on rock, path [?] & home by electrics, narrow gauge, ferry & walking. Here soon after 3 - changed dress, made bed, _dusted, hulled berries & started biscuit before my company came. Mrs. Rice and Edith & Jennie Frost - former to see _the apple tree mostly. Lit fire in fireplace and ate in dining room from small table with papers under foot - Dishes later & then we all talked until they went about 9-30 - Took paper to bed with me & read until 11 or so.

Monday, May 22, 1916

Clear & glorious -

Up by 6. Washed and such a good drying day that I ironed in P.M. At aunts in A.M. for some worms and a forget-me-not root that I set out. Tried to have a bath in P.M. & missed a ride with Annie Prentiss and Joe, - chance to pay the milkman & finally got dressed enough to let Emma Hesseltine and small daughter Gertrude in & then finished. Aunt Sarah back from Essex about 5. Had an early supper & to cemetery with some lilacs & on to Vida's. Fred just home from Meredith N. H. where he is interested in a "towel" [?] mill, had had some given him so gave me _6. - Aunt Sarah rang up that she had lost her key and locked herself out so I called for her at 77. Bed by 10.

Tuesday, May 23, 1916

Rainy and cold. Up 6-30 - Usual things doing early and then finished washing the kitchen walls Aunt Sarah & Maggie did _her kitchen. Hustled into other clothes and off by 11-50 - ordered wood at Uncle Warren's [Peirce & Winn] - called at E. Rice's - (they went to Medfield in spite of the rain). On to Vida's by 12-15 to have lunch and spend the P.M. with her. Talked, sewed, etc - out to see the garden and the numerous wee chickens. Damon down & helped him try to fix the electric bells, and then the old neuralgia started up in my face and I had to hustle back and had a fierce time until about 9. when it slowed up and I read some and toasted a couple slices of bread at the fireplace, went to bed & slept with windows _down - but no ache.

Wednesday, May 24, 1916

Pleasant - quite cool.

Up 6-45. Expected to clean but felt rather punk after the neuralgia. Dusted etc - at aunts a bit. Set out some chrysanthemums Aunt Sarah gave me & the pink geraniums out front that Mrs [?] Damon bro't up, so kept busy. Nap in P.M. and mended an hour or more and [went] over town. Aunt Sarah over earlier & to cemetery [?] Invited her in to supper and had some nice fried butter-fish. Mrs McLern [?] here in eve and Mabel up until nine or so. Read paper and light out about 10-30.

Ella Kimball married this evening to ----- Swan.

Wood came early in AM - all put in shed, very handy & nice.

Sat out doors for the first time - [unreadable]

Thursday, May 25, 1916

Clear and warm and beautiful -

Up before six and breakfast eaten

by 6-45. Aunt Sarah much earlier.

Bed etc. & carried Aunt Sarah's bag as

far as 77, she and Mrs. Hobbs off to White Horse with Carrie Peirce for 2 weeks or so - Hustled things from front room - George helped me carry back dining-room table and then I cleaned the room, _some dirty paint especially the window sash. All done and in order by 2-15. Brushed up the cellar a bit, and then had a good wash and for the first time this year sat on the piazza. Wrote here. James Davie down making the lawn look nice & young & smooth. Edith Winn in a few moments and Mr. Hutchins - Mr. Sterlings friend. Early supper & watered the gardens. Amy down about 6-45 & asked me back for the night so grabbed my nighty and sewing and went with her.

Friday, May 26, 1916

Up at 5-30 - A glorious morning. Amy [came] down with me. Breakfasted and then washed the kitchen ceiling and floor, the cellar stairs and painted Aunt Sarah's side [?] Just ready to start out when Joe & La [Prentiss] came so had a ride to Belmont. Family all fine Had a gorgeous auto ride in P.M. - Waltham, Piety Corner, Weston, Wayland, Sudbury, Concord, Lexington to Belmont. Joe, La - Ma & Dorothea Coe. La & I to the Library in eve to see Rachel - Mrs. Robbins & Miss Blanchard here [?] - Later we went for Ma to Mrs. Frost and [?] had a nice time talking eating and listening to the music. Back about 10-30 to [?] bed. La & I slept in Herbert's room but he didn't [?] show up at all.

Saturday, May 27, 1916

Pleasant & fine - cooler in eve with some rain. Up by 6-45 but after dressing talked with La until 8. We both went out with scythes to mow the dandelions - not very expert - some blisters & a lame back later. Joe fixing wireless apparatus with help of a young tanner [?] from Tufts. La to library. Walked

home in P.M. with a lot of plants. - dog weary -
stopped at Mrs. Deshon's & we went down town &
do [?] errands. Stopped at 77 [Summer st.]. Light supper & a
short rest - at 57 a moment then 77 - for the
girls & on to do errands & then to the C.C. at
the Woods - Jennie there & Vida in later.
Marjorie had to work so didn't come until
_9-30. Sewed & talked - had nice ice cream &
crackers. Back at 10-30. In for nighty & up with
girls. Susie D. there so slept in Amy's room -

[Apparently Nina was reluctant to sleep alone in the duplex when Aunt
Sarah, who lived in the other half, was away at White Horse Beach.
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White_Horse_Beach,_Massachusetts]

Sunday, May 28, 1916

Cloudy & cold - some showers.
Amy down soon after 6 and we talked
for an hour before dressing - Had a nice
breakfast with them. Charles over for Susie D.
Down [home] at 8-30. Started fires in stove and fire
place - then set out fox gloves & yellow daisies
and planted dahlias and _gladiolus. Carried
some to 77. & [went] to 57 for eggs. Aunts down later
with clothes. Barbara up and had dinner
with me. Rested & read later and wrote here
Amy down to supper with me and
Barbara up for her flag and stayed
awhile. Back with Amy for the
night - and bed at 10.

Monday, May 29, 1916

Showers early but cleared by ten
and much warmer.
Didn't wash [laundry] - so made cake - soft
custard and salad dressing - Put up
strings for morning glories & nasturtiums.
Wrote to Bessie [Boardley, in Mashpee] that I'd be down Saturday.
Mabel up & we went in the orchard for
buttercups and stars of bethlehem, only a few of
the latter out. Late dinner, rested and started
for cemetery. Stopped to inquire for [boy] John -
about the same. Maggie broken up because she
can only see him Sundays. Mabel said Emily

was just going to take her to cemetery in the auto so asked me to go & then took me up town. At library out [?] with E. Rice & met Jennie Frost so walked up Mystic St with her. Light supper - watered - blamed tooth kept grumbling - Only 2 here for lilacs. At Amy's soon after 8. Read & bed at 10. Got weighed. - down to 148 1/2.

Tuesday, May 30, 1916

Rain early and cloudy and misty all day - rather warm. Up at 6 and hustled home, breakfast and dishes, picked some [unreadable] & to cemetery with those and some pansies that Mabel gave me. Met Mina Shirley there. Felt too weary and much too bankrupt to go with Library Staff to Wayside Inn. - only [unreadable] \$1.15 but I am down to 12^Â¢. Florence Harris called [?] and Aunt Sue came down to get the [unreadable] (wet wash) - A few here for lilacs. Light work [?]. Amy down a few moments. Read & slept [unreadable] wrote here & sewed some - & at Amy's awhile [unreadable] Edith with Gannett's to Sudbury for a [unreadable] supper - rained - Read & emb'd in eve. [unreadable] rather lonesome and decided to go to [unreadable] but found it was raining so went to [unreadable] at 8-30 - Read an hour - Slept very well. [unreadable] tooth grumbling some.

Wednesday, May 31, 1916

Cloudy but cleared later & a good breeze all day. Washed & ironed which took until 2. Aunt Sue down & bro't me some nice rhubarb sauce & 2 gems. [?] Rested & read in P.M. & over town later to Lucie's - lib, etc. Coming from latter when I met Joe & Ma in the auto - talked awhile and then they asked me up for the night - bro't me over [home] to lock up etc - & went. La back from Boone about 7. Mrs. Winneck [?] up in eve - some music etc. & bed at 11 -

Little chipping sparrows appeared today.

Thursday, June 1, 1916

Clear & glorious - rather cool.

Up about 7. & ate with Ma & Dad [Prentiss].

To the centre by 8-45 in auto with Joe & Herbert. To 146 & tele'd to So. St. & found only [unreadable] & 1-08 trains are on. Back to 37 & washed & ironed a waist - pink crepe dress [unreadable] Mabel's blue & white tablecloth. At aunts [unreadable] bit. Lunch & library by 1-30 - in E. Rice's room [?] until [?] 6 while she went to Lexington with [unreadable] to a Book-mending demonstration. Not [unreadable] busy - little writing mending etc. [unreadable] & read & wrote some. Amy down [unreadable] back with her for the night. Read [unreadable] soon after 9 -

New, lovely moon -

Friday, June 2, 1916

Clear & fine. Up at 5-30 and to 37 -

Carpet - swept & dusted - washed dining & kitchen floors - etc. etc. & left at 10-30. To Mrs. Belyea's - errands - Mrs. Deshon's and in town, to Dr. Bailey's - [he] thought tooth O.K. and did nothing - a few errands - paid Davis's bill [?] for dining-room paper - \$13.29 [~\$400 today] - some more than I thought & a lot more than I hoped it would be. Lunched at Acorn - out by 3 - in orchard to plant some willows & get flowers - to 146 with some things & tele'd Aunt Lizzie - to cemetery and watered, back to 37 & to Library at six and home - with Edith Rice for supper, down to say Goodbye to Vida - in library a moment. & stopped at 77 & 57 & to 146 and then home and to bed by 10 - sleeping alone [in the house] - and well.

To Mashpee.

Saturday, June 3, 1916

A wonderful, clear day. Up by 4-45.

Built fire - cold bath etc. Mike down by [unreadable] with some beets. Early eat [?] & finished packing etc. Aunt Sue, Amy, & her mother [unreadable] by on their way to the June breakfast. Left [?] by 6-30 - in [Boston] on electrics - met Mr. Deming [?]

[unreadable] Harvard Sq. on his way to Falmouth.
[unreadable] we kept together as far as Buzzard's Bay.
[unreadable] and him a very interesting talker.
[unreadable] Bessie met me at Sandwich - a few errands
[unreadable] do [?] - nice ride over, birds singing, trees soft [?]
[unreadable] beautiful - violets etc [?] out & stopped at
[unreadable] Camp [?] & here about one. Opened up - had
[unreadable] dinner, made beds etc. house in very
[unreadable] condition. Over to see Grandma and
[unreadable] had a nice walk to Hicks [?] - many
[unreadable] flowers & birds - & the dog-wood tree in blossom.
[unreadable] gave me beans, brown bread and banana
[unreadable] for my supper. Read some in eve & went
[unreadable] bird and flower lists & to bed about 9 -
[unreadable] until Bessie came by 10 & then to sleep.
[unreadable] then.

Mashpee.
Sunday, June 4, 1916

Pleasant, quite cool early [unreadable]
cloudy. Bessie left soon after six [?]
but I put in the laziest day of my [?]
existence and _slept and read until
twelve o'clock. Will over and mowed
some and found Eben's cat in the
barn with three kittens, _one _dead.
Breakfasted at 1-30 and about three
went for a walk in the woods back of
house. & later to Grandma's. Mrs. Amos
there to call so [came] back with her. Wrote here etc
light [?] supper. Bessie over by 9 or so
and bed soon after.

Monday, June 5, 1916

Clear [?] and nice - quite warm.
Bessie [?] left by five and I got up soon
after [?] 7. Swept and dusted house
and [?] worked in the garden a lot. Eben
[unreadable] dug some so lower end is quite
[unreadable]. Found lots of cosmos coming up.
[unreadable] big flourishing marigolds, sweet
[unreadable] and bachelor buttons budded.
[unreadable] other things at supper [?] and
[unreadable] well. Down town later going

[unreadable] the woods - Attaquin House open
[unreadable] more - a lot of bundles so Lawrence
[unreadable] me back in the car.
[unreadable] etc in eve, and bed soon after 9
[unreadable] Bessie over later.
[unreadable] Hammonds daughter, Mrs. Young
[unreadable] in PM. [?] and brought me some very
[unreadable] hot doughnuts - over there awhile. [?]
[unreadable].

Tuesday, June 6, 1916

Pleasant -
Up about 7 or so. Bessie left soon
after 5 (I think.) Worked out doors
a good deal during the day. Had to
saw some wood - good hot work.
Walked to Hicks's [?] late in P.M. Blamed
lot of woodticks but beautiful flowers.
Read in eve and wrote to E. Rice
and emb'd some. Bed about ten
after a hot wash. Bessie here 10-30
or so - had been to movies at Cotuit.

[Also on this day, the National Woman's Party was formed "to secure
an amendment to the United States Constitution enfranchising women"
and to pass the ERA. en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Woman%27s_Party]

Wednesday, June 7, 1916

Quite pleasant - cloudy P.M. and
rain by night. Up about 7-30.
Bessie went an hour earlier. Worked in
the garden most all day and did
quite a lot. At Bessie's late in P.M.
and Marjorie and I picked up
kindlings for both houses and then went
to the camp. Beautiful ferns there.
which Teddy [?] gave me.
Read paper ^ in eve and emb'd some.
(Earl Kitchener drowned off the Orkney
(Islands. Monday night about 8 PM.
(Pres. [Yuǎn Shǎnkǎi] of China dead.
Sam Jones's dog came up about six -
scratched and whined until I let
him in when I settled down for the

night. So cold I had [a] little fire
in the air-tight [stove]. Bessie over soon after
nine [?] and bed about ten.

Thursday, June 8, 1916
[opening cottage in Mashpee]

Showery all day and quite
cool. Up at 6-30 and built fire
and dressed later. Bessie went [home] about
seven. Washed all the floors but Geo's.
room and when I began on the kitchen
Sam Jones's dog thought it was time for
him to go home. Washed all the down-
stairs windows on the inside before dinner and up-
stairs later and then worked in the
garden an hour. Refused two rides, to
Cotuit with Bessie and [to] Sandwich with
Mrs. Collins and Lawrence on account of
tooth & neuralgia and then went down
town in the rain and later to see
Grandma Sturgis. Wrote cards to Amy,
Aunt Sarah and Mabel - and [wrote] in here in
eve. Up to bed at 9 and read until 10.
Bessie [came] over about 9-30 -

Friday, June 9, 1916

Still rainy and the wettest wet.
Bessie went [home] about 7 but it was nearly nine
when I crawled out [of bed] and ten when I had
breakfast. Mended some - at Sturgis's for an
hour - borrowed saw and sawed some
wood before dinner (3 PM). Wrote a card
to Aunt Mame and letters to Aunt Lizzie
and Vida and a card to Aunt Sue.
Carried them to Mr. Hammond and asked
him to mail them as I knew I'd never
wake in time [tomorrow] and it's too wet to walk
down town [now]. Little Mother Cat came in
and teased so I finally bro't the box with
the kittens in and put [it] by the stove and she
was more than delighted. Read and emb'd
in eve. - mended until dark. Bessie over [here] by 9
and we sat and talked and read until after 10
and got to bed about 11 -

Saturday, June 10, 1916

Same old rainy, cold weather [in Mashpee] -
Up at 8 - after breakfast made a cake
and filled it with raspberry, read a bit
washed out a few things etc - then to Sturgis's
and to Hicks's - [got] soaked so into dry articles
once more, late dinner. Mr. Hammond bro't
me a bowl of delicious fish chowder - (salt fish)
and the [news] paper - so read that in PM - to Mrs. S's
with a letter for her and then returned the
paper and stayed awhile. Some of Bessie's
nice beans, brown bread and blueberry pie for
supper. Read and emb'd in eve. Bessie to
Cotuit - [I] had gone to bed when she came [here] at 10.
Saw 7 eagles flying in circles together on my way
to the Sturgis's in the morning.

