

# Pitcher of Maine

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## Chapter 1

### Old New England Stock

FROM THE 1620s, New England filled with British immigrants. Pitchers, Millers, Browns and Whittiers had lived an average of five generations in New England before coming together in Belfast, Maine, a trading and port city.

Charles A. Pitcher and his wife Nancy Matilda Miller were born in Belfast early in 1822 and married there at 26 on 18 September 1848. Their daughter, Annie Matilda Pitcher was born 24 June 1849, apparently about a month early, and they were living with Nancy's mother in the 1850 census.

With no prospects, Charles left for California 8 Nov 1850 to make his fortune in the Gold Rush and newspaper notices there called him "Pitcher of Maine". His wife and daughter seemed secure in Belfast with many relatives in constant contact, and it is apparent that Charles strove diligently through fair means or foul to make money to send home to his family, but not with enough success to quickly quit the West

and return home in prosperity.

As Annie Matilda became aware that her father was far away, Charles began writing to her, or perhaps included messages to her in his letters. Nancy decided to transcribe these into a copybook for Annie Matilda. The transcriptions fill two-thirds of the book and are dated from 1854 to December 1857, the last few datelined Boston, New York and Washington, D.C.

Nancy also used copybooks for her diaries and one has been preserved covering April 1863 to July 1865. It is of a most interesting time with much personal, social and national activity, as the family traveled often from Maine to Washington, D.C., at the height of the Civil War.

The last few pages of the copybook are a compilation of births, marriages and deaths of her Maine families, much as one would record in the family Bible.

This compilation of bits of the past will tell its own story.

## Chapter 2

### Historical Reports from the Gold Rush Era

WE ARE VERY fortunate to have discovered anything at all about Charles in California. By astonishingly good luck, we found a few anecdotes gathered and published by two historians of the period. Charles also left his tracks in a number of newspapers and later in the public records of the U. S. Congress.

These first reports tell a story of the mining districts, and of the Vigilante Committees of California and their unofficial trials which are called lynchings. Yes, some of these lynchings resulted in hangings, but lynchings are simply vigilante tri-

als. What is quite amazing is that the best parts of this tale were published as isolated examples of such lore. They were somehow preserved and clearly fit together, illuminating some of the life of Charles A. Pitcher. You might want to skip this next item of the background of the locale:

**Forbestown is situated in the southeastern part of Butte county, and in the southwestern part of Oro township. It lies on the dividing ridge between the south fork of the Feather river and the Yuba river, and is within a few hundred yards of the Yuba county-line. The present site of Forbestown was first settled upon by B. F. Forbes, upon the first day of September, 1850, who was**

immediately joined by D. W. C. Gaskill and Cowperthwaite. Forbes took one side of the creek for his base of operations and Gaskill and Cowperthwaite the other. Some time previous to this occurrence, about half a mile down the creek, a man named Tolle had begun to mine and trade, his locality being known as "Tolle's old diggings," to distinguish them from other diggings owned by the same man on the Yuba road, towards Marysville. Forbes had a stock of provisions with him, or brought them soon afterward, and opened a small store. The two other parties, under the firm title of Gaskill & Co., also opened a depot of supplies. These establishments drew most of the trade from Tolle, who had hitherto enjoyed a monopoly of it. Before the tenth of September, a violent storm drove the miners out of the mountains, and when Mr. N. D. Plum arrived there a few days subsequently he found five hundred miners stationed in and around the camp, which took upon itself the appellation of Forbestown. The two ravines were exceedingly rich in gold and began to be worked with great profit. The two great pockets of nature were literally lined with auriferous deposits. At Forbes ravine, in the year following, sixteen claims were consolidated, as they could work to better advantage in this way. "The first quartz-mill of importance erected in what is now Butte county was at Forbestown, in the year 1851, by the Sutter Quartz Company. It was a sixteen-stamp mill with open batteries, large boiler and engine, and cost considerably over \$200,000. The venture was not a paying one, considering the lavish expenditure made in its construction...." "The California Gold Rush attracted thousands who hoped to make their fortune in the Gold Country, away from their homes, families and polite society in general. For each miner who returned with great wealth, there were many who were merely fortunate

to return alive. "What is not so often seen is a look at how this mining district society adjusted itself and functioned among a constantly changing flux of earnest miners, newly created businessmen who attempted to profit from supplying them, entrepreneurs who dealt in claims and the flux of money, and those who thought that gains might rub off on them simply through close contact.

Now getting to the point, the following story of the period is about our Charles A. Pitcher. The tale is spun as an example of local lore in *History of Butte County, California*, Harry Laurenz Wells, Frank T. Gilbert, W. L. Chambers. pp. 261-263:

The mining company which worked in Tolle's diggings in 1851 sustained the loss of the company purse, which was left in charge of an old Dutchman designated as Peter, who superintended the domestic affairs of the camp. The company, though having previously had the utmost confidence in the uprightness and integrity of Peter, was of the opinion that he had fallen a victim to The Tempter, and, like many another banker, had secreted the funds.

No amount of mutilated Anglo-Saxon protestation on his part could remove the strong suspicion of his guilt that clung to the company's mind. Being much attached to old Peter, they had no desire that he should pay the penalty of his crime with death, even though his guilt should be established beyond a doubt, and there was very little of it. The most feasible plan seemed to be the forcing of a confession from him by threats and rough treatment, and compelling him to disgorge. He was taken to a neighboring tree and a rope adjusted according to the most approved manual of the neck-stretching art. Peter was fearfully agitated, but his lips were confession-proof. He was run up, allowed to wriggle convulsively for a moment, and then lowered.

No disclosure followed. Again he dangled between earth and air, and again found terra firma, but his lips were irrevocably sealed against imparting the desired information. Giving him up as a bad job, they allowed Old Peter to retain the boon of life. But the severe gymnastic exercises he had performed broke him down both in mind and body, and he died some months after, in New York, a raving lunatic. In the fullness of time the right man was found, but a reactionary humanity had taken hold of the company, for they only gave him as a punishment twenty-five lashes, without removing his clothes. The blows were not laid on with much heaviness either. A gentleman observed that "it was like whipping a bundle of buffalo-ropes with willow twigs.

A letter to the editor of a paper in the next county gives us more detail.

MARYSVILLE [CA] HERALD, July 13, 1851

**Man Whipped for Stealing.**  
TOLLE'S DRY DIGGINGS, Feather River, June 25, '51. MR. EDITOR : A man named Pitcher from Belfast, Maine, was lynched here this afternoon for robbery. He broke into a cabin during the absence of the owner at work, and stole dust to the amount of \$662. His game was to go round and pretend to find gold dust, and find out by this means where the money was kept. He was suspected immediately after the theft, and had his tent and effects searched, but without success. This morning, after selling out a load of goods, which he had brought up from Marysville, he started down on foot; a party started after him, overtook him on the Honcut road, found the money in his possession, and brought him back. A jury of twelve impartial men was assembled immediately, who tried him, and unanimously, upon the clearest evidence, found him guilty and sentenced

him to receive two dozen lashes and to quit the place immediately, which sentence, after being nearly defeated by the exertions of a party wishing to have him sent down to Hamilton for trial, and which came near ending in a general row between all hands, was finally carried into effect.

All issues of the Marysville *Herald* are missing from the libraries from July 17, 1851 thru August 8, 1853, hence further information put out by the Marysville *Herald* during that time cannot be viewed and obtained. Marysville is on the main route for those coming down from the Yuba and Feather rivers and the *Herald* likely published more on this story.

A simple internet search turned up this significant single example of vigilante justice from a *History of the Pacific States of North America*, Hubert Howe Bancroft et al., Vol. 34, p 300.

### **A Busy Month.**

The San Francisco Committee of Safety [June 1851]

Criminals were caught and witnesses examined by the score, involving the taking and writing of great masses of evidence, which might or might not prove relevant. Then there was the sea to scour as well as the land; on the arrival of every vessel from Australia the passengers and crew were overhauled for disreputable characters; also passage to be secured, and paid, for the exiled. There was the hanging of one and the getting ready of others to be hanged. There were the new quarters to make tenantable, rooms and cells to arrange, and the accommodations of constantly increasing numbers and requirements to be provided for. The organization had likewise to be remodeled. Hastily arising from immediate necessity, adapted to simple duties rather than to complex and permanent affairs, there was much to be considered and changed. Besides the

outlaws there were the lawyers, and law officers, and prisons to look after. Suits were brought which must be defended, and writs of habeas corpus there were to be dodged. In the archives of the Committee before me are abstracts of the character of multitudes of those such as the following, given by the Marysville Committee to the San Francisco Committee:

Charles A. Pitcher of Belfast, Maine, was whipped at Tolle's old dry diggings, above Marysville, about the 25th of June, for stealing six hundred dollars out of a miner's tent. Previous to the theft he had passed under the name of Silas Pacard. He is over six feet in height, broad-shouldered and full flesh, but not over fleshy. Will weigh a hundred and eighty-five to one hundred and ninety pounds; dark hair, cut short, and rather brown complexion; black eyes, and heavy black eye-brows. He walks with a long, stately step. He is about thirty years of age. Wore about the 1st of July a camlet coat of black, skirts rounded like a

quaker's, black pants, and a low drab brush hat, with black band. He had a partner named Miller—a very respectable man—in the grocery business on Front street, Sacramento. His partner quit business on suspicion of Pitcher's dishonesty. He has a brother-in-law named [Charles Hall] Miller, of the firm of Pierce and Miller, in Sacramento City, J street, between Seventh and Eighth, who is a very honorable and respectable merchant.

The Pierce & Miller property was auctioned 14 August 1851, and Charles Hall Miller apparently returned to Belfast to resume his life in Maine.

**BY BERRY, BYRNE & CO.**  
**RICHARD N. BERRY, AUCTIONEER.**

**Desirable Improved Property at Auction.**  
 ON THURSDAY, August 14th, at 12 o'clock, M., on the premises, the valuable lot on J street, between 7th and 8th streets, 20x160 feet, together with the large two story new building thereon, 20x30, one of the most substantial and well finished stores on the street. The same has been occupied by Messrs Pierce & Miller. The property is free from all incumbrances, and the title guaranteed. This sale offers inducements to persons in the jobbing business, as the location is one of the best in that part of the city, and the owners have many good customers. For particulars apply on the premises, or to the Auctioneer.  
 R. N. BERRY.

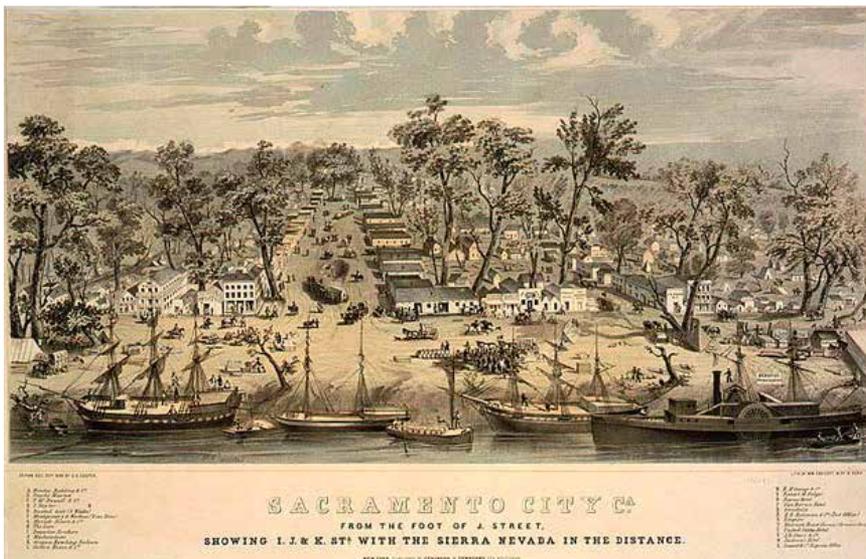
## Chapter 3 Charles as a Merchant

In June, 1852, C. A. Pitcher age 30 of Maine, a merchant, is enumerated in the California State Census in Eldorado, Eldorado County, California. Nearly all the inhabitants of the district are single miners with a few traders, blacksmiths and teamsters. In July, 1852, he is listed in the San Francisco newspaper, *Daily Alta California*, as a delegate from Eldorado County to the California State Democratic Convention:

DAILY ALTA CALIFORNIA, July 3, 1852  
 —**SACRAMENTO NEWS**—  
 Democratic State Convention. —  
 Messrs. Geo. H. Herbert and A. J. Weaver were appointed delegates from Colusa county to the Democratic State Conven-

tion. In Yolo county, Dr. E. C. Lane, G. M. Keene, Nathaniel Sharp and James McDowell were appointed. The following were chosen to represent El Dorado county: George May, G. W. Stafford, John Conness, J. W. Titus, Mr. Bennett, Andrew McClury, Edward Branson, C. A. Pitcher, N. Van Tassel, Edward Lind, Major Hook, Dr. Sargent, Geo. Ingham, C. Coleridge, Col. Richmond, D. W. Garwick, Capt. Tuttle, Alfred Briges, Dr. Cooke, Jas. IL Brown, Henry Seovcr, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Benedict, J. G. Caulfield, D. C. McKinney, C. Hix, W. F. Cunningham, Col. McDaniels, Col. Cromwell, J. J. Bryant, Judge Hoss. Judge Hall.

Sacramento had been quickly built



Ahead 7 blocks on the right was Pierce & Miller's. The city was still built at river level in 1851.

along the riverfront; the wooden buildings are pictured above before the fires. Eventually the town was rebuilt in brick, the riverfront was filled and the street grade levels were raised over a story above high water. As a result the second floors of the brick storefronts became new entry levels, leaving a full story below the new streets.

Then we find that Charles A. Pitcher had regained a level of comfort with urban society and was participating in the social activities which attend the life of a progressive businessman:

SACRAMENTO DAILY UNION, December 24, 1853

**Forefather's Day—The Supper.**

The crowded state of our column yesterday prevented us from publishing the proceedings of the supper given on the evening of the 22d as fully as we desired to do. It is not yet too late, however, to mention some of the events which were omitted. A style of magnificence pervaded the banquet which is rarely excelled in California, and the credit of which is due to Count Bidleman, of the Orleans Hotