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Thursday 1st I slept very little last night; it being very hot. There was a good deal of shooting on 12 o'clock last night. I milked the cow this morning and evening. I still have the sore throat and sore eye. I read most all forenoon. After dinner I went in Charley's shop, and after that we read. This evening we all played: horse race, the game of "alphabets" and "natural History". I rained a good deal last night, and all day.

Friday 2nd I arose early this morning and then milked the cow. I sewed up a hole in my pants before breakfast. This forenoon I read, was in the carpenter shop. At 1 o'clock I went to the library, but it was closed, so I went to Hardys, Rodolfs and Fountain's stores to get a back number "Leslie's boys of America" unsuccessfully. Then I went back to the library but it was closed, so I walked down to Washington & 8th st. and back with the same result as before. Next I walked to Grove & 14th st. and back, it being open, that I took "Frank before the bar" in the "Lower Mississippi" and "India". I read the former until supper. I milked the cow this evening. I went to the butcher this evening, but not having what I wanted. I went again after supper. I read a Christmas story this evening. I rained a great deal last night; I rained a very little today.

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Saturday 3^d. I milked the cow this morning and evening. I read before breakfast. After breakfast I exercised with the dumbbells. After that I cleaned out the cow stable. Then I helped uncle and Willie rake the grass and sweep the walks. I helped uncle sweep a portion of his lot when finished with that. After dinner Willie, uncle and I went down to the marsh to have a shot with the farmer's rifle. I took a shot, and I had to mark the shots. As we were coming home we saw a large paper balloon in the sky. After that I kept house. I read this evening, and ^{I had the brought} played checkers.

Sunday 4th I arose early, milked the cow and then went to bed again. This was a very lonesome day. We shot with the parlor rifle a.m. I went to the bakery before dinner. This afternoon I read eat hazel nuts etc. I played checkers this evening. It was a very cold morning, but delightful afternoon.

Monday 5th I milked the cow this morning and evening. I exercised with the dumbbells before breakfast. I went to the butcher and post office after breakfast. This is the first day of school. I played football at noon, and this morning, and recess, I ~~played~~

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stood around. We had Arithmetic, Grammar, and writing Spelling this forenoon. This afternoon we had History and Drawing.

I read the papers after school. I went to the feed store to order something. I went to the bakery after bread this evening. Johnnie and I went to the library after supper, and I paid for this month. I played checkers with Frank Harris there, and beat him. I got "Pot Roy" and "Life of McClellan". I got four blank books for Bookkeeping this evening. It was a cold morning, but pleasant afternoon. I studied History this evening. I always take lunch to school now.

Tuesday 6th I milked the cow this morning and evening. I exercised with the dumbbells before breakfast. I played football before school, at recess, and at noon. We had Arithmetic; we had to go to the board for Grammar, and writing Spelling. This afternoon we had writing & History. I went to the butcher and post office after breakfast. After school I mainly read. I played checkers with Bella this evening. We had to stay in until 3:30 this afternoon, because I did not know my spelling. It was mother's 4th birthday today. It was a cold day, 55 at noon.

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Wednesday 7th I milked the cow this morning and evening. I exercised with the dumbbells before breakfast. I studied book keeping (single entry) before breakfast. I played football before school, at recess, at noon, and after school. We had Arithmetic, Grammar, and writing Spelling this forenoon, and writing History and Book keeping in the afternoon. I had to stay in school until 3:30 because I had one check. After supper we caught some chickens. I read this evening. It was a delightful day.

Thursday 8th I milked the cow this morning and evening. I exercised with the dumbbells before breakfast. I studied Book keeping before breakfast. I played football before school, at recess, at noon, and after school. We had Arithmetic, a singing lesson, Analysis and writing Spelling this forenoon. This afternoon we had writing History and Book keeping. I had to stay in until 3:30 because I did not know what Analysis. I read "Leslie's boys and girls" after school and this evening. It was a delightful day.

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Friday 9th. I milked the cow this morning and evening. I exercised with the dumbbells before breakfast. We had an examination in Physiology this forenoon; we had 20 questions, and it was pretty hard. We had to copy a bill after that. This afternoon we had to write a composition on "Blunders." I wrote about two mistakes I made, and one I had read. I had to stay after school because I had one chick. I played football before school, at recess, at noon, and after school. I received some pretty hard knocks, and at recess I had my collar ~~torn off~~ but I put on another one at noon. I went to the library after supper and played checkers with Eugene Howell, and he beat me three out of 5. I got Mr. Midshipman Merry. It was a pleasant day. 40° when I got up.

Saturday 10. I milked the cow this morning and evening. I exercised with the dumbbells before breakfast. I helped uncle sweep the walks and yard this forenoon. I beat out the carpets before dinner. After dinner, Herman and I went with Willie out to Adam's point to shoot Willie's rifle. He shot at a target three times, and then we walked over the hills, and he shot 1 ground squirrel. I read this

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afternoon. I went to the library after supper, and got the plants hunters. It was a gloomy day 57° at noon. There were several real estate agents here to today, who wanted to sell father's property. I bathed tonight.

Sunday 11 - I arose early this morning, milked the cow and then put on my good clothes. I read the whole day and evening. I played checkers with Bella this evening. I milked the cow this afternoon. It was a very lonesome day. It was a ^{very} cold and disagreeable day.

Monday 12 - I milked the cow this morning and evening. I played football before school, at noon, at recess, and after school. We had Arithmetic, and Grammar and Analysis on the board, and writing Spelling this forenoon. This afternoon we had writing History and drawing. I borrowed the Boys of America from Chas. Rosenberg this afternoon and read it after school. I read this evening. I went to the bakery before supper. It was a very cold day.

Tuesday 13 - I milked the cow this morning and evening. I studied History before breakfast. I played football before school, at recess, and at noon. We had Arithmetic, Grammar on the black board, and writing Spelling this forenoon.

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This afternoon we had writing History, and copied from book keeping ^{book} into day book this afternoon. I had to stay untill 3:55 because I had one check. I went to the dentist afterschool, but it was crowded so I came home again. I read, after school, and this evening. It was a cold day.

Wednesday 14th - I milked the cow this morning and evening. It rained a little this morning. I played football at recess. We had Arithmetic, Bookkeeping, Grammar on blackboard, Analysis, and writing Spelling this forenoon. This afternoon we had writing History, and Physiology. I read afterschool, and this evening. I had to stay untill half past three because I missed in Spelling. I went to the bakery before supper. It was a gloomy day.

Thursday 15th - I arose early this morning, milked the cow, and then dressed myself. We had Arithmetic, Music, Analysis, and writing Spelling this forenoon. This afternoon we had writing History, and we copied into our ledger and day book. I had to stay in untill quarter to four, because I missed in Spelling. I read Boys and Girls weekly, afterschool, and this evening. I played "black man" at recess, and noon. I went to the library after supper and got a tale of Cornish mines. It rained a little last night, and a good deal this afternoon & evening.

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It was a very windy day. I milked the cow this evening. I gave a blank book of about 200 pages to Willis for 25¢ and a box of collars, making me 50¢ this evening.

Friday 16. — I milked the cow this morning and evening. We had an examination in Arithmetic this whole forenoon. We had 10 questions. This whole afternoon we had Book keeping; we copied into our day books, and then into the ledger. I had to stay 15 min. after school because I had one check. I went to the library after supper and got the "Kangaroo hunters." I played two games of checkers with Horrell there. It was a cold day. I read after school.

Saturday 17. I milked the cow this morning and evening. This forenoon, I helped rake the garden, scrape green paint from Polly's cage, and cleaned my little pistol. This afternoon and evening I read. I went to the grocery store before supper. It was very windy and rainy last night. It rained a little this afternoon. Baths tonight. I played three games of checkers with Bella this evening, and beat her twice.

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Sunday 18. - I arose early this morning, milked the cow, read a little, and then dressed myself. I read this forenoon. Bella, Lela Fleming, Willie, and I, went to church this forenoon, to hear Mr. Hamilton preach on "Love your enemies." It rained as we went to church. This afternoon I read. I played three games of checkers with Bella after supper, and beat her twice. It was a pleasant afternoon. Father gave me 50¢ this morning for blackening his and Johnnie's and Hyman's boots during the week, making me \$1.00.

Monday I milked the cow this morning, and dressing. I took my lunch to school today. We had to explain an example in Arithmetic this morning; we also had Grammar, and writing Spelling this forenoon. This afternoon we had Physiology and Drawing. I had to stay until half past three, because I missed in Spelling. I went to the post office, shoe store, and brass founders for Charlie after school. After supper I went to the library, and got two books. After that I wrote a letter to Lizzie, drew in my drawing book, and studied History. I rained nearly all last night and today.

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Tuesday 20 - I milked the cow this morning and evening. I went to the butcher and post office after breakfast. We had Arithmetic, Grammar and writing Spelling this forenoon; and this afternoon we had Analysis, writing History, and we balanced our ledgers. I played football at noon. I went to the Dentist after school, and after waiting an hour he brushed my teeth. After that Uncle and I picked up the branches of the trees that were being trimmed on the side walk. After supper I done some examples, studied History, and looked over German nouns. After that Bella and I played checkers, and game of natural history. It was a very cold day. It drizzled this afternoon.

Wednesday 21 - I milked the cow this morning and evening. It was a very cold morning. We had Arithmetic, Grammar and writing Spelling this forenoon. This afternoon we had writing History, and Physiology. I had to stay 15 min. after school because I had one chick. I played football at recess, and at noon. After school I picked up the branches of trees that were being trimmed on father's place on 12th st. I went to the library after supper and got one book; I also bought a music reader for 50¢ and foolscap paper for 25 leaving me 25¢. I studied History

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and Grammar, and done examples, this evening. I played two games of checkers with Bella, after that. It rained a little today.

Thursday 22:— I milked the cow this morning and evening. I went after "Boys & Girls' paper" but it had not yet come before breakfast. We had Arithmetic and Grammar this forenoon. This afternoon we had writing History and Book keeping. After school I beat out the hall step carpet. I read this evening. Frank came home from Oregon via overland this evening. It was a very cold morning.

Friday 23d. I was awaked rather rudely this morning, by Willie pulling me out of bed. I milked the cow this morning and evening. I went after the "Boys and girls' weekly" and got it, before breakfast. We had an examination this forenoon, in Grammar; we had ten questions, and I got 105 out of 150. We corrected the papers after recess. We wrote a composition on "Moss" this afternoon. After school I read. After supper I went to the library, and got "Among the Arabs." I played checkers with Martin Beel, and Howell but was beaten both times, on purpose. It was a very cold day. About 35° when I got up.

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Saturday 24th - I milked the cow this morning, and evening. This forenoon, I helped rake the garden, sweep the yard, and then I took up the piles. I beat out the carpets, before and after dinner. After dinner Willie and I walked out to Adams' point. We took Charley's shot gun along, and after walking around the hills, I Willie shot a ground squirrel. I read this evening. I bathe tonight. It was a cold morning.

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Sunday 25th - I arose early this morning, milked the cow and then went to bed again. This forenoon I read and done examples. This afternoon I read, and Down Rodolph came. This evening we played a comic game, named Gam Pick. I milked the cow this evening. I played checkers with Johnnie after supper. It rained a good deal this afternoon and evening.

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Monday 26th - I milked the cow this morning, and evening. We had Arithmetic, and German this forenoon, we had a large sum in addition, and I had to explain an example. As I am now the only German scholar in my class, the German teacher put me in the lower class, but I shall have higher lessons. This afternoon we had writing History, and and drawing. I had to write a page and a half of Spelling, after school, because I

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had our chick, and it took us untill 3:45 P. M. Mr. Parker from Cloverdale came this evening, and is going to stay a while. I went to the library after supper and got Wards through Mexico and Texas. It was a delightfull day. I got 50¢ from father today for blackening boots last week, for I had bought Bell's turn off her for 20¢ leaving me 55¢.

Tuesday 27. - I milked the cow this morning, and evening. We had Arithmetic (I had to explain an example), Grammar and writing Spelling this forenoon. This afternoon we had History, Physiology, and we made out our Balance Sheet in Book keeping. I went to the library after supper, and got Tom. Newcomb. I studied Grammar, and German this evening. It rained a little last night and this morning before breakfast. I read after school.

Wednesday 28 - I milked the cow this morning, and evening. We had Arithmetic and German this forenoon. This afternoon we had a bad History and Physiology, and that is why we had to stay untill four o'clock. It began raining about four o'clock A. M. and it rained a great deal today. I slept very badly last night. I read, done examples, and studied History this evening.

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Thursday 29. - I milked the cow this morning, and evening. I went after the Boys & Girls' weekly, before breakfast and got it. We had Arithmetic (I had to explain an example) Grammar and writing Spelling this forenoon. This afternoon we had a bad lesson in History and Physiology. We had to stay until four o'clock because we missed in Physiology. I went to the theatre alone, at Braxton Hall this evening. I sat with some boys. The acts were very comical, and there were also some very good speeches made. It began at 7:30 and ended 9:45. It was very good.

It is a moon light night. It was a cold day.

Friday 30 - I milked the cow this morning, and evening. We had an examination in History this forenoon. We had ten questions, and it was pretty hard. We corrected each others papers after recess. This afternoon we corrected each others composition papers. We were left out at 2:25 P.M. I read after school, and this evening. It began raining about two o'clock and is still raining.

Saturday 31st - I milked the cow this morning and evening. I helped uncle clean the chicken house out after breakfast. I read this forenoon. After dinner Johnnie, Herman and I went with father down town to get new boots. We got them at Alexanders, and mine cost \$1.00 and I left my old ones to be resoled. After that I went to the library.

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and got the second volume of the "Narrative of the
Pean and Santa Fe expedition." Henry Schmit
a nice little boy about 9 years old came from San
Francisco this evening, and is going to stay some
time for his health. I read this evening. It was
a delightful day. I cleaned off the mud on the
crossings this afternoon. I bought the Boys of
America this afternoon for 15¢ leaving me 40¢.

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Sunday 1st — I arose early this morning, milked the cow and then put on my Sunday clothes. Father gave me ^{my first} ~~the~~ ^{my first} ~~this~~ ^{my first} ~~forenoon~~. Uncle, Mr. Parker, Willie and I went over to Woodward's garden today. We started on the 9:20 train, and arrived in San Francisco about 10 o'clock. We walked to the Grand Hotel on Market st. and then took the cars for Woodward's gardens. Arriving there we paid 25¢ admittance. We first looked at the sea lions, aquarium, Tropic houses, art gallery, museum, and the animals; there is also a small house with most beautiful little birds, as: parrots, canaries, pigeons etc. We then seen the sea lions fed. At two o'clock we went into the building to see the acting. The Brislav family acted on trapezes, ladders etc; after that there was a comic pantomime. We then seen the sea lions fed again; and then we took the cars, as far as Grand Hotel, and walked to the boat. We arrived at home at 6: P. M. I then milked the cow. My expenses were — 30¢ for cars, 10¢ for horse cars, 25¢ for admittance, leaving me 25¢. We had no dinner. I read this evening. It was a pretty pleasant day.

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Monday 2nd I milked the cow this morning, and evening. We had Arithmetic, and German this forenoon. I had to explain an example in Arithmetic, and had to copy an exercise in German. This forenoon we had History, and Drawing. I had to stay after school until quarter to four because I missed in History. I went to the ~~store~~ after Herman's boots after school. This evening I done examples, studied Physiology, and History. It began drizzling about noon, and continued the whole afternoon.

Tuesday 3^d I milked the cow this morning, and evening. We had Arithmetic, Grammar, and Analysis this forenoon. This afternoon we had History, and Physiology. I read after school. I went to the library after supper, but it was closed on account of an lecture being held there. I rest this evening. It was a delightful day.

Wednesday 4th I milked the cow this morning, and evening. We had Arithmetic, and German this forenoon. This afternoon we had History, and Mr. Bredt read us a story. After school I got Frank Leslie's boys and girls weekly, and then read it. I went to the library after supper, and got "Johnnie Jordan"; I also paid for this month (50¢). It was a delightful day. I studied Physiology at noon recess.

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Thursday 5. — I milked the cow this morning, and evening. I went to school as usual today. We had Arithmetic, Grammar and Analysis, this forenoon; this afternoon we had History, and Physiology. Mr. Brodt was very cross this forenoon. I had to stay in 25 minutes to four this evening, because I missed in Physiology. I took our little orange tree over to Plummer's after school. I went to the library after supper, and looked at the papers, and then I got my mended boots. It was a pleasant day. I read this evening.

Friday 6th — I milked the cow this morning, and evening. We had an examination, in Analysis this forenoon, we had 9 questions, and it was pretty hard. We corrected each other's papers before noon. This afternoon we wrote a composition on 'dates' the two kinds. After that we read items of interest. After school we carried some chickens over to Plummer's. I read after supper. It was a disagreeable day. Frank started back to Oregon this morning, by water.

Saturday 7. I milked the cow this morning, and evening. Willie and I spaded the whole vegetable this whole forenoon. After dinner I beat out the carpets. Bella Williams came this afternoon. I read this evening. I looked at Willie and half a dozen other boys playing

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croquet this afternoon. Skat the tonight. It was a pleasant day.

Sunday 8 - It was very windy last night. I arose early this morning, milked the cow, and then went to bed again. Hales milked the cow this evening. At eleven o'clock Willie, Josephine, Bella, Lela, Fleming and myself went to church (Independent Presbyterian) to hear Mr. Hamilton preach. Harry Smith's who is staying with us, father and brothers came at noon. I read this afternoon and evening. It was a pleasant day.

Monday 9 - I milked the cow this morning, and evening. We had Arithmetic (explaining examples), and in German I wrote. I studied History at noon. This afternoon we had History (the beginning of the revolutionary war) and drawing an ancient cross. I read after school. It began raining about five o'clock this morning, but it soon stopped. I went to the bakery before supper. After supper I went to the library and got "the life of Pizarro," and "the Texas Rangers." I studied History and Physiology this evening. It was a disagreeable day. It was father's 60th birthday today.

Tuesday 10 - I milked the cow this morning, and evening. We had Arithmetic, Grammar, Analysis, and writing Spelling this forenoon. This afternoon we had History, Physiology, and Book keeping. I had to stay after school until half past three, because I missed in Spelling.

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Father gave me 50¢ last Sunday, making me 75¢. I read after school. I studied History, Physiology, Analysis, German, and Spelling. It began raining about 8 A.M. and stopped at noon. I studied at noon.

Wednesday 11. It rained a little last night. I milked the cow this morning and evening. We had Arithmetic, and German; We explained examples in Arithmetic, and I wrote in German. I studied History at noon. This afternoon we had History, and Physiology. I read the Boy's & Girl's weekly after school, and played croquet with Herman, and Harry Smith, who is staying with us. I went to the library after supper, and got Bachwood top. It was a pleasant day.

Thursday 12. It rained a good deal last night. We had Arithmetic, Grammar on the board, Analysis, and writing Spelling this forenoon; this afternoon we had History and Physiology. I had to stay after school until twenty minutes past three because I missed in Spelling. I went to the brass founders for Charlie after school. I read after that. I went to the library after supper, and got a book. It was a moderately pleasant day.

Friday 13th. I milked the cow this morning, and evening. We had an examination in Physiology this forenoon; we had fifteen questions and it was pretty easy. We also corrected each others papers, and I received

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135 credits of 15¢. This afternoon we copied old compositions, and wrote a composition on our school. I had to stay 25 minutes after school, because I had one check. I read after school. I went to the library after supper and got "Doing his best." Valentines for the children are beginning to come in. It rained all last night, and all today.

Saturday 14. - Today is St. Valentine's today. It rained a good deal last night. I milked the cow this morning, and evening. I did not do any thing in particular today, as it was too wet to work. I got two comical valentines before breakfast. They were found under the doors. I bought a valentine after breakfast at Hardy's with 25¢ borrowed from Josephine, and sent it to Bella Williams in East Oakland. I went to the post office and brass foundry for Charlie after that. I went to the post office after supper. I read this evening. It was a pleasant day.

Sunday 15. - I arose early this morning, and ~~after~~ milked the cow, and then put on my good clothes. Charlie and I went to church at 10 o'clock, to hear Mr. Hammon preach. Willie Uncle, and I took a walk after dinner. We went on twelfth street to Jackson street. Walked to Lake Merritt, and then home again by way of 7th street. I read this evening. The Ogilby girls from San Francisco came over this afternoon. I milked the cow

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this evening. I read this evening. It was a most delightful day.

Monday 16. - I milked the cow this morning, and evening. I went to the bakery before breakfast. I had to wipe dishes after breakfast; as the Chinese new year began today, and our Chinaman has gone to enjoy himself. We had Arithmetic, and German this forenoon. This afternoon we had writing Spelling, History, and Drawing on the black board. I read after school. I went to the library after supper, and got two books. I drew and studied History this evening. It rained most of the day.

Tuesday 17. - I milked the cow this morning and evening. We had Arithmetic, Grammar, and writing Spelling this forenoon; we reviewed the rules of multiplication and Division. This afternoon we had Analysis, History, and Physiology. I had to stay after school because I missed a word out of 25 in Spelling. I read, this afternoon. This evening I studied History, Arithmetic, Physiology, my piece, and read. It rained a little this afternoon.

Wednesday 18. - It was very windy last night. We had Arithmetic, German, and writing Spelling this forenoon. This afternoon we had History and Physiology. I wheeled some wood

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into the coal house after school. I went to the bakery before supper. We had doughnuts for supper. I went to the library after supper and got "Stout heart." I also played Howell a couple of games of checkers. I studied my piece this evening. It was a windy, though pleasant day.

Thursday 19. It was very windy last night. I went after the "Boys & Girls' weekly," before breakfast and got it. We milked the cow this morning and evening. We had done examples on the black board, had music, Analysis, and writing Spelling this forenoon, and this afternoon we had History and Physiology. I played a couple of games of marbles (cincinnati) after school, with Wm Wells, and Chas. Rosenberg. After that I helped uncle cut and rake the grass, over the Flemmings, which took us until 5 o'clock. I went to the library after supper and got "Sherman's march through the South." After that I studied my piece, and read. It was a most delightful day.

Friday 20. — I milked the cow this morning and evening. We had an examination in Arithmetic this forenoon. We had ten questions and it was pretty hard.

This afternoon we wrote a composition on "Cruelty to animals," and we also copied an old composition into our composition

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book. I read after school. I went after
yeast at one of the breneries after supper.
I read a book after that. It was a most
delightful day.

Saturday 21. — I milked the cow this morning, and
evening. This forenoon I wiped the dishes,
helped sweep the yard, and took up the piles
of dirt. ~~Uncle cut my hair after dinner.~~
I read this afternoon, and fixed my little
garden. Annie, and Ada Ogilby came from
the city, and are going to stay over night.
Loris came (the Chinaman) came from
San Francisco this evening, after spending
the Chinese new year, and brought us a
lot of fire crackers. I read the whole evening,
and played "authors". It was a delightful
day. That's tonight.

Sunday 22nd. I arose early this morning, and
milked the cow and then put on my good
clothes. I read the most of the morning.
This whole afternoon I played croquet
with Dexter and two other boys, while
nearly all the rest had gone to Alameda.
I milked the cow this evening.

This evening I played "steeples chase",
and read. It was a pleasant day.
Mother gave me 25¢ today, making
me \$1.00. Today is Washington's birthday.

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Monday 23^d. I milked the cow this morning and evening. There was no school today, in order to leave us celebrate Washington's birthday. I shot off my fire crackers before breakfast and before supper. I went after yeast after breakfast, and father gave me 5^{cts} making me \$1.05. After that I went to the butcher and post office. I read most of the forenoon and afternoon. After dinner I saw the first engine exercising on Broadway, and went to the library but it was closed. The two Ogilby girls went home again this afternoon. I went to the bakery after supper. It was a very pleasant day.

Tuesday 24. — I milked the cow this morning and evening. It was a very cold morning. We corrected our Arithmetic papers of last Friday and I got 126 credits out of 150; and we had Grammar, Analysis, and writing Spelling this forenoon.

This afternoon we had to draw a map in history, and we had also Physiology. After school I stayed in the house and read. After supper, I went to the library and got a book about "Barnum"; just as I had got the book I heard the fire bell ringing, and on looking down Washington street I saw a large light. I ran down Washington street, and

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saw that it was the fire engine house. The building was burned down, and then the fire engines began squirting. It was a pleasant day. I am suffering from chapped hands.

Wednesday 25. — It was windy last night. I milked the cow this morning and evening. I went after the "boys & girls paper," after breakfast, but it had not yet come. We had review of Arithmetic, Grammar, and German this forenoon. This afternoon we had ^{Spelling} History, and we had to draw a map on the board. I had to stay after school until quarter past three, because I had one check, and missed in Spelling. After school I read. I went to the ~~supper~~ library after supper, and got "Santo Domingo." It was a rather windy day.

Thursday 26. — I milked the cow this morning and evening. I went after the "boys and girls' weekly" after breakfast and got it. We had to write some definitions in Arithmetic, and we had music, Analysis, and Grammar this forenoon.

This afternoon we had writing, Spelling, History, and Physiology. We had to stay until quarter to four, to recite our pieces. After school I picked up branches of the trees that were being trimmed in the yard.

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I read this evening. It was a delightful day.
 Friday 27. — I milked the cow this morning, and
 evening. We had an examination in Grammar
 this forenoon; we had ten questions. We corrected
 a part of the questions after recess. This afternoon
 we had to write a composition on "ventilation"
 which he read to ~~see~~ We were let out quarter
 past two, but I had to stay in, because I
 had a check; I had to make out a summary
 of the absences of the second grade, during
 that time. After school I washed the two
 trees in the yard, with soapy water, to pre-
 vent the spread of insects. After supper I
 went to the library, and got "Dick Rodney".
 I also played three games of checkers with
 Eugene Howell. It was a very pleasant
 day.

Saturday 28. — I milked the cow this morning
 and evening. This forenoon I swept all
 the walks, and the yard, and beat out
 the carpets all alone. After breakfast I went
 to the clothes store to take back some shirts.
 This afternoon I read the "Boys of America",
 etc. This evening I read "Harry Smith",
 who is staying with us. Brother came
 over to see him today. I bathed tonight.
 It was a pleasant day.