["In colonial New England, baked beans were traditionally cooked on Saturdays and left in the brick ovens overnight. On Sundays, the beans were still hot, allowing people to indulge in a hot meal and still comply with Sabbath restrictions. Brown bread and baked beans were a popular meal on Saturdays and Sundays in Massachusetts until at least the 1930s." --- en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston_baked_beans]

Sunday, June 11, 1916

Cold & stormy.
Didn't rain early but cloudy - about
noon the sun came up but there was
distant thunder and later it _poured.
Bessie and I up at eight - Made a
chocolate cream pie after breakfast - worked
an hour in the garden, but too wet to do
much. Over with milk jar - Bessie and Will
away so stayed to talk with Grandma, then
it began to pour and had to wait till it stopped
and in the meantime, she insisted on my
having dinner with she and Marjory. Back at
5-30 - off with the wet duds and into pink dress,
wrote here, to La & Flora - Marjory over and stayed
until dark, reading. Read in eve and
finished that blamed poor book, "The Bachelors"
Bessie over 9-30 or so. Bed soon after.

Monday, June 12, 1916

Changeable [weather]. Quite pleasant until the end of the afternoon when it began to _pour - and kept it up for a couple of hours. Saw the moon for the first time for days. Bessie went [home] by 6-30 and I got up at 7. Lamps, etc, dry mopped rooms - just done when Bessie came on her way to Cotuit and asked me to go. Had a nice ride. Back soon after 12. Did some weeding in P.M. Over for saw and sawed some wood. Marjorie [came] back with me and stayed until it rained. Read and emb'd in eve. Bessie [came] over by 9 - [we] talked awhile and bed at 10. Letters from Vida & Advocate from E. C. Rice.

Tuesday, June 13, 1916

Thick [fog] early but cleared later and was a nice day. Up at 7-15. Did some washing, dusting and cooking so kept busy all the morning. Rested in P.M. after ironing and donned pink crepe later and went down town - Called on Mrs. Chase. & saw Mr. C. and Mrs. Lovell [?] and met a Mr. Cooper who is at the Torna [?] camp with his family for June. Some errands. Letter from Aunt Lizzie and she says Helen [Hardy] doesn't get home until today from Northfield [School] - At Bessie's and Marjory and I picked up chips - Emb'd, mended old bathing bloomers & read in eve and bed at 9. Bessie over about 9-30 - Rather foggy in eve but saw the moon at times.

[Also on this day, Boston Tech (now MIT) formally crossed the Charles River from Back Bay to its new home in Cambridge.]

Wednesday, June 14, 1916

Foggy early - burned away and was a nice day but [fog] settled in again by six and very wet in eve.

Up before 7 - Bessie left an hour earlier.
Dug in the garden most of the day and
got some weary. Grandma [came] in a
moment on her way to Mrs. Hammond's.
Nap in P.M. then down town, errands
& called on the Collins girls and had
a nice visit. Such an attractive
yard, flowers, bird baths etc. Letters from
Aunt Sarah at White Horse still and Amy.
Over with Sturgis's mail and milk
bottles. Crackers & milk for supper as I
had baked mackerel for dinner, rice, lettuce
etc. Wrote Aunt Sarah & here in eve &
read some.

Thursday, June 15, 1916

Foggy early and late but very good
in between. Grew very cold in P.M.
Cleaned house some and scrubbed kitchen
floor and then worked in garden - some
weary but begins to look finished. At Bessie's
for a bowl of chowder (good, too) and tele'd the
P.O. no word from Helen - yet. Rested awhile
in P.M. then down town, mail to Sturgis's.
Dog-weary but supper rested me and then
I changed dress and went to graduation
with Bessie and Marjorie Sandford - Hall
decorated with daisies - quite a long program -
music was very good - the "Stamp Act" [?] by boys
quite good, but the readings, poems and
essays hardly up to the mark. A Mr. Ventura
of Provincetown, teacher - brother who teaches in
_Belmont spoke - not much good. Question to me
_why Belmont has him - Mr. Farley sat in front of
us - back to the stage until performance began -
Told us the Joe- [?] Jingle-bird is the famous hermit
thrush. Over with Bessie & to house about
10-30.

Friday, June 16, 1916

Quite pleasant and nice.
Worked in the garden most of the morning
and at last finished it, looks
very good - if only the rest of the family

would look after it this summer and
show signs of life. Down [town] early for mail -
no word from Helen - Dinner later and
rested some - felt some weary. At Bessie's
later - rained while there so waited until
it let up. She gave me some dandy clams
that I steamed, _great. Read in eve
in Cos. - "The Seven Darlings" [*] quite fascinating.
Bed about 11 -

[* books.google.com/books?id=4E5OAQAAMAAJ&pg=PA12]

Saturday, June 17, 1916

Poured about all day so I didn't
get up until 8-30 - breakfasted at
10-30, dined (?) at 3 and supped about 8.
Read in last years "Cosmopolitans" about
all day and late in P.M. - wrote letters
to Vida & E. C. Rice - & cards to Helen Hardy -
(who comes Tues. - card today at last)
& Jennie Frost. Mr. Hammond over
with the paper for me to read. Read
some more in eve and sat up for Bessie
and then we talked until about 11-30 -
Bessie brought over the best kidney beans
I ever ate so I had to eat about half
right off - [She] Puts only pepper - salt and
mustard in them besides the pork.

Poured early Wild strawberries.
then

Sunday, June 18, 1916

Pleasant and nice. Bessie had
to go by seven and I got up about 8.
Rushed breakfast etc on oil lamp - wood
scarce [for stove]. At Bessie's soon after 9 and
waited until 10-30 when we went fishing.
Marjorie with us - tried centre of [Mashpee] pond and
shore and not a nibble anywhere. Back [at] 12-30,
[ate] dinner after nearly wasting getting wood
sawed - wrote Mabel in PM - carried several
letters and cards to Mr. Hammond to mail.
Toasted crackers and fixed cream pie and at
Bessie's again about 4-30 - and she, Marjorie

and me [rowed] to Canomet [Conaumet Neck]. Walked about and picked wild strawberries until I saw a snake - (had already seen an adder on the way to the boat), so then went back & read mostly - tho M. & I had a walk to see Wakeby [Pond]. Had our lunch on the sand and came home at dusk. Plenty of mosquitoes around us while eating. Waited for Bessie and over [home] together by 9-30 and bed quite soon.

Quite hot
Monday, June 19, 1916

Another nice day with a few sprinkles in late P.M. Up at 6-30. Did some washing and ironing - cooking & washed windows. Over for the Canomet wood soon after two and about three Marjorie and I went in for our first dip - Water was great - not too cold, tho not heated at all. Down town later to do a few errands and returned Bessie's wheelbarrow. Tried to sit on the piazza in the evening but mosquitoes were too many for me, so came back [indoors] - wrote here and read. Bessie over about 10.

Tuesday, June 20, 1916

Clear & nice - warm.
Up 5-40. & ate very early, then swept and dusted the house & was dressed by 9-30. At Bessie's & she & I to Sandwich - through the woods - dodging caterpillars. Went to [meet] the 11-27 [train] but no Helen - Back by the Boardley's - to P.O. & [got] letter saying Helen would come tomorrow - Home about 2 - Mrs. Hammond [came] in an hour then [I] ate a bit - read etc. Marjorie [DeGrasse] over to stay all night. Bed at 9 -

[Helen Willard Hardy (born in 1897) was Nina's first cousin, on her mother's side.]

Pleasant & fine but rain by night.

Wednesday, June 21, 1916

Helen Hardy came.

Up at 6-30 or so. Marjory and I
breakfasted by 7 and then I went over
with her for awhile. Back [home] and read.
& dressed in pink & there 9-30 or so
and with Marjory drove to Sandwich
meeting Helen on the 11-27 [train] - [she] came this
time and we had a nice ride back
together arriving [home] at 1-30 - Had dinner
& then went down town in the rain -
errands etc. Poured all the evening
so didn't venture out again. Had
a strawberry shortcake and went to
bed by 8-30. Read an hour.

Thursday, June 22, 1916

Fine & clear - quite cool -
Not up until 8 and Helen woke [?]
about 11 - Read etc - over for milk -
breakfast at 10 or so. Bit under the
weather so kept rather quiet. Late
dinner at 3, steak, french fried _etc & about
5-30 went to walk - Pickerel Cove & back -
covered with d.-d. ticks and batted
caterpillars all the way - quite lovely aside
from that. At Sturgis's awhile. Mary
there. Bessie gave us some dandy
quohaug [clam] chowder & we made short-cake -
eating at 8-30. At Hammond's in the
meantime. Up to bed at 9-30. & read til 10-30.

[Also on this day, the first publication on gravitational waves,
written by Albert Einstein, was submitted to the Prussian Academy of
Sciences in Berlin. Their existence was only a theory, until a few
months ago. en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LIGO]

Friday, June 23, 1916

Clear and glorious - warmer

Up at 7. Baked ham and
custards and made rhubarb sauce.
- dug around rose-bushes, etc. Helen up
about 10. Put up a light lunch - egg

sandwiches, cookies and choc. cream pie -
asked Marjory to go along and rowed to
Canomet [Conaumet] for the day. Helen & M. in wading
while I read - then lunched and we all walked
over the neck - such attractive roads
and no caterpillars. Home about 5 - changed
clothes [?] and down town on errands - rode back
with [?] Father Maguire & Mary. Dandy box of
candy from Vida - "Mary Elizabeth" [brand] - Baked
mackerel for supper. Bed about 9 -
Saw an American Red-Start at
Canomet - a beautiful, tropical bird.

Saturday, June 24, 1916

Pleasant & nice. Up about 7 or so.
Made cake and a cake-pie & some
_bum doughnuts. Mary over and wanted
to know if we'd go camping at "Pop" [Popponeset Beach] with
she & her brother, and of course we would.
Helen brushed & dusted up etc. Roscoe, Myra [?]
and Allen Perry called for a few moments
in P.M. then we hustled & left for Pop
about 4. Great there. Put up tent with 2 cots.
& fixed a bed with pine needles where Helen
slept. Mary & I had the back and Father
Mc'Guire slept over the hill. We were on
the sand - Had a fire & roasted "dogs" and
made toast & tea etc, cake and such. Sat on
sand and talked & bed about nine. I slept
fine, but mosquitoes bothered Helen & Mary.
Waves were great to listen to all night.
Helen & Mary [went] in wading -

Sunday, June 25, 1916

Quite cold - cloudy early, and then
poured _and poured. Up by 7 -
[unreadable] fried ham & eggs and ate inside.
Mary [?] and mother [?] to Falmouth to church -
[unreadable] Helen and I had naps, read and I
had a walk up the beach. They brought
back [?] papers. Sprinkled at intervals and
[unreadable] after dinner when we were thinking of
home [?] began to pour and we waited in
[unreadable] for it to let up - Too wet to venture

out [?] and came in one side some of the
time [?] - Talked & read - too full to eat
lunch [?] or I was - too _much ham. Helen
[unreadable] on floor - Mary & I on one cot and her
brother [?] on the other - only everyone was too
[unreadable] to sleep much and of course we had to
[unreadable] all our clothes on. Also a few mosquitoes
[unreadable] sand fleas were with us -

Monday, June 26, 1916

Pleasant again, thank goodness.
Slept poorly - too many mosquitoes.
All hands woke at four and were up
soon after, and I had a swim at five -
low tide and very calm but riley - No one else
would go. Bacon sandwiches for breakfast
and packed up and left [the camp]. All had had
enough of Pop. Home by 7-30. Hung things to
dry and into dry clothes and _washed. Over
for milk. Mary told us to come down and have
some coffee, so we went and stayed on their beach
a long time. Helen to bed at 12 & up about 5 headache.
Read on piazza, had a bowl of crackers & milk,
bed and read. & wrote Vida & a card to Aunt
Sarah. Bobby out and kittens in barn and
hungry and glad to see us back again.
Clara Collins up early in eve to call - wouldn't
join us in eating shortcake but talked and
we walked to the ministers hill [?] with her later. Too late
to go for milk - all camp dishes to do and
finished them at 9-45. and bed _very soon.

Tuesday, June 27, 1916

Nice and clear after 9 AM - foggy
earlier and a couple sprinkles or so
in the evening. Up 7 or so. and Helen and I [?]
breakfasted together. Over for milk while she did
the dishes - (after soaking clothes) - Washed later
and Helen rinsed and hung out and she
did all the ironing but my pink dress in P.M.
and I did that later. Mrs. Hammond over
with some cherry dumplings & we had those &
crackers for lunch & at night, ham, corn -
& shortcake, of course. Rested some in P.M - in

for a swim, all alone- Down town in eve.
Mary & Miss O'Donnell caught up with us so all
together to P.O. & store, home between showers.
Over for milk and a chat - and bed by 9. Read some.

Wednesday, June 28, 1916

Pleasant - quite hot.
Up at 7 when Marjorie brought over
some butter and [I] dressed about eight.
Made oatmeal & coffee on the lamp. Helen down [stairs]
soon after 9. Up for berries, a few, at Maloney's -
sat on piazza and sewed and wrote. Letters
to Aunt G. & Mabel. Fathers Maguire and
O'Donnelly here to put auto in barn and gave
us a box of berries. Marjorie over with Will
who was raking the hay. Kits lively and
full of play. Mr. Hammond brought us some
delicious fish chowder so we sat on piazza and
had that for our lunch. On piazza part of PM.
In for a swim & shampoo. Marjorie with
me. Down town later, Helen, " & me - called
on the Collins's & errands etc. Marjorie had
shortcake with us & then we all went for
the milk. Talked awhile. Bed by 9 & read
some -

Thursday, June 29, 1916

Clear & nice - Up about 8. & Helen
& I out to pick berries before
breakfast. Blamed old tooth had to
ache again for awhile. Rested some
Helen & I out [?] mending when all but Mary
from the camp arrived & asked _one girl to
go to Woods Hole with them - so Helen went
after an hours delay. Asked me at the
last moment, but too late. Helen in car
with 2 _priests and an old man, O'Donnell. Sewed
awhile - over to Grandma's - at shore with
Mary while she washed - [to] camp with her
& later both here & sat on piazza until
they [in auto] came at five. Bro't ice cream which we
all ate - and they sat around about an hour.
3 priests - brother of one & sisters of two - Evah [?] -
Light supper later - & wrote cards to Vida -

Aunts Sarah & Elizabeth - and Eddie Amos carried them along and then we went for milk. Read there & later had great strawberry ice-cream that Bessie made. Back at ten & read an hour -

Friday, June 30, 1916

Clear and glorious. Up about 7-30. Strawberry shortcake for breakfast. 'Nuff said. Put up lunch for Johns Pond and as usual waited ages for Bessie, [blank] Mary and a friend. Miss O'Donnell over to call - Blamed tooth had to ache somewhat. Left soon after 12 - Bessie, Marjorie, Helen & me. Rested on sand, had a fine swim, rest and lunch etc. & another swim later and out at 6 - dressed & home. Pond & surroundings were very beautiful. No one hungry so no supper. & bed quite early.

Saturday, July 1, 1916

Pleasant - quite warm. Up soon after 7. (I think). Some brushing up etc - for both of us and [then we] sat out and mended and read some. Timmie [?] and I in swimming while Helen _slept. Mary & Father Maguire here on their way home & left us a lot of food, praises be!! Helen not feeling very good, dizzy head, & bad tum. but we both ate some of Bessie's nice beans and brown bread. and then I went down to the P.O. & library. Mr. Farley followed me to latter to talk flowers (toad-flax) and I stayed so long that Clara Collins walked nearly home with me. 9-30 when I arrived. Some late for Mashpee. Bed very soon, both of us.

[Also on this day, the Battle of the Somme began in France.]

Sunday, July 2, 1916

Pleasant & quite hot. Heavy thunder-shower during night - or at 3 AM. Monday morning - Up about 8. Helen [up] some later & managed to stay awake awhile. Called on the Hammonds - then read on the piazza until 1-30 and as Helen still slept decided to walk - & went to the laurel bush beyond Hicks's & back, nice walk - but piles of caterpillars & ticks all the way. Dinner at 3 or so - soup, lambs tongues etc - Hot bath & rest and we left with Mrs. Hammond at six for church - Not many there - a good service - back by 9 - Ministers family [came] with us as far as their house. Bed quite soon. Read some.

Monday, July 3, 1916

Showers and changeable - bits of blue sky visible at times. Up 7-30 or so. Dishes - put clothes to soak & went down town about 10-15. Walked to head of [Mashpee] pond & "12 acre." [?] then to store [?] and to P.O. & waited at store for mail & chatted with Mrs. Collins & with Mr. and Mrs. Cooper who came for mail, etc. Back [home] 12-30 or so, picked some berries, at Bessie's awhile & back & washed - both of us. Dinner at 4 - a real one for a change. Rested a bit and then dressed (7 P.M.) sat on piazza until mosquitoes drove us in - then read inside - light lunch and bed at 10 - Got trunk from barn ready to begin to pack.

Tuesday, July 4, 1916

Cloudy, misty and rather cool. Up 7-30 or so. Blacked stove and had just started fire when Mrs. Hammond & Carrie came to call and stayed an hour. Helen down [stairs] about 9-45 and we ate at 10-30. H. did dishes while I packed trunk and ironed some, then pulled daisies from

the garden and did heads [?] and weeding -
improving matters greatly. Fish, peas,
and shortcake for our 7 o'clock dinner.
Down town in PM, intending to go to the
ball-game, but called on the Collins's (Annie &
Jason [?]) and stayed so long I nearly fainted
with hunger, but had a very pleasant call.
Quite exciting watching the celebraters by [my] house, 2
women & _8 men - all tipsy. Consequently went
early for milk & pulled our curtains as we [?] ate.
Bed by 9 - Blamed things walked all over
my garden -

Wednesday, July 5, 1916

Rainy - clearing late in P.M.
Up at 5-30 as Ted came for trunk at
6-30. Misted all the morning so decided to
stay over a day. Helen cleaned front of house
and I did back - washed floors from dining-
room out - scoured kettle and boiler & lamp [?]
washed a window etc. kept busy. _Latish
lunch. Will [came] for trunk as Grandma got
[unreadable]. Down town late in PM for a bit
[unreadable] food - dried beef - crackers and butter -
[unreadable] supper about 7. A fine sunset -
[unreadable] to see Bessie and for milk.
[unreadable] & Isabell [?] and _baby (they are not
married) went in P.M.
Read awhile in bed, lights out by 9-30.

Thursday, July 6, 1916

Clear & glorious and [unreadable] & hated
to leave Mashpee. Up 6-45 - washed
sheets etc. & Helen rinsed & hung them -
At Sturgis's for [paying] bills & Helen paid hers.
Gathered some wood - picked a few berries
for our last _short [cake] - and went for a swim -
some boys fishing and as we were scantily
clad - with kimonos - went to Sturgis and
with Marjory rowed to the camp & had a fine
swim - Grand rush to eat & finish up &
say Goodbye. Carried Bobby Wagtail and
the kittens to Bessie's but [unreadable] came back
home so Eben took them all. Hated to leave her

and them - Eben drove us to Sandwich - hot [unreadable}
and _very _dirty on the train. Parted at [Harvard] Sq. [To] Arlington
by 8 - had ice cream - called at Lib & home again.
2 fox gloves in bloom - plenty of weeds. At aunts [looking] for
Aunt Sarah - L. Day there. Didn't stop long.
Unpacked bag & bed very soon. - longing for
Mashpee coolness and quiet.

Friday, July 7, 1916

Hottest day so far - but pleasant.
Amy woke me at 6-30 - dressed at 7 and
had a nice breakfast with Aunt Sarah.
Sat & talked until 8-30 - wiped dishes - pulled
a few weeds. Arthur [age 7] & Barbara [almost 5] in for
awhile & Mabel later - [I went] back with her & [George] Jr. [came] back
with me and then she came again with [?]
more donations & I went back [with her] to telephone for
[my] trunk. [?] They leave for Mashpee today for
the summer. Geo. [will have] meals with me during
the week - At Winn's a bit (77 [Summer st.]) planned to meet
Amy at [Harvard] Sq. at 3-30. Dined with Aunt Sarah. Bath
etc - P.M. just going when A.J. [Amy Josephine] sailed by in Gannett's
auto saying she _wouldn't meet me. Thought I
wouldn't go & I was [?] so close [?] & met [?] Edith equally [between houses?]
so over town but we tried for taxi - & doing [?] our last [?]
in cars. [?] Called for [my] rent & paid insurance to
Hilliard \$24.00 [~\$700 today] ho hum [?] - C.C. at La's - all there but
Josephine, Edna & mother [?] - former looking well.
Sat [?] on piazza mostly - helped with sandwiches [?] etc
[Later] Joe [?] bro't me [?] to centre. Amy & Edith went by 7-30 and
I was home at 9-30 - Slept alone [in duplex]. Aunt Sarah at aunts.

Saturday, July 8, 1916

Changeable - _very hot - thunder-showers
at noon and night. Up at 6-30 -
Breakfasted with Aunt Sarah and after
dishes put blankets to air and then
went up and picked peas and straw-
berries and put in the rest of the morning
weeding the garden - some grass etc - did
about half and it was a great improvement.
Amy & Edith down awhile - latter to tell me I was
wanted at the lib. from 4-30 to 6. Fine salmon etc.
dinner with Aunt Sarah. She went to Mrs.

Crocker's [*] funeral in P.M. And I went to bed to cool off. Dressed soon after 3 - a few errands and in childrens room from 4-30 to 6 - some busy. Supper in Aunt Sarah's side [of duplex] - about 7 - on piazza until rain came - wrote here and bed.

[* Adeline and the late James Crocker lived at 104 Summer st.]

Sunday, July 9, 1916

Rain early

Pleasant & nice - rather warm.

Up about 7-30. Weeded the garden until about 11, though it was quite wet.

At 77 [Summer st.] and up to see William [N. Winn] who looks quite poorly. Nice dinner with Aunt Sarah. Left for Lib. at 2-15 - on duty from 2-30 to 5-30 - not very busy. E. Rice downstairs - Said F. Harris wanted to see me about flower mission [*] & as Amy & Edith didn't call, walked up there and as she asked me to stay to tea and as I wasn't very keen on the other. C.C. girls at Vida's [at 275 Broadway] - (Mother's away) I stayed until about 9. Called at Aunts for Aunt Sarah. Bed directly -

[* books.google.com/books?id=p9VAdTyHPkQC&pg=RA4-PA80]

Monday, July 10, 1916

Rainy - rather warm.

Up at 6. Geo to breakfast for the first time - bacon & eggs, toast, & coffee & fried raw potato. Fire acted fine with wood [not coal]. Brushed up some, etc - didn't wash [laundry] it was so wet - but sat [?] out and shelled peas & had those, mashed potato, beets & cucumbers & strawberries at noon. Amy & Vida here while I was doing dishes to see where I was last night. Went to bed awhile after they left and later went over town. Geo. here to supper - potato salad. Marian [?] Buttrick here in P.M. & over town with her & down to see her room. At the Winn's with sewing in eve until 8-30. Aunt

Sarah and aunts to Mrs. Harris's for cards.
Light out at 10.

Tuesday, July 11, 1916

A pretty hot day, and a showery
one at times.

Up at 6 - Had an omelet and bran gems
for breakfast & Geo. said he'd have a late
dinner in town. Rushed work - cut a few
flowers and Aunt Sarah gave me a nice
bouquet. Met Florence Harris at 9-10 & into
the Flower Mission - made up & distributed
as many bouquets as there were flowers
as did others. Florence and I delivered
about 14 & called at about eight places [in South End?] -
Mrs. Edwards - Aunt Martha - Mrs. Power etc.
Lunched at E. & I on Pleasant St. [*] Everything
cheap & nice - Walked down town & did some
errands & nearly baked. Out about 5 - at Lib.
awhile & home. Aunt Sarah had company
Aunt G. - Mrs. [Fannie] Hawkins, [Mrs. John] West & Smith. Sat on
Winn's steps with Edith in eve until
dark & sewed. Bed by 9 -

[* The Women's Educational and Industrial Union was located at 108
Pleasant st., which is now part of Broadway, near Elliot Norton Park.]

Wednesday, July 12, 1916

A _fierce, hot day. with a hot south wind.
Up at 6. Geo. to breakfast at 7-15. only
oatmeal and English muffins & coffee.
Washed [laundry] about all the morning, and talk
about being hot. _How I long for Mashpee
& the swims. Miss [Ethel?] Bartlett sketching the
house - lilies, etc. Ham & eggs - baked potato &
cucumber & raspberries for dinner - George
in town & not back to supper. Ironed a
very little & then into my "birthday suit"
and read, slept and cooled off for two hours.
and then emb'd on piazza. finished a
bureau scarf. Light supper. Began a towel in
eve. Amy down & Mrs. Frost, Edna and
Guernsey [*] came and took us for a fine
cooling ride around Mystic [Lakes]. Aunt Sarah

and I sat on piazza until after nine watching fireworks on Somerville play ground - fine ones - Edith to Plymouth & back with the Gannett's. Bed at 10.

[* Was "Guernsey" a nickname for Joseph Gorgonzinski, also at 58 Old Mystic?]

[Also on this day, a 12-day series of shark attacks along the Jersey Shore ended, resulting in four deaths and one limb amputation. This event was one inspiration for author Peter Benchley, over half a century later, to write the novel Jaws.]

Thursday, July 13, 1916

Hot again - rain and thunder in P.M. which cooled it off some. Up at six - Breakfast 7-30 - George here. Ironed until 10-30 - up and picked some peas and shelled them & had cold tongue - lyonnaise potatoes, lettuce, cold coffee & raspberry shortcake. Cooled off in P.M. only took an hour today. Wrote here, a card to Bessie and a note to [2d cousin] Nellie Dean [in Illinois] as I had word in AM that her father died late Sunday night. Did a lot of mending in P.M. Rained about all the evening - and much cooler. Geo. had supper with [his sister-in-law] Grace so I didn't bother [to prepare] much. Up to bed at 7-30 but read until 9 -

Friday, July 14, 1916

Cool & fine and a great relief after the last two days. Had a busy A.M. as I swept and dusted lower rooms and washed the floors - need sapolio [soap] to take black [ink] (from papers) from dining-room floor and it took an hour to do it. Dinner soon after 12 as Geo. went to the Cape in P.M. for over Sunday. Aunt Sarah to Boston and movies with Mrs. Deshon. Rested and read and sewed some in P.M. - over town & paid for wood, rest [of payments] on Russell Terrace screens, tried on old white dress at Lucie's and went to library & then Vida's arriving at the foolish

time of 5-45 so she insisted on my staying and in eve we went to cemetery as I had ramblers and she gave me some lilies - Then she came home with me for awhile. Mrs. Deshon and Richard at Aunt Sarah's calling & Aunt G. for the night - Aunt Sue and Josie off on a short trip.

Saturday, July 15, 1916

Clear and glorious - fine air.
Up soon after 6. Easy eats all day.
Hustled work and weeded garden
from 8-30 to 10 and then went up in
the woods to the lookout rock - everything
very fresh and lovely. Picked a beautiful
bouquet with 29 varieties in blossom -
including - spiked lobelia, wood lilies,
shin-leaf and prince's pine. Picked straw-
berries on way back so it was 12-30 when
I arrived [home]. Lunch, mended until 2 - rested
awhile, bath and to library soon after 4 - on
duty 4-30 to 6 - in childrens room. - Talked,
errands etc & back about 7. Carried kitten to
Kelly's in eve but [they] said it wasn't theirs -
Had it in house all day, well behaved but [?]
rather a cry-baby. Read & bed at 9 -
Aunt G. with Aunt Sarah -

[Also on this day, William Boeing incorporated Pacific Aero Products Co. in Seattle. The next year, it was renamed Boeing Airplane Company. Many of Boeing's early aircraft were seaplanes.]

Sunday, July 16, 1916

Clear and fine with good air -
Woke at 4-30 and looked for the deer
and at 5-30 Mike called to me and
it was on the walk by the aunts wall
above the steps and in a moment jumped
the wall and I saw it later on Cutters hill.
Read a little and up at 7. Aunt G. with
Aunt Sarah for the day. Kitten good and
playful. Breakfast - with blueberry griddles [cakes] -
Wrote here - birthday card to Barbara and to
Bessie to send a couple of pictures - Light

lunch. Bit rest. Esther down to say they'd take us to Belmont - (Amy & Edith) so went by way of Harvard Sq. - boulevard - Commonwealth [?] Ave - Weston & Waltham - a fine ride. Supper at Edna's -

Monday, July 17, 1916

Showery at times - some sun - warm.
Up 5-45. Washed [laundry] after breakfast and got most of it dry. That and dinner took up all of AM. Ate at one - bit rest - rushed in town & bought 2 hair ribbons - pink and blue for Barbara and a box of "Bob-Betty" soap - did them up at library and mailed them [to Mashpee]. Back at 6-30 - didn't expect George but he came so had supper about 7. On piazza awhile in eve and bed about 10
Aunt Sarah [went] up for Aunt G. in eve - saw [?]
Aunt Sue so Aunt G. slept here.

Tuesday, July 18, 1916

Quite hot and sticky. Cloudy early but no rain. Geo. said he wouldn't be here at noon so [I] hustled work [?] and ironing and had a hot bath & left at 10-45 for city. Reached Parker Memorial about noon & waited until Florence [Harris] & Mrs. Barnes returned, helped make a few bouquets & Florence and I delivered them. Found Aunt Martha quite sick - is 88 yrs. rest [of them] O.K. - Had a fine strawberry ice cream, soda at Jolly's. - all we wanted. Home about 4[] - Mrs. Mc'Lean [?] called. Aunt Sarah in Newton for cherries. Geo. didn't go in town after all. Had baked mackerel - etc for supper. Amy & Aunt G. here for eve. Latter for night. Bed about 10. At Amy's awhile after walking up [Summer st.] with her.

Wednesday, July 19, 1916

Hot and clear.
Up at 6 - Breakfast, etc - swept and dusted and sewed some. Aunt Sarah

72 [years old] today so asked her in to dinner - ham - potatoes, string beans and cottage pudding. Bit rest in P.M. and to Amy's with sewing about three [o'clock] - mended stockings & emb'd. Back [home] 5-30. Aunt Sarah had supper with the aunts. Aunt Sue back from trip about 6 - Asked me [to supper] but I had made plans with Amy to go to the "Mistress Mary" [Tea Room at 161 Cambridge st.] in Winchester. Went on 7 [o'clock] car & back on 8-30. Vida and Jennie Frost also went. Amy [with me] on piazza until 9. Read in bed till 10-30. Nice breeze in eve, & _no mosquitoes here [unlike Mashpee] -

Thursday, July 20, 1916

Hot and clear. Breakfast etc. a nice tongue hash. Up & gleaned the whole [garden] bed and captured _half a box of strawberries, hot work. Made a cake and some soft custard & then sewed. Didn't feel extra fine. Dinner at one - Bed most of P.M. read some, mostly slept - Emma [nÃ©e Barker] Hesseltine over for the day with Aunt Sarah. Emb'd some in P.M. and on piazza awhile. Over town in eve - carried some cukes for George, bought bread, went to library and up to see Florence Harris. Her mother goes to Fitchburg tomorrow for two weeks or so. Back at 9 - read until 10. Fog rolled in about 9 P.M. - east wind earlier - began to rain about 11 P.M.

Friday, July 21, 1916

Rainy - and much cooler which is a great relief. Up about 6 - Made a lemon pie and some salad dressing, brushed up and dusted some and mended. Miss [Helen] Hardy came soon after 11 to spend the day. Dinner 12-30 when George came. He went to Mashpee in P.M. Aunt Sarah in with her sewing awhile & over town later and I went with Miss Hardy when she went at 4. Up to see if F. Harris would come to supper

with me but her mother hadn't gone and they insisted on my staying there and as Aunt Sarah stayed at Mrs. Deshon's I called for her on the way home. Read awhile. Bed 10-30.

Saturday, July 22, 1916

Hot and muggy.
Up 6-45 after reading for an hour.
Breakfast, etc - fed Geo's hens with old cake & bread. Aunt Sarah & I picked beans for our dinners. Swept and dusted some - & read. Down to 146 [Mystic st.] and tele'd to library & found I wasn't wanted [to work]. Dinner vegetarian, beans & onions - Fixed veg. salad, & sliced peaches for peach custard for supper. Bath - read & slept in P.M. Amy down with sewing soon after 3 and Florence Harris about an hour later and with Aunt Sarah all sat on the piazza and sewed - Had tea on the lawn. Edith down later & she and Amy over town, did some errands for me and back later for awhile. [Went] Part way over [town] with Florence. Read awhile in bed. Light out 10-30.

Sunday, July 23, 1916

Another rainy Sunday - nice and cool. Up about 7-30. Light breakfast - dishes etc. & wrote here and to Mabel and Cousin Jennie - & read some. Left at 12-30 for F. Harris's [at 23 Academy st]. Wore Helen's raincoat & found only a hole in the pocket when I went to mail my letters. Read & talked in P.M. after a nice chicken dinner. Vida called to see if I'd go to an auction sale Wed. & later Amy & Edith came over to supper - a dandy fruit salad. Looked at Florence's memory book. Home at 9 and bed very soon - Aunt Sarah had been at aunts - not accepting Florence's invite. Seems to run in the family -

Monday, July 24, 1916

Hot - a fairly good day.
Washed and ironed & got hot and
weary. Took until 3-30. Dinner etc [?] in
between. Amy down & read to me while I
had a wash [?] & then she, Edith & I went
over town. George to supper - of course.
Sat out and read in the evening and
went to bed quite early.

Tuesday, July 25, 1916

Another hot, cloudy, muggy day
but no rain - plenty of dampness.
Hustled dishes, etc, picked some
nasturtiums and Aunt Sarah gave me
a bouquet. Met Florence at 9-30 and in [Boston] to
Flower Mission, some lovely garden flowers,
no roses - visited Aunt Martha, Mrs. Edwards,
Mrs. Richards, Irwin, Moses and Shaw. [?] Some
weary. Lunched at the E & I for 16^{Â¢} [~\$5 today] - banana
salad, sandwich - ice cream & cake. Out [on trolley car] by Harvard
Bridge hot & dirty - Central Sq. etc. Here soon after
4 - tired hot & dirty & covered with hives -
which I woke with in the morning. Mrs. Hobbs
here and aunts down in eve for cards.
Up to 77 - girls away but a nice call with
Mary & Wm [N. Winn]. Had a sulpho-naphthal [antiseptic] bath
for the hives and then read until _12-15.
Scrambled eggs in the chafing dish for
supper.

Wednesday, July 26, 1916

Still hot and rained hard most
of the day. Up at 6. Put up rasp-
berries - only got 4 pts & 3 halfpts out of 12 boxes
as they moulded over night it is so very
damp - but they are a nice color. Painted
part of ice chest and finished it in P.M.
hot & took until after 3. Made johnny-cake
for dinner with ham etc. Bit rest and
bath in P.M. and read some and sat
on piazza & wrote to Mabel. Aunt Sarah
and Mrs. Hobbs at aunts for tea and cards.
Over town in eve, library and then called

on Mrs. Rice & Edith. Two Miss Ginnes [?] there but I outstayed them. Back at 9-30 and others soon after. Read until 10-30.

Thursday, July 27, 1916

Hot & muggy & cloudy - rain late in P.M.

Breakfast at 8-30 as George was busy with [farming] lettuce. Talked with Mrs. Hobbs some. and _gossiped with both [her and Aunt Sarah]. Made some cake - not much good - poor fire - also tried ham croquettes but they vanished in the fat so baked it. [To] Bed to cool off in P.M. and later Edna Frost called. George not here to supper - [so I] didn't bother much - At 77 awhile in eve. Read in bed. Aunts down playing cards with Aunt Sarah & Mrs. Hobbs.

Friday, July 28, 1916

Quite cold and such a relief - Also, pleasant.

Intended to sew but instead put a last coat of white sani-flat on the little house, cleaned my room and washed the floor. and kept busy. Geo. to breakfast but had lunch in town on his way to Mashpee. Read and slept in PM and dressed in a rush as Edith came down and asked me to walk [up Mystic st.] to Jennie Frosts. Nice called [?], looked in the White's windows to see some beauty yellow, prize cats. Back 5-30. Aunt Sarah had been to Boston. Edith asked me up to supper so went about six - over town in eve and back again and emb'd [with Edith] until 9. Then home and bed. Mrs Hobbs home in AM. Washed and ironed too [?]

Saturday, July 29, 1916

Overcast - cool - no rain - Up about 7 - light breakfast - swept, dusted and washed the down-stairs

floors - up for eggs at aunts and then for cherries at 77 and an old chair that Mary gave me. Made a cherry pie and some cookies and soft custard. Wash, etc in P.M. read a little, mended and emb'd. Read in eve. Aunt Sarah over town in P.M. Letter from Mabel saying the weather is devilish at Mashpee.

Sunday, July 30, 1916

Cloudy, rather cool and nice -
Up 7-30 or so. Put up some currant sauce after breakfast - had 2 1/2 pts. and then made some pie-crust - good Sunday work. Wrote here and to Flora, [had] early dinner - up to see if [Winn] girls would walk but Mary was away so Dottie & I went, to _the rock - very hot but saw beautiful birds & flowers. Had to cool [off] a bit, then into white & to 77 to outdoor supper. Florence there - Not back until 10.
Found monkey-flower which was new to me. Saw indigo bird or blue grosbeak - don't know which - thrashers, young and old, Maryland yellow throat, cuckoos [?] - orioles, partridge, woodpeckers, etc.

[Also on this day, German agents caused the Black Tom explosion in Jersey City, an act of sabotage destroying an ammunition depot and killing at least 7 people.]

Monday, July 31, 1916

Quite pleasant but frightfully hot. Washed & ironed and meals in between times. Tried to cool in P.M. but not much use and flies were thick. Over town later and again in eve with Amy and Edith who treated me to ice-cream. Thunder showers around us in P.M. but not even rain here. Much cooler in eve & quite cold during

night. On steps at 77 [Summer st.] until 9 -

Tuesday, August 1, 1916

Clear and gloriously cool.

Up at 6. A grand rush with dishes etc. Amy down with flowers and a bunch from Aunt Sarah. Met Florence at 9-15. to mission early and had to wait and wait as flowers were late. Carried 17 bouquets. Mrs. Barnes [?] not there. Up to West Newton St. & walked down town, Lunch at 3 at E & I for 15¢. Tired & weary & not out [of Boston] until 5. George not here to supper, so ate a bit alone. Read on steps in eve. Amy down & stayed until 9-30 or so. Aunt Sarah at "the other house" awhile & some cranky because she missed Mr. & Mrs. Beals [?] who called. Read until past 11.

Wednesday, August 2, 1916

Clear and fine, another glorious day. & cool.

Up 6-30. read some first, made some banbury tarts after breakfast - swept up & mended some. [?] Wrote to Mabel & Vida. Fricaseed [sic] chicken for dinner & very good. Aunts and Aunt Sarah left by 8-30 for Marblehead for the day. Nap & read in P.M. over town late. Geo. not here to supper. Read some & at the Winn's [at 77 Summer st.] by 8 - & emb'd and helped Mary get Wm. to bed at 9 & back [home] 9-30. & bed. Aunts back by 7. Amy & Edith to Braves [?] Field to see the fireworks, invited [?] Gannett's.

Thursday, August 3, 1916

Harvard, Mass.

A fine day - cool but not quite so clear as the last two. Rushed some and left with Amy & Edith on their invitation for Harvard, Mass. [Trolley] Car to

Lowell - and [then] Ayer - where we had an hour to wait & went to Mrs. Whitney's - no one home, so ate our lunch on their piazza - but to our sorrow they arrived later. & Edith & I had to go to the bath-room where _Mr. _W. _walked _in _upon _us. Train at 12-56 & up in auto-bus to the Tea Room & found Madeline [Whitney] & Miss Clark. Gertrude Conant [of Shirley] & family there for dinner. Sewed, talked, had ice cream & cold coffee - not _extra good. Walked back by Prospect Hill - a glorious view - Saw the Clara [Endicott] Sears house. 6-02 train to Harvard - 6-20 to Lowell & 7-15 electric [trolley] home - & here by 9. A good day. Some hung up & ready for bed. L. Day and aunts had been here for the day with Aunt Sarah.

Friday, August 4, 1916

Pleasant - quite cool early but hot later. Geo. here, [he] didn't go to Mashpee as [farmhand] Jack Welch went off on a spree. Swept halls & all my rooms & dusted them, bath & clean clothes & Geo. & I had chicken, sweet potatoes & tarts at 11-30. Library 12 to 2 - & then in town with F. Harris. Left her on Bolyston [sic] St. & went to Dr. Bailey's, paid him \$10 [~\$300 today] & he put in gold inlay which came out in June. Across Common & home. Made some snowflake toast for our supper & sliced some fruit. Ada Daniels here later to stay a few days with [sister-in-law] Aunt Sarah. Aunts down for [playing] cards. Myra & Marjorie [Wood] called and later we went to 77 [Summer st.] for an hour or so.
Bed by 10.

Saturday, August 5, 1916

Pleasant - rather warm.
Up 6-30 - Made an apple pie and then put enamel on the ice-chest looks very good. Bath etc. & light lunch. George didn't eat as he was going to Mashpee later. Library 12 to 2 and then went to Florence Harris's & sat in her hammock and emb'd until 4-15. She served some

nice cold tea. Back to [work at] library from 4-30 to 6.
Not very busy. Orinda [?] sp. & Eva there, F. Harris
[came] down later. & home with me to supper -
crab salad etc. & talked until 9 and I
mended some. Read & bed about 10-30
Aunt Sarah & Mrs. Daniels to aunts
in PM - for supper & cards.

Sunday, August 6, 1916

Pleasant but _mighty hot.
Woke at 5 & at intervals until 7-30 and
then read awhile and up about 8.
Dishes, etc, wrote here and read paper -
Amy & Edith down & we sat on piazza
and later Amy & I went in the orchard
for cat-o-nine-tails. Light dinner & bed
most of P.M. reading mostly - short nap.
Much cooler late in P.M. east wind -
Into white dress and started for Florence
H's. but Edith Whittmore hailed me & I
stayed there awhile. E. Rice couldn't
come to Florence's so she rang up Edith
W. who came quite soon and we had
a nice supper out doors. Read and
talked in the evening & we didn't come
home until 10 o'clock. Bed very soon.

Monday, August 7, 1916

Not real clear but no rain & quite
hot. Up by 6. Geo. not back from
Mashpee so ate early & had washing
done soon after 9 & a chance to cool
off & emb'd some. Over town early and
bought Arthur a [Youth's] Companion at Smith's for
his [7th] birthday. Library 12 to 2 - as usual, a
few errands & home - took in clothes and
folded nearly everything without ironing.
To Amy's with sewing as she was alone.
Back 5-30 to get supper - mackerel, etc.
Aunt Sarah home [to Newton] with Ada D. in A.M and
not back until evening.

[1914 directory: Fred A. SMITH jeweler and stationer 489 Mass av, h 22 Swan pl]

Began to take ice [deliveries] -
Tuesday, August 8, 1916

Hottest day yet, up in the
ninety-somethings until a thunder
shower arrived in P.M and cooled every
thing off. Up 6-30 - breakfast etc. and did
the small ironing, some cooking, etc.
George didn't want any lunch but I
ate a little. Library 12 to 2, to work but
the shower arrived so I had to stay
until 4-30 - a few errands & home.
Potato salad, etc for supper & some
fine watermelon that Aunt Sue
brought down. Amy down in the
evening on piazza -
Took the first ice in AM. & it (chest) leaked
like mad on to the bottom shelf, and kept
me busy. Enamel [paint] looks good.

Wednesday, August 9, 1916

Cloudy & misty about all day. & cool
After breakfast, etc - gave sink a good
scrub, etc - and then put on a coat of
sani-flat as the iron is not very good
looking and difficult to keep clean -
Washer [?] etc - early lunch, Geo. not here at
noon or night. Library 12 to 2 and then
to Belmont with some of Helens things
Found her, Aunt E. & Dorothy. Emb'd &
talked until 5 and then home. Light supper.
Sewed in eve until 8 & then to 77 and emb'd
& helped Mary put Wm. to bed. Mrs. Hobbs
down early in AM. for a visit with Aunt
Sarah & they were at aunts in eve. cards
Read in bed until 10-30.
Ice-chest all right today and not a leak.

Thursday, August 10, 1916

Misty and cold about all day.
Up 6-20. Omelet and popovers for
breakfast - put second coat of paint
on the sink, emb'd some, etc. Light lunch.
Geo. not down for any. Left at 11-45 and

library 12 to 2-15 - and a bit extra and then had a chat with E. Rice who was doing some typing - Errands & home - and sewed - hemmed a napkin and finished a dolls dress. Geo. not here at night, either. Aunt Sarah & Mrs. Hobbs & Aunt Sue to the movies in the evening. Read & emb'd. and in bed by nine.

Friday, August 11, 1916

Cloudy & misty early but cleared later. Up soon after 6. Painted sink & swept & dusted some. Mrs. Hobbs & Aunt Sarah to Boston all day & movies in eve. Library 12 to 2 - some errands & tele'd from 146 [George's house] on way home. Sewed in P.M. Supper but Geo. didn't show up so ate in a rush after Aunt Sue came down to tell me [that lib. phoned], & to library by 7 and at counter until 9 & Miss Leetch in Reading Room. Home by 9-15 & bed.

Saturday, August 12, 1916

Clear & fine - quite cool. Up 6-15 - Geo. to breakfast but left for Mashpee later in the day. Put another coat of enamel on the sink and it looks pretty good - wiped kitchen floor etc. Library 12 to 2 & [they] wanted me in eve. so home & had some sword fish, read & emb'd - back by 4-30 & busy till 6-30, lunch and on duty 7 to 9. Fairly busy - some weary & right to bed. Aunt Sue, Sarah & Mrs. Hobbs calling in Reading & Woburn in P.M. & supper & cards at aunts in eve.

Sunday, August 13, 1916

Changeable - cool - a regular April [kind of] day - beautiful and clear [?] and then pouring. Tired and not feeling very good. Down [stairs] about 8 and had a bite to eat and back to bed and read paper until nearly one - then

dressed, had some dinner & read about
all of P.M. - crawled out about 4-30 - called
at aunts & on to Amy's, some of the C.C.
girls there - Amy & Edith had a picnic
with _everyone bringing something - and as
it stormed so easily had it on the _Frosts
piazza. Too far for me [to go] so home & read &
ate. Aunt Sarah & Mrs. Hobbs to cemetery
late in PM. - Mrs. Mc'Learn [?] called and went
with them. Ate some jelly [gelatin] with them & Mrs.
H & I did dishes while Aunt Sarah went
to aunts. Tired & bed about 8-30 but read.
Beautiful clouds in east about the time
the sun set.

Monday, August 14, 1916

Clear and beautiful - quite cold.
Up soon after six. Waited for
George but he didn't show up.
Washed a few things - wrote cards to
Aunt Lizzie, Mabel and Penny. At Aunts
to read of auto accident to some Mashpee
Indians - 1 killed & 1 dying - etc. Aunt Sarah
& Mrs. Hobbs to Gloucester & Essex for day
later tele'd they'd stay all night.
Library 12 to 2. sewed rest of PM - bought
a pineapple that I cut up and some [?]
chop [?] luckily as both Geo. & Mabel were here
to supper. - coming up with Clarence
Heath [?] in the auto, leaving at 5 A.M.
Talked etc. until after 7 [?] so some late
with dishes & they went back to 146 by 9.
and I went to bed quite soon.

Tuesday, August 15, 1916

Clear & nice. Breakfast about
7-45 - omelet & biscuit. Mabel & Geo.
here & Mabel in and out during
morning. Sewed a bit, dusted, etc. Library
12 to 2 & then backed [?] and hemmed
napkins. Light supper as George wasn't
here. At 77 awhile in eve, after walking
up to see the blasting that has been
done on Cutter's Ledge. Amy & Russell Toutt

down awhile in P.M. Aunt Sarah & Mrs. Hobbs back from Essex in eve - had had a fine visit. Bed 9-30 or so.

Wednesday, August 16, 1916

Pleasant - rather warm -
Up at 6 - Busy morning, washing & watering & rather a rush to clear away, eat and make [it to] library at 12. Back soon after two and sewed - Vida up in [Vida's sister] Helen's machine and stayed the afternoon and then I went back with her to supper as Geo. wasn't to be here. Helen & [her son] Alcott staying there on account of infantile paralysis in Hartford. They brought me back about 8-30 and came in for a few moments. Kitten missing & [I] went to horse chestnut calling but he didn't show up. Bed by 10. Mrs. Hobbs went home in the evening.

Thursday, August 17, 1916

Pleasant and nice as ever.
A busy morning as I ironed until after 11 and cooked some - ate a bit in a grand rush, started to dress at 11-30 - bath etc & bed to make and left at _11-54 but on _time. Library 12 to 2 and then home and sewed about all the afternoon, hemming my dinner napkins. George brought some dandy tenderloin steak for dinner so broiled it - Amy down in eve so [she] wiped dishes - Made bread [?] & then we sat on the piazza until 8-30 or so when she went home and I went to bed, after reading a little -
Kitten here O.K. - stayed out tonight also.

Friday, August 18, 1916

Clear & nice. Woke early so up by six - [it was] lucky as Geo. wanted to eat by seven. Swept and dusted the house

and then had a good, leisurely bath
& soak & _read - lunch & library from
12 to 2. Sewed most of P.M. on the
napkins - began the 8" _th [*] - Amy & Edith
down but [went] to ride later with Gannetts.
Supper at 6 sharp as Geo. was sowing
seed & I had to be at lib from 7 to 9.
Some more nice steak. Quite a busy
evening but interesting. Glad to get
into bed. Aunts and Aunt Sarah to
call on the Harris's.

[* I'm trying to render what Nina wrote: a figure 8 followed by "th"
underlined and two short strokes under that. A hundred years later, I
still see ordinal numbers written above the line (), but without
underlining and other strokes.]

Saturday, August 19, 1916

Pleasant & nice - not too hot.
George to breakfast but left for the
Cape later. Put up a jar of peaches,
ironed a waist etc - no cooking. Edith
down and brought some nice blackberries.
Up for some hose and watered gardens.
Bath etc - good lunch, lib. 12 to 2 - read until
3 and then to F. Harris's and sewed
until 4-20. back to lib. until 6 - home and
supper - & read on piazza. At 77 to
inquire for Mrs. Frank Frost who had a
shock this afternoon, right side and
speech affected - alone in house but able
to telephone a neighbor. Back & ready for
bed at 8 [?] but read until 9-30. Mr. & Mrs.
Johnston called to see Aunt Sarah - sent
them to aunts & _she later appeared from
Emma's and went for them.

_Purple _loosestrife.

Sunday, August 20, 1916

Clear and fine - rather warm
but not unbearably so. Woke about
six and read for nearly two hours
before dressing. Breakfast etc - picked some
calendula, coreopsis and nasturtiums

and carried them to the cemetery.
Found some beautiful loosestrife in the meadow. Read awhile and then to 77 and they asked me to dinner so didn't get back until 2. Wrote here & read, and in eve walked to Frosts with Amy and Edith - Mrs. Frost a bit brighter and they can understand her a little better. Read a bit and in bed by 9-30.

Monday, August 21, 1916

Clear & hot.
Up by 6 - Geo not here so ate early & had washing over with by ten and [had] time to take clothes in and fold them, have a good bath etc. before library - Stayed until 2-30 for Miss Bucknam. Worked on napkins when I came back. Cooler in house so sewed inside. Didn't expect George but he showed up so had sardines etc. Dishes, on piazza awhile but up to bed by 7-45 undressed and read until 10. Amy left for Alton, N.H. with D. [Dorothea] Clapp for 2 wks. & [?] Florence Harris for Boothbay -

Tuesday, August 22, 1916

Pleasant - hot.
Up before six & ironed some before breakfast and finished by 9 [?] AM - cut up pear for chip [*] - made lemon syrup [**] etc - at aunts a few moments. Edith down awhile - Lib. as usual 12 to 2 & then emb'd W's [as in "Winn"] & turned hems on dinner napkins. Aunts and Mrs. Harris spending the day with Aunt Sarah. At 77 in eve with sewing & stayed until 9. Little cat followed Mary Winn home & their cat chased it up the big tree in front of house so Edith and I had quite a time coaxing it down - Read & bed about 10-30 -

[* books.google.com/books?id=eX7gbdNjUGcC&pg=PA228&dq=pear+chips]

[** books.google.com/books?id=RgpOAAAAMAAJ&pg=PA283]

Wednesday, August 23, 1916

Hot but a good south breeze.
Woke at 5 but read an hour before
getting up and then had to rush as
George wanted to eat at seven [?] as he was
going to Brockton to have teeth fixed.
Swept and dusted, cooked pear chip -
carried s'teen watering pots out as hose
had gone and then hemmed napkin
and turned hem on another. Library
12 to 2-15 or so. Linda [Black] brought some
great fudge & divinity. [*] Hemmed 2 napkins
& emb'd one W in P.M. finishing the dozen.
Geo not back to supper so ate light - mosquitoes
drove me in so wrote here & cards to [2nd cousins] La and
Nellie Dean, sewed until 9 or _so and
then up to bed - & read awhile.

[* books.google.com/books?id=vvLNAAAAMAAJ&pg=PA160]

Thursday, August 24, 1916

Cloudy (?) but no rain until eve
when it blew & thundered in the
distance and rained some.
Breakfast etc. Edith down - said her
father isn't [?] nearly so well - up their [sic]
later in AM. & Dr. said he had failed
very much in the last month - has had
another slight shock & had bronchitis & to. [?]
congestion. Tele'd in eve to Amy - stopped
there in PM. on way back from library &
up again in eve a few moments.
Mrs. Haverty is helping them & is fine -
Sewed & read & bed about 9.
Geo. to supper - cold corned beef etc - cooked
it in AM.

Friday, August 25, 1916

Pleasant & nice - a fine day.

Breakfast at 7 as Geo. went to
Mashpee in auto with Emily, Esther
Grace & Ed. Cooked a little - washed
kitchen floor, watered some & to Lib. 12 to 2.
Marion Buttrick on piazza when I came
back & stayed with me as Aunt Sarah
had gone to Lex. Park. [*] Dorothy Bacon
down in PM. & said Aunt E. would like
me to come to dinner Sunday but had
accepted in [sic] invite to La's for the day
Marion stayed for supper & I rushed away
at 6-45. and she stayed with Aunt Sarah.
Lib. 7 to 9. & [then] some weary so right to bed.
Wm. N. [Winn] a bit better - sat up awhile it was
so hot. Amy home about 11 -

[* colonialtimesmagazine.com/lexington_park/]

[Also on this day, President Woodrow Wilson signed legislation that created the National Park Service and placed all federal parks under that agency's jurisdiction and management.]

Saturday, August 26, 1916

Pleasant & fine - quite hot.
Read 6 to 7 and then dressed, ate -
etc. and kept busy - inside & out - Amy down
awhile, tied up gladioli [sic], bath & [went to] library by
12 - and fairly busy until 2. Esther in to
say they'd take us to ride [in auto] (Amy & I intend-
ed to sew from 2 - 4-30) went to Waverley
& up Concord turnpike [*] - had a puncture
so picked blackberries, on to Concord & home
on State road [Route 2A]. Here by 4-10 as they thought
I went on [duty] at 4. - so to Amy's with them &
walked over [town] but had a chance to comb hair
& see [bed-ridden] William. Lib. 4-30 to 6 and home
slowly - supper & read a bit & up to bed by
7-45 - read until 9 - _dog _weary & lights
out then. Ada Daniels over in PM. to
visit [her sister-in-law] Aunt Sarah & aunts there in eve.
Irons napkins in AM & table cloth.

[* en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cambridge_and_Concord_Turnpike]

Sunday, August 27, 1916

Cloudy early - quite clear later & rain
in eve.

Read until after 8 and then got up
and had breakfast. Amy down until
after 11 & we _talked - saw an adder in
the yard. Fed cat etc., into white dress &
walked across lots to Prentiss's [in Belmont]. Found
monkey-flower and ladies' tresses. Stopped to
see Josie a few moments & then on [my way]. Boys at
Jackson N.H. - rest [of them] home - dandy dinner, rested
in P.M. & talked. Annie & Rachel Johnson &
Edna Frost up later & to supper. Began to
thunder etc. soon after 7 so we all rushed for
home, [I] borrowed an umbrella of Edna as it
began to rain and [I] sprinted rather [?] - white
shoes some _grimy. Bed very soon.

Monday, August 28, 1916

Stormy - very.

Up at 6 and washed [laundry] as it
looked quite nice but by the time
they were all out [to dry] it began to rain -
and kept it up all day. - Some distant
thunder early. Rested a bit - light lunch
and library from 12 - 2-30 as Linda [Black] had
company. Errands & home & wrote here & a
card to Mabel [in Mashpee]. Emb'd and waited for
Helen Hardy and Dorothy to arrive but
they didn't show up so ate alone. At 77 [Summer st.]
in eve with work until about 9. Rest [of them?] at
aunts for P.M. & supper & movies in eve.
Laurel there for a few days.

Tuesday, August 29, 1916

Pleasant & nice.

Up 6-20 or so. Ironed a few things
that were dry, then dressed & did
rest [of them], finishing about 11-30 in time for a
rush lunch. In the meantime - emb'd
some while Laurel and Edith were here.
Library from 12 to 2 as usual and then
home and sewed & sat on piazza with
Aunt Sarah & Ada [Daniels]. Laurel [came] in a moment

on her way home. Supper with Aunt Sarah - at Amy's awhile in eve & up to see Wm. who knew [recognized] me & to Lib. for key & helped Eva a bit. Back about 9 & talked. Aunts playing cards with others (as usual).

Wednesday, August 30, 1916

Pleasant & nice -

Up 6-30 or so. Breakfast, dusted somewhat & left at 9-30 - library 10-1 - first time I've opened up - not so very busy. Back soon after one, light lunch and up to stay with Amy as she was alone with her father [*] - [we] sewed. Mary at Belmont for a little change and Edith in town. Helped give him water & found him some heavy. Back soon after five. Dora here for the night with Aunt Sarah. Geo. to supper - [He came] Up from Mashpee with Emily in car & going back tomorrow. Arthur with him to have adenoids tended to & [stayed] at Emily's. Dora & Aunt Sarah [came] in after supper to see Geo. & Aunt Sue [came] down to ask them up. & I went to 77 with sewing as Helene Johnson was there. Back about 10. & to bed.

[* At this time, William Newcomb Winn was very ill. Born in 1848, he was the Aunts' first cousin, and the father of Amy and Edith Winn, all living at 77 Summer street. His wife, Mary Rebecca Prentiss, was also their first cousin, on their mother's side. Her brother George lived in Belmont with his children Eleanor "La" and the boys.]

Thursday, August 31, 1916

Up at 6 - & George & I breakfasted at 7-30. Dishes, etc. & sat on piazza with Dora and emb'd. Vida & Helen [came] by in auto so stopped [here] a bit. Early meal and put up a nice lunch and to library by 12 - & on duty until 9-12 [unreadable] 1-6 in children's room - 6-6-30 and 7-9 [at] counter. Not at all busy in P.M. and read some of the time. Not tired & sat up reading until nearly 12. Aunts Sue & Sarah to the _movies. Laurel down in AM. to say

goodbye.

Friday, September 1, 1916

Pleasant - quite cool in P.M.

Up 6-45. Breakfast, etc - emb'd some -
picked flowers for Lib. & left at 9-30 - there
from 10 to 12. - fairly busy. All the janitors [were]
on hand cleaning. Miss [Lizzie] Newton's bronchitis
[was] too bad to allow her to be there. Errands
& home by 12-30 - liver & bacon for dinner
& then to bed and slept an hour & Aunt
Sarah did the same. Emb'd and read
some. At Amy's to inquire for her Father.
Dr. thought he couldn't live but a few days.
Vida stopped [there] later & we came down together
but she wouldn't stay to sup with me.
On piazza in eve awhile - & then sewed
& read & bed about 8-30 -
Last day, regular, at library and shall
miss both the work and the money.

Saturday, September 2, 1916

Pleasant - quite cool - very windy -
Up 6-15. Swept all my rooms and
the hall so rather busy - and washed
kitchen floor - & inside of downstairs windows.
Man [came] here with wood - 2 ft - P&W's. [*] Amy
down a couple of times - borrowed some
listerine for her father's mouth which was
badly coated & later brought me some corn
which I had with sword-fish for dinner.
Aunt Sarah to Newton in P.M. Bath & nap &
read some, and over town to do a few
errands. At Emily's [*] awhile in eve to
inquire for Arthur [age 7] and to make a
long delayed call on her. Read & bed at 10.

[* Nina bought her fire-wood from Peirce & Winn Co., a partnership of
Wm. N. Winn and her uncle Warren Peirce, whose late wife was her mother's
sister, Jessie. Emily Hartwell Alden was Mabel's youngest sister.]

Sunday, September 3, 1916

Clear - quite cool.

Up 7-30. Read a bit after breakfast
& then to 146 [Mystic st.] to telephone. Found the
Heath's wouldn't bring Barbara until 4
so decided to dine at Aunt E.'s [*] & see
Helen again - Trimmed a hat & dressed
in an hour - & left at 12. Tele'd. to have
Barbara bro't there & they came at 4-30.
Billie at dinner & Altanah, & young Richard,
rather wanting in manners, it seemed
to me. Helped with dishes. Helen sewing
as she goes [away] tomorrow. Miss [Charlotte?] Cushman
called - we all had some fine ice-cream
& Barbara & I left about 6. Stopped at 77 [Summer st.] to
inquire for Wm. & at 57 so Barb. could see
the aunts. Mrs. Deshon & Richard there.
Mrs. [Ada] Daniels with Aunt Sarah. Built a
fireplace fire to warm us and had
some bread and milk and went to bed
about 9. B. slept very well.

[* I may be going out on a limb, but I think that Aunt E. was Nina's
mother's sister, born Elizabeth Waite Bacon in 1863. Altana Bell
Bacon was another sister, born in 1866, and her daughter Helen Willard
Hardy, born 1897, gave Nina some trouble in the summer when she didn't
appear on the train in Sandwich, as Nina expected. Young Richard was
Altana's son Richard Waldorf Hittinger, born 1899. I'll leave it to
others to puzzle out the rest.]

Monday, September 4, 1916

Labor Day.

A nice - clear, cool day.

Up about 6-30 and after Barbara & I
breakfasted she went to Aunt Emily's
to ask Arthur to dinner. and they
played with John & Margaret all day.
Boiled fowl etc at noon. Children with
Mike to see races at Mystic (Upper) in PM.
and I walked to Lower [Lake] with Amy & Edith
& Dot. Bed for the youngsters at 8 - & I went
early [after that]. Slept with Barbara until I found
Arthur out of bed and talking and then
went with him and back to Barb. once
in the night when she cried -

Aunt Sarah's

Aunts here ^ in PM. & tea. & eve - cards with

Mrs. Daniels. Arthur insisted on staying all night and first I knew he & John came back in eve with his suitcase all packed.

Tuesday, September 5, 1916

Clear & nice -

Quite a busy day as I gave Arthur a bath before breakfast - and then washed _and ironed - and "auntie" on deck in the meantime - so a busy day. Children playing and having good times. At Amy's awhile in P.M. Quite damp & cold then. Her father [Wm. N.] about the same. - breathing so hard and has had some morphine. Great excitement at supper time as John and Margaret [Canniff] came up to tell that the family were back and later Junior and then his mother [Mabel] arrived so there was packing and leaving - Read a bit and bed about 9 -
_Gert. Crocker had supper with Aunt Sarah.

Wednesday, September 6, 1916

Rained hard all the morning - clearer in P.M.

Up 6-45. Didn't do much but sew on clothes for Barbara's Christmas doll and emb'd. Aunt Sue down early with news of Mrs. Rider's sudden death yesterday. Aunt Sarah to dentist later and gone about all day. At 77 [Summer st.] late in day and over town - at 146 [Mystic st.] a bit & home by 6. Amy down in the evening with her sewing & we sat by the open fire, talking and sewing until ten. Up a _bit with her and then to bed.

Thursday, September 7, 1916

Wm. Winn died this afternoon after long illness - four years of paralysis and the last two in his

room.

Overcast somewhat. Up 6-45, breakfast - bits of brushing up etc. Decided to keep quiet and emb'd and read. Amy down to say her father [Wm. N.] was much worse and she wouldn't go in town with me so thought I'd stay home. Children [came] in some during day. and Sarah Holland's [?] for a bit in PM. Aunt Sarah to Woburn - Mrs. West [came] to see her and stayed 1/2 an hour with me. Aunt Sue told me about Wm. so I went up [there] - found them calm and glad he was released from suffering. Down to see Mrs. Rice [?] and Edith after supper & stayed nearly an hour and then to Damon's. Found Mrs. D. - Vida in Hartford. Back about 9 - & _bed -

Friday, September 8, 1916

Hot but a fair breeze nearly all day. Up 6-45 when [fire] whistle woke me. Breakfast etc. and emb'd a bit & then got ready for Boston - up to Amy's, & then walked to Edna's to return an umbrella (for me) & carry a book for Amy. Nice call and on to Boston - paid the last of Dr. Bailey's bill, ordered some flowers for Amy & did various errands, had a nice lunch at the Acorn & came home about 2, - stopped at 77 [Summer st.], then home, into cooler clothes & emb'd. To George's to telephone, supper & wrote here. Case of infantile paralysis at the Irvington [at 135 Pleasant st.]. [Bruce P. Haire, a] Jr. in High School - just back from boys camp [in Washington. Maine]. Mabel up in the evening and went to 77 with her. Marion & Laurence called & Jo Frost was there. Mabel in until 9-30. Read a very little and then to bed.

[Richard Duffy wrote:

Nina Winn wrote in her diary <snip>:

>> Case of infantile paralysis at the Irvington. Jr. [age 8] in High School - just back from boys

camp. <<

To clear up a misinterpretation above, the "Jr." referred to above is not "Junior," the nickname for Nina's eldest nephew, then aged 8.

In today's entry, Nina is talking about a young man entering his junior year at Arlington High School, who lived at "The Irvington," an apartment building at 135 Pleasant St.

The young man in question is Bruce P. Haire, who had first shown symptoms of polio while attending camp in Washington, Maine. His illness was described as a "peculiar type" that was typically fatal, but if the patient survived, he or she would not be paralyzed.

In 1916 the Arlington Board of Health had a map of the town with a pin stuck in it for each home where there was a known case of contagious disease, which was presented as a public-information resource.

At this moment in time, there is just a single case of infantile paralysis in Arlington, but that was enough for officials to require schools to remain closed, including Sunday schools at churches, and to forbid persons under the age of 16 from going to the movies at the Regent Theatre.

The Boston newspapers were intimating an epidemic, but thus far the number of reported cases was lower than that last outbreak in 1911.

We shall have to see how the story plays out through Nina's other diary entries this month.]

Saturday, September 9, 1916

Clear and wonderful -

Up about 7 - rather late breakfast,
made apple sauce & coffee cream, washed
and ironed two muslin dresses, emb'd
some. - Miss Leetch called to tell me I wouldn't
be needed at the Lib. today and later Amy
came down for awhile. Late lunch, bath
and nap, emb'd at 77 and in town to
do some errands for them and myself.
Quite a lot of stores closed so not very
good luck. Out about 6 and they wanted
me to stay to tea so I did and for
awhile, in the evening. Wrote here and
up to bed by nine. Moon gorgeous.

Hay-fever with me and has been on hand
(or nose) since the last of August but not
bad so far - rather disagreeable.
Some neuralgia tooth-ache for a change
which is most uncomfortable - especially at
night.

Sunday, September 10, 1916

Pleasant and fine - not _too cool.
Up about 7-30 - Breakfast, read and
picked flowers etc. Aunt Sarah sick - too
much _eat - lying down most of AM -
couldn't go to cemetery but went to aunts
to supper and stayed until nearly _9.
Up to 77 [Summer st.] about 11. The flowers were very
beautiful. Wm. in the parlor - looked very
thin but better than I expected - a veil over
the face. Dinner about one - bit rest and to
77 with Aunt Sarah & Vida about 3. [Rev.] Mr. Maseck
was very good, but I don't want a lot of
poetry read when I die - one _short will do.
Aunt Sue, Louise & Russell Abbott in back - a short
service at cemetery. Home & read - up to the
Winn's [at 77] about 7 for an hour and a half or so.
& then home & bed.

Monday, September 11, 1916

Clear - cool - a glorious fall day.
Up 6-15. Breakfast and then
washed - but didn't attempt to iron.
Let them stay out and whiten.
Tooth felt bad & achy all day and
made me nervous so bought asperin [?]
in PM. & took [it] which quieted me.
Read & rested, then called on Mrs.
Deshon and Mrs. Harris & Florence
& went to library & did a few errands.
Supper & read & emb'd in eve and to
bed fairly early. Slept quite well.
Aunt Sarah not feeling so _very well -

Tuesday, September 12, 1916

Clear & fine.

Ironed etc. in the morning. Up to see Amy & wanted to eat out so back [home] for some food & [then] ate in her "summer" house. Back by one - & dressed & Emily & Esther came in auto about 1-45. Asked Aunt Sarah but she didn't feel well enough - went for Aunt Sue and Alice B. and then to Lexington to Breck's [?] to see the wonderful gladiolus - thousands of beautiful blossoms. Back with Esther who was going to a party & then to North [?] Woburn to the dahlia farm - very few blossoms but a nice ride - [to] centre & got Arthur & some errands as Emily asked me on an all day ride tomorrow. Light supper and at Amy's awhile in eve. Josephine Frost there & to car with her, read and bed early_ish
Tooth rather grumbly so took asperin -

Wednesday, September 13, 1916

A glorious day - in every way.
Clear & warm but not _too much so.
Up 6-30, breakfast, etc - put up lunch, dressed & emb'd until auto came. Emily asked me to go to Fitchburg where she was taking Florence Harris to her uncles [?]
Alice, Mabel, Barbara & Esther went so had a full car. - Went through Concord, Littleton, Ayer, Lunenburg - and had our lunch by a delightful brook in Ayer or _L - found lots of the closed gentian.
On to Fitchburg where we left Florence & towards Ashby - then Groton by a beautiful winding brook - Townsend, Littleton & back towards Harvard to the "Summit" where we had supper, a superb view & fine sunset, on to Harvard - saw Amy & Madeline a moment, (Amy went up today for a few days.) & home through Concord etc. Gone from 10 to 8. At 146 a few moments - 77 where were aunts & Sarah then home & bed. Too excited to sleep - woke at 12 & read from 1-3 & then slept - face swelling -

Thursday, September 14, 1916

Pleasant - hot -

Face swollen from ulcerated tooth
so got ready early and went in town
but Dr. Bailey wasn't there - Home by 12. [?]
Bought some pepto-mangan [*] to take.
Bed 2 hours in PM - ached all over so
didn't do a thing but read. Carrie
Peirce & Susie Dupee at Aunt Sarah's
in PM. & to supper & asked me in too.
At 77 for awhile. Annie Munro there
and she, Mary and Edith sewing like mad.
Talked in eve but glad to get to bed -
soon after nine -

[* www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1650997]

Friday, September 15, 1916

Showery - warm.
Slept fine & felt like a new person.
Face swollen but not sore.
Up 6-45. Swept and dusted all the
rooms and wiped the floors & wrote to
Bessie which took all the morning.
Bit rest, bath and in town in P.M. to
Dr. Bailey's - [he] looked after tooth - sac [?] broke
on way in. Home by 4 - to 77 for "orders."
Mended & emb'd some in eve, wrote
here, read and bed about 10. Bread in eve.
Edith down a few moments. Poured [rain] at
intervals during the evening -

Saturday, September 16, 1916

Cloudy early but cleared later.
Up soon after 6 - at 77 [Summer st.] by 6-45 & saw
Mary, Edith & Dottie [*] off for Harvard in
Charles' auto, locked up - [went] up at 12 & 5 to
feed hens & V [?] & I in eve for milk.
Made some apple-sauce cake & soft custard
& baked [?] bread. & kept busy all the morning.
Bit rest in P.M. - to cemetery with flowers -
on to 275 [Broadway] & found Mrs [Ella] Damon & stayed
awhile - met Vida up town & asked her
back to supper - & she arrived soon after
6 - & stayed until after 9 - & we had a busy
time talking & sewing & basketrying. [sic] Walked

always [home] with her. Read & in bed about 11 -

[* A week after William Newcomb Winn died, his widow Mary Rebecca (Prentiss) and their daughter Edith Newcomb Winn, and Dorothy (Edith's cousin?) went to join Amy Josephine Winn for a respite.]

Sunday, September 17, 1916

Pleasant - rather cool.

Up about 7 - breakfast etc & fed the hens & cat at 77 - & rushed off by ten to meet Vida at centre - & in to King's Chapel to hear Mr. Maxwell - very good but not so inspired as usual. Out home, & fed cat & to 77 to feed as Mrs D. wanted me to come to dinner. Found Mabel had sent up a lot of canned good - 8 cans & 4 varieties - & Edna had left some pears & peaches. Back with V.D. fine dinner - in garden to see flowers fruit etc. - then Jane Smith called & we all went to centre together & Vida came back with me - we started the fire in fireplace - had cinnamon toast & tea and Aunt Sarah brought us some blanc mange. Vida in there some in eve & I read the paper - part way to centre with her at 9-30 - & to bed soon after -

Monday, September 18, 1916

Pleasant - nice & cool.

Washed & ironed which took a good share of the day. & cooked a little - custards & ham. Nap in PM. & sewed - Waited dinner for Amy until 6-25 and partly finished [eating] when she came about 7-35. Just down from Harvard & going to stay with me the rest of the week to my joy. Talked, up [to 77] for milk & clothes for Amy & she tele'd some & we sat by fire place until 10 and then meandered off to bed.

Tuesday, September 19, 1916

Clear & nice - quite warm during

day but cool enough for the fireplace
in eve. Up by 6 - & we breakfasted soon
after 7. [Went] Along with Amy & fed hens & cat.
Dishes & then Mabel & Jr. came up & were
here about an hour or [at least] M. was. - emb'd.
Brushed up some, fed hens early and
into good_ish clothes & over town. Carried
brown dress to Lucie to shorten & met Vida
& in [Boston] town on errands & lunch on her bid. [?]
While waiting at Stearns for Amy saw Ethel
Morse so as A.J. didn't show up she
lunched with us at the Mary E. Left them,
did a few errands & here soon after 3. &
found Amy on piazza waiting. Aunt Sarah
in town. [To] Aunt Sue for clothes & called for
a few moments. Read & - talked - Had a
good dinner - both of us [went] up for milk and
then read & talked & Amy wrote.
Bed about 10.

Wednesday, September 20, 1916

Clear and glorious - a wonderful
day. Up by 5-45 and Amy and I
ate at 6-45 - [went] up with her to feed the
hens - etc - dishes, dusted - put up 3 small
jars of nice tho small peaches that
Edna gave me. Finally left at 11 for Belmont [Hill] -
stopped at Mame's [at 7 Academy] - P.O. [?] etc. so arrived some
time after 12. & Amy came about one. Just [2d cousins]
La & Joe there. Ma & Pa at Underwoods - Dandy
dinner out doors - steak - onions, sweets & white [?]
tomatoes & peaches. Amy went in taxi by 2-30.
& I stayed & talked and had a nap & left for
A. about 4-30. La to the "Den" [*] with me. Gave me
a fine basket of peaches. - errands & home. Light
supper - pineapple salad - as we were too
full for much. Amy to Helene's in eve but
I was too weary so wrote here instead.
Aunt Sarah & Aunts to Mrs. Harris's.

Thursday, September 21, 1916

Pleasant. & good. Up 5-35 -
Brushed up & dusted some &
put up some Bartlett pears.

Mended & sewed a bit - & did a little cooking. Amy back about 5 - & weary. Up & fed hens. & later Amy & I went up & fed cat and she did some telephoning. Read awhile & emb'd but to bed quite early.

Friday, September 22, 1916

Clear & nice - tho foggy early. Up about 6. Late breakfast as we had to wait for pop-overs. & baked pot's to cook. Amy home most of AM. Up & fed her hens & again at noon. Put up some peaches, made crust & a peach pie with specked one. Amy & I had dinner out doors. & then she left to meet Madeline [Whitney] & go to Marblehead to stay until Sunday. Bit rest & then to Lucie's - tried on brown [dress] - & carried old blue skirt to be shortened. Few errands & home. Read & mended in eve and bed about 9. Finished emb'g a nighty.

Saturday, September 23, 1916

Pleasant & nice -
Fed hens, last time.
Up 6-30 or so. ^ Not much cooking but put up 6 pts. of peaches and one of pears - & brushed up some, dusted etc. Also evened hem of tablecloth and in eve turned it and hemmed a side and a half. Rested awhile in P.M. after going to 77 to see Mary & Edith who arrived [home] about 12-30. Edith [came] down later. Library 4-30 to 6 - up stairs. Rather late supper. Vida up in eve and stayed until ten o'clock. Walked part way with her & then to bed. Mr Syda [carpenter] here in A.M. with Russell Terrace bill - 63.22 [~\$2,000 today]

Sunday, September 24, 1916

Pleasant & fine.

Up about 7. Breakfast and dishes
and then wrote a long letter to Dora
Dana and a shorter one to Cousin Jennie. [both in Illinois]
At aunts a few moments. Left soon
after 12 to have dinner with Mrs.
Damon & Vida - nice as usual. Vida &
I to Belmont in P.M. to call on Edna &
asked she and Charlotte back to supper here.
Had ham, cinn'n [?] toast, tea - pineapple &
cake. Amy & Madelon [?] down awhile in eve
& Jr. in with us when we first came [home].
Girls went by 8-30 - read a bit but to bed
quite soon. Aunt Sue down in AM. for
a "stand up" call.

Monday, September 25, 1916

Cloudy with a _very few sprinkles in
AM. Did quite a washing & some
ironing - 3 sheets, some towels & pillowcases -
on the iron. Up to aunts & later fed
hens & cats. Aunts to Manomet for the
week with Carrie & Susie D. Some busy
day as I had go to Dr. Bailey's at 3 -
left old blue coat at Lucie's [?] to be repaired
met Vida at 2 & in town - bought a pink
papier-maché pitcher for my room & on to
Dr B's - very little [dental] work - met Vida at the
hair dressers - very few errands & home.
Rather late supper. Amy & Edith down.
sprinkled clothes. Emma Barker [?] at Aunt
Sarah's & [I was] in there awhile & then Alice
& Dave Buttrick came to call and
stayed until after 10. Built a small
fire in the fireplace - Dave so sleepy he
went in on Aunt Sarah's sofa.
Bed about 11.

Tuesday, September 26, 1916

Barbara's first day at school.
A clear, wonderful day.
Clock slow so not up until 6-45.
breakfast, dishes, fed aunts hens &
cats, then ironed and cooked crab apples
for jelly, down [to 146] to tele - to see if La was

coming over but she's at Bourne. [?] Talked with Mabel until 12 - back to [have] dinner - hens etc. again. & [weather] so fine wanted to walk & went to 77 & Edith, Dottie and I went up in the woods - sat on the rock a long time. Very clear and water a wonderful blue. Aunt Sarah to dentists in AM. Wrote here & sent a check to [Charles] Syda that Geo. gave me last night. some bills I have to pay 60.72 at present. To library in eve. P.O. etc - E. Rice there & asked me to marshmallow roast in reading room at 9 P.M. tomorrow. Bed by 9-30. Miss Newton asked about the Oct. work-shelf list etc.

Wednesday, September 27, 1916

Pleasant & fine - hot.
Up 6-20. Breakfast, etc. & fed hens & cats. Finished [making] the crab-apple jelly - only six glasses but fine & clear - A little cooking & quite a lot of mending. So hot [that] the roast at lib. is called off. Shampoo, bath etc in P.M. & read some. Mrs. Hobbs at Aunt Sarah's in PM. for night. Over town, lib. & got brown dress at Lucie's. Aunt Sarah much upset because Mabel had been giving her 'hail, columbia' [*] & various other songs & dances because she had Mrs. Hobbs here when Mabel wanted to go to Lorna's [Russell?] to see her tonight. [I] Had supper with Mrs. H. & Aunt Sarah and then they went to the movies. Read some - and emb'd & bed by ten.

[* This song title was a euphemism for "hell," but it was also the National Anthem, or one of them, until 1931.
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hail,_Columbia]

Thursday, September 28, 1916

Pleasant and warm but with a nasty wind blowing viciously -
Up soon after 6. Washed and ironed new tablecloth, pink dress and

emb'd nighty. Emb'd some. Fed hens & cats at aunts at various hours. Labelled & paraffined jellies and put them away. Bit rest etc in P.M. Mrs. Hobbs home early in AM. Aunt Sarah to call on Maria Hill & Mrs. Geo. [Hill?] in P.M. Rest, sewed and emb'd some. and to Amy's about 4-30 with some things for supper as we ate out doors. The Fred Frosts and Vida were there calling. Emb'd in eve on a letter [?] for Vida - finished by 8-30 and home soon after and to bed. Mary Winn & Josie [Prentiss?] to Manomet today to stay until Saturday.

Picnic -
Friday, September 29, 1916

Clear - very windy - Rained in eve, hard. Up 6-30 - fed things - including myself - made a cake with choc. frosting - & some salad dressing - & swept halls - Amy down & Arthur in awhile - Aunt Sarah & I to 77 about 12 and with Amy & Edith to a nice spot back of Paris's where Helene & Clara & Mrs. Johnson & Mrs. Shepherd were already settled for a picnic. Had a most wonderful lunch & everybody stuffed - especially me. Just home when the Gannett's came and asked Aunt Sarah & me to ride [in auto] & we went by Horn Pond, Winn St. to Burlington, Lexington, & home - a fine ride - foliage good. Amy & Edith down to supper but all Edith had was a cup of tea & Amy & I had sultana biscuits & cake. Sewed in eve - girls went home about 8-30 but came back later for the night with Dottie. - Hemmed a dress in eve. Read until after ten.

Saturday, September 30, 1916

Pleasant - cool - very windy - Up 6-20 or so. Breakfast - dishes etc. & up to feed cats and hens. Made some salad dressing and choc. mold - washed

& ironed a waist, some hanky's & ironed a dressed. [sic] Down to Mabel's for some crab-apples and made some apple-butter. lunched, etc. & cutting apples for jelly about one when bell rang and it was Flora Nazro. Of course we had a great chat - and she stayed until 3 when I walked to corner with her. Back from N.H. [?] last Monday. Down to Vida's & up town together & she came over with me for awhile. Had some baked beans for my supper - kidney's - Mashpee style [*] and mighty good. Read in eve and up to bed soon after eight.
Wonderful northern lights -

Sunday, October 1, 1916

A glorious, clear, cool day and a mean shame to be housed but so the Fates ordained. Up about 7-30. Built fire, fed aunts animals and then myself and finished crab-apple jelly - (fine color) and made some more apple butter. Fires in kitchen & fireplace about all day. Amy down awhile in A.M. & boys in and out. Arthur here in P.M. after I had had a rest - and up with me while I fed the zoo. Supper with Aunt Sarah. Mary, Amy & Edith there for P.M. tea & eve.
Bed soon after 9.

Rather cold in eve.

Monday, October 2, 1916

Clear & fine and I longed for the woods. Johnny-cat seemed quite sick when I went up - has a cold but good, warm, outdoor air revived [?] him. Brushed up some, put up some peaches, labelled jellies and apple-butter in AM and down to see Mabel awhile - Bath etc in PM - at Mrs. Belyea's for rent, paid Yerxa & Hilliard insurance \$22.40 [~\$650 today] - thank goodness it lasts for five years - at library & home -

Fed animals, called at 77 & back to supper.
Nice fire in the fireplace so Aunt Sarah
came in and sat by it during the evening.
Bed about 10.

Tuesday, October 3, 1916

Another wonderful day, much
to [sic] good to be wasted in the
house but I washed [laundry], put up a couple
more jars of peaches and made a
"hungry cake" besides feeding the aunts
animals several times. Dog weary in P.M.
and had a nap. Sent a birthday
card to Aunt Mame & wrote here.
Down to Mabel's late in P.M. and
again in eve with card & some cake.
Amy & Edith called while I was out.
Featherstitched some basket bags for Christmas
& to bed quite early.

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"Table Talk" magazine (Arthur H. Crist Company, 1917)

Hungry Cake.---Cream one third cupful of shortening with one and one
half cupfuls of brown sugar. Add dark spices the beaten yolks of two
eggs and one cupful of sour milk in which has been dissolved one
teaspoonful of soda. Stir in about two and one half cupfuls of flour
and a pinch of salt. Bake in layers and fill with the following:

Raisin Filling.---Boil one cupful of granulated sugar in one third
cupful of water until it hairs. Combine it at once with the stiffly
beaten whites of two eggs which have previously been mixed with one
cupful of chopped raisins. Beat all together and spread between the
cake layers.

"Dark spices" = allspice, cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg?

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Wednesday, October 4, 1916

Pleasant & nice.
Rather a rush as I had to be at
the library by 9 - for the first Staff meeting.

In Miss Newtons room with a nice fire in the fireplace - new officers - Pres. Eva Smith, Vice P. Miss [Matilda] Leetch, Sec. Miss [Nellie] Baston. [Then] Paid some bills - on to Vida's & in town together & at her invite to see the [Louis] Raemaker pictures at Copley Hall [on Clarendon st.] on the war - gruesome but wonderful. Grew dizzy so had to rest - walked down town, lunched at the English Tea [Room] - a few errands & out by 3. Quite tired - read & emb'd - & intended going to bed early but soon after seven Dave Buttrick & Alice came & asked Aunt Sarah & me to ride - Medford Boulevard by lakes - to Spot Pond where the moon was fine on the water - Medford & home by river - a fine ride. Back by 8-30 - & read until about 10.

Thursday, October 5, 1916

A clear, warm, summery day. Edith down early to say Eleanor ["La"] would come over this PM. Ironed & then swept & dusted & washed kitchen floor & then went to bed. - dizzy head again. Stayed there an hour or two and felt better - La came soon after & we sewed & talked. Aunt Sarah to Boston but back early. So warm we sat on piazza until 5-30. Supper & sewed some more. La knitting a yellow sweater. Amy & Edith here & they all went [away] together soon after eight. Read a bit but to bed fairly early.

Peirce's Pines

Friday, October 6, 1916

Clear & fine - quite hot. Felt like the woods & [went] to 146 [Mystic st.] & tele'd to F. [Florence] Harris but she was busy & then up to see Edith who wasn't sure - but [came] back & put up a lunch etc. & at Winn's by 11 & found Edith & Dot [Coe] would go so went across lots to Peirce's Pines where we sewed, ate & picked partridge berries & had a fine rest - back by whales' belly & Summer St. - some weary but not too much Sliced tomato & onion for pickle & then over town. Emb'd on V.D's nighty in eve until

after nine - Aunts down late to see Aunt Sarah - who had gone to bed but came down [stairs] Read & bed about 10.

Middlesex Fells.
Saturday, October 7, 1916

[unreadable] another clear and glorious day.
Up at 6 as Aunt Sarah left at 6-30 for Pittsfield - special rates, with Mrs. [Edith] Deshon & Richard, Annie, Josie Prentiss, to stay overnight. Cooked sliced pickle, made nut bread & hungry cake. - Amy down to see if I would go to the Fells on a picnic so did a great dutch - washed a few windows, brushed up etc. & we left on the 11-30 car - off at Winchester Town Hall - up the hill & road [?] to right - lunched up high on a beautiful rock - & then on to the reservoir & Lawrence Tower & to the top - a wonderful view & foliage was fine in spots - back to the reservoir & rested & watched the ducks [?] & sewed some. - to Causeway [?] & back to Winchester for lemonade at the Exchange - & while there Mrs. "Charile" Coombs [?] - came in. Back on 4-30 car. Over town later - lib. & [to] Alice Buttricks to see what I could take tomorrow. Supper & emb'd & at 77 by 7-30 - over to lib. with some eggs for Mary. & so done up I had to go to bed by 8-30. Slept like a log.

Worcester.
Sunday, October 8, 1916

A wonderful day, clear, glorious and warm. Up & dressed by 7 and house, breakfast etc. Aunt Sue down with a piece of birthday cake & kaiser roll for my breakfast. Various things to do and just ready when Alice and Dave came [in auto] at 9-30. Sat on front seat - which was fine - Down for Gertrude Turnbull and to E. Lex on Lowell turnpike (saw some meadow-larks) for Miss Pond - on to Bedford & then Carlisle - by Uncle Warren's old camp, foliage was fine - wonderful coloring - to Concord

by the old Buttrick house - & on to Harvard & the Pinnacle for the view, not very clear, to Prospect Hill - for another fine view. Sears [?] flowers were gorgeous - to Lancaster - a beautiful town -- saw the girls [?] School - to Clinton where we had lunch and a fine one in a pine grove, by the wonderful reservoir & to Worcester - to the State Hospital to see M'dine [?] Buttrick - quite awhile there - another fine view - home on the state road to Weston & then across to Lexington - left Miss Pond & they left me here by 6-45 - not tired and had had a fine day. Light supper & read - in bed by 10. No Aunt Sarah. - [she] came at 12 & stayed at Deshon's. Winn & Gannetts at Pinnacle as we left.

Saw sprinkles in P.M. otherwise fair and _hot.
Monday, October 9, 1916

Papa's 70th birthday. Carried some dahlia's that Aunt Georgianna brot and some of my nasturtiums and two-eyed berries from Peirce's Pines.
Woke about six but wasn't up when Emily trilled and had brot me a nice lot of hardy plants. Down [stairs] in kimona - later Aunt G. came & still later Aunt Sarah, back from her trip and had had a glorious time. Charlie Holmes up with a fine load of wood and Edith Winn down. Little cat had tangled up some silk in great shape - run the spool in living & dining-rooms. Washed and ironed a little. To cemetery in P.M. and then to Aunt Elizabeths - she isn't feeling very well and wants me to go to Mashpee with her and will pay _all expenses - so stopped to see Miss Newton on way back and fix it up with shelf list work, etc. Back 6-30 as I stopped at Lucie's for old blue skirt and carried it to the tailor - Levin. [?] Supper & wrote here - quite busy [?] and leg achy. Read in eve - too tired to sew. Bed by 9, Mashpee - Oct. 23 -

Tuesday, October 10, 1916

Still pleasant and nice and

very hot. Ironed part of the morning. Sliced tomatoes for spanish pickle - made an apple and a peach pie - and brushed up some. Aunt Sarah at dentist & away all day. Sewed in P.M. & at Amy's in eve with sewing - Mrs. Deshon and Mrs. Fowle called in P.M. Bed about 10. Tele'd to Aunt Elizabeth and she said Oct. 23" _d would suit her [?] finely for Mashpee.

Wednesday, October 11, 1916

Clear and _nice - but no frost so flowers are still fine. Up 6-45. Had a fire in the fire-place all day. Washed all the windows on the outside, even the cellar and chambers on the inside which took all of A.M. Mended and emb'd in P.M. and over town on errands - Read and sewed in eve and bed soon after 10. Cooked some more pickle - dried -

Thursday, October 12, 1916

Clear and fine once more. Quite cold 40Â°. Up 6-30 - breakfast, split some wood and wrote awhile & mended some. Up to Amy's in PM. & with she & Edith to the Frosts in PM. with sewing. Both Jos & Jennie there & Mrs. Frost who seemed quite [?] bright & well. Home by 5. read & emb'd in eve & bed in good season (?) I guess.

Friday, October 13, 1916

Clear & nice, rather windy - Up about 6-30. Swept & dusted the whole house & mopped all the floors, which took most of AM. Took up (potted) 2 heliotropes, a geranium and a tiny four o'clock. Late lunch - some rest. Emb'd & over town on errands. Not needed at lib. until Tues. Emb'd until 10 PM on

Vida's nighty - & _then to bed.

Saturday, October 14, 1916

Pleasant & fine - out. More of this splendid fall weather.

Up 6-45 or so. Usual things and then made a "hungry cake" for Vida's birthday - frosting too runny. Emb'd from 10-30 to 12 & 1 to 4 on Vida's birthday nighty & finished it. Stopped for lunch. Barbara [Winn] and "Bub" Twombly here cutting dolls by the fire for an hour. & Mrs. Deshon called for a moment. Washed & ironed [Vida's] night-gown & about 4-30 cleaned stove pipes in kitchen and _then had a bath. Early supper & to Vida's with cake & gown in eve - _but --- she was out: so called on [her] mother & was home by 8-45 - & in bed soon after. Sent only a card to Geo & Mabel - too poor for more.

Sunday, October 15, 1916

Clear & glorious early but cloudy in P.M.

Up soon after 7 after reading in bed. - breakfast - dishes etc. & wrote off some receipts [recipes] to take to Mashpee. & then went up in the woods for a nice walk - leaves were splendid. Aunt _Sarah [went] to _church. Hustled into better things [clothes] & to 77 to dinner. Susie Watson there but left early. Read etc - until about 4 when Vida & Virginia came up as Mrs. Damon & Agnes were at the house. Built fire in fireplace & had a nice visit with them & later went down with Vida to supper. - a rarebit. Talked etc. in eve. Showed me her fur coat - remodelled and very stunning. Back about 9. Read awhile in bed.

Monday, October 16, 1916

Clear & warm & nice -
Some busy as I washed and ironed in the morning and did some

mending, rested a bit after lunch & then went into the city to do a few errands. Bot some Mary E. [candy] kisses & some dear, little yellow roses for Aunt G. Out [to Arlington] soon after 4. Supper with Aunt Sarah. Aunts there. Had all been with Tildens [*] on a picnic to the Melrose (?) log-cabin. Mrs. Deshon & Susie D. over in eve for cards but I came home and sewed & read. Bed about 9. but read until 10.

[* en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seminary_Hill_School]

[Also on this day, Margaret Sanger opened the first U.S. birth-control clinic, a forerunner of Planned Parenthood, at 46 Amboy Street in Brownsville, Brooklyn. Ten days later, the police forced it to close, under the Comstock "chastity" laws.]

[Also on this day, the British government in Egypt sent T. E. Lawrence to work with the Hashemite forces in the Arabian Hejaz.]

Tuesday, October 17, 1916

Pleasant - wind blew a gale and was horrid about all day. Warm early. Cold by eve.

Up 6-20 - Hurried up work [?] - eats, chopping wood, etc. & left at 9-30 for 1st day of full work at library. Helped Miss Newton discard books until 12-30 - and then did some errands and came home & built fire and cooked a good dinner. So long I didn't go back until 2-30 & had to put on a heavy skirt as the wind blew my dress about disgracefully & was most embarrassing. Busy until 5-45 and then Florence Harris came in and asked me up to a picnic supper in the kitchen as her mother and the girl are away. Stopped at tailor's but he was out. Had a nice supper and a good time & stayed until 8 o'clock - Home & built fire on hearth and read awhile before bed.

Wednesday, October 18, 1916

Clear and cold - 2" _nd frost.

Up 6-30 - nice breakfast - dishes, put up a lunch, dusted etc, and left for library at 9-20. Helped discard [books] until 12 - finishing that part, and worked on book list till 12-30 Ate lunch in children's room by window, talked & read until 1-30 and then kept busy until 5-30 - downstairs quite a lot. Bot some liver - to Levin's for blue suit which looks very nice - except the poor, old patchy lining. Home about six and started fires in stove & fire place and it is baking hot now. Ate soon after 7 - dishes mended some, wrote here and bed about 9.

Thursday, October 19, 1916

Cloudy & showery all day.

Up 6-30. Busy - with cooking - dusting etc (?) some mending, took up some plants & dahlia and gladiolii [sic] bulbs, chopped wood etc. Library at 10-15 and worked until 12-15 - had lunch then and began again at 12-45 on shelf list and kept busy until 5-45. Had a fine oyster stew for supper, and read until after ten - hot fires in stove & fireplace - so nice & warm - good hot bath & bed about 10-30. Misses [Lizzie] Newton & [Edith?] Whittemore went to Greenfield to Mass Lib Club - Western Mass. & N. H. [?] meeting - to be gone until Sat.

Friday, October 20, 1916

Pleasant & very warm - all day. Some busy, washed, made bran gems and a bread pudding, swept some, cooked pickle - etc. etc. & arrived at library at 9-45 - worked until 12-45 & from 1-15 to 5-15. Not so very tired but enough. Nice supper and read and emb'd in eve until nine, then to bed.

Saturday, October 21, 1916

Showered some about 10 PM. but
was clear & fine later. Dishes, ironed,
Amy down, at aunts a few moments
and left by 9-15 - carried long, black [coat?]
to tailor to have collar fixed - then
library & worked until after two. [missing]
rang up and we made arrangements
for Monday & Mashpee. Lunched [at?]
3 & then to Emily's with her basket [?]
some hollyhock plants, also to 146 but [?]
only George and, Barbara who came
with me to play with Felice. We [missing]
the 77 Winn's about six for beans [?]
Helene Johnson there. Left at 6-45 [missing]
Miss Baston & Leetch there - rest at
Tuttle's [?] wedding - & Misses Newton and
Whittemore not back from Greenfield [?]
Quite busy which I like. Back by [missing]
hot bath & bed by 10 -

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edge, so some words are missing.]

Sunday, October 22, 1916

Clear, a little cooler and fine -
Woke early and read in bed
until after 7 - A busy morning dusting,
clearing up eats, etc. & packing a bit.
Aunt Sarah decided she didn't want
the care of the cat so I asked Edith
who was _very nice and willing - Split
a lot of wood - some _hard pieces too -
light dinner as food was scarce - fixed some
for supper - then read. Annie & Eleanor [Prentiss]
came to call & we sat by the fire & chatted & I
asked them to tea & later Amy, Helene & Edith
came, bringing eats - & still later Mary. Luckily, the
table had an extra leaf & we had toast made
on both fires, potatos & veg. salad, pickles, cake &
puree'd peaches & tea. Dishes later & talked
until after 8. when all left but Helene [Johnson], who had
the auto come for her about nine. Read awhile,

straightened up & bed at 10.
Aunt Sarah [came] in twice trying to patch up things.

Monday, October 23, 1916

Some clouds but pleasant.
Rather cool.
Up at 6 - washed but things didn't dry at all well, picked up house.
Filled lamps - cooked beef for cat etc. Up to see [?] aunts, dressed & left by 10-30 - got cream. [?] [unreadable] to see Miss Newton & in town by 11-40. [unreadable] some English muffins - lunched at the Acorn, few errands & [trolley] car to [South] station where I met Aunt Elizabeth and we left for Mashpee at 1-05 - nice trip, foliage good [?] - gorgeous in places. Will & [Mr] Capless met us in auto at station - Will built a fire in kitchen & I started one in the living room [unreadable] we were soon very warm & cozy. Made beds etc. [?] Ate supper in kitchen on small table [unreadable] fire & read, talked & emb'd in eve. Bed some time but set clocks by guess so didn't know just when. Slept well in my small room. Aunt Mame coming Thurs.

Tuesday, October 24, 1916

Quite pleasant - but some clouds.
Up 7 or so. Breakfasted in kitchen, chatted awhile, dishes, etc - over to see Mrs Sturgis & stayed an hour. Dinner & naps & [went] down town by the wood paths but Betsy wouldn't walk the plank at the flume [*] so [went] out to road - to P.O. & stores. Saw all the Collins family there & Clara, & Laurence bro't us back. Over for milk in eve. Bessie off to the movies - & we stayed an hour with Grandma [Rhoda]. read some & bed about 9 - read till 10-45.

[* I believe that "Betsey" is another name for Mrs Bessie Sturgis. The Winns' cottage was on the western shore of Mashpee Pond, which drains into the Mashpee River. Where the river crosses under Main street (now route 130) was a flume and a rude bridge for walkers.]

Wednesday, October 25, 1916

A wonderful day - good breeze but not too cool. Foggy early. Up 7-30 or so and didn't eat until 8-30 o'clock - put up lunch etc. Aunt E. did beds and we left for a days walk about 10 - stopped at Sturgis's & then on the pond road - sat on Rottery's [?] piazza & talked a long time - then on to "Keeter's," and back to Peter's [Pond] where we had lunch - stopped at Pimlico [Pond] & home on the trails & wood roads. Saw only 2 partridge - at Hicks's - Back at 4, rested, read a bit - snowflake toast & baked apples & tea for 6 o'clock supper. At Mrs. Hammond's a few moments & then over for milk - helped churn a bit. Bessie busy washing. Bed 8-30 but read until ten. Rained hard in night & blew.

Thursday, October 26, 1916

Clear & fine & quite hot. Up at 7 - Breakfast 8 to 9-30, dishes, baked apples, made coffee cream, swept & washed kitchen floor & did lamps - Aunt E. swept and dusted the rest of the house - getting ready for "Mary girl." All over to Sandwich with Mr Capless & Will and met Aunt Mame at 3-30 and she and Aunt E. are having the _best time together. "Isabelle" and baby came also so had some crowded car coming back. Ate in kitchen on little table and had a jolly time. Read, talked & emb'd in eve & bed soon after 9.

[Nina's two visiting aunts were younger sisters of her late Mama: Elizabeth Waite (Bacon) Potter and Mary Alice "Mame" (Bacon) Peabody.]

Friday, October 27, 1916

Pleasant & glorious. Felt fine early, and walked up for checkerberries and picked a lot. "Auntie"

arrived - then a bad head cold developed
- later I ran into the door so felt much
abused. Rested some in PM. & all [of us]
read - then [went] down town, called on the
Misses Collins, a few errands & home.
Read & bed early with hot lemonade.

Saturday, October 28, 1916

Pleasant & warm - not a cloud
to be seen. Up 6-30 or so - after
reading - Felt achy and weary all day.
Cooked etc most of A.M. - hungry cake,
jelly and such like. Rest [of them] out of doors
reading and I joined them in P.M. and
we sat out until the sun set and then
read inside. [Baked] Beans of Bessie's for
supper. Bed soon after 8.

Sunday, October 29, 1916

Clear & wonderful. Felt O.K.
Up 7-40 or so & breakfast at 9-30. Just
doing dishes when Bessie came to see if
we'd like to go to Osterville Beach so hustled
& finished things & then put up lunch &
sat & waited & read or wrote, and then
had a beautiful ride to Cotuit, Osterville,
Wianno & the beach - where Bessie fished for
flat fish & ministers [?] some of which she fried
for dinner. Over to the breakwater etc.
Who should appear but Helen Stearns [?] Williams
with baby Barbara and husband, Norman,
so we had a nice chat. Were finishing
eating at sunset and then came home
watching the little new moon in the west.
Tea & cookies & sat in kitchen by fire, reading
until about 8. Hot bath - & read & light out at 10.
Others all in by 9 -

Monday, October 30, 1916

Pleasant & warm -
Up 6-30. Bessie over about 7-30 to see
if we'd go to Cotuit in an hour and
then to "Pop" [*] - so we did _some hustling.

Bit [of] wash - sandwiches etc. & Aunt Mame did beds - while Aunt E & I tended to dishes - & then wrote here until Bessie came. Grandma in for a few moments on her way to Mrs. Hammond's. To Cotuit for cards [?] & Bessie's washes & then to "Pop." Left auto at last house & walked to shore - rather gray but very lovely & grasses in bay were wonderful - calm so good reflections - All went in wading - walked up & down shores, rested etc. Ate by pines - fried oysters as a specialty - Home by 5 - & wrote cards & here - supper & read & emb'd & bed at 8-30.

[* en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Popponneset_Bay]

Tuesday, October 31, 1916

Cloudy & warm - very damp.
Up 6-45 or so. Everybody did some washing - & I also ironed some. Emb'd awhile in P.M. and later all hands to P.O. and store. Read & emb'd in eve while rest wrote and wrote. Only celebrated by having Hallow Eve napkins at supper table. Quite a bunch of letters for all of us. - cards etc.
Bed at nine but read an hour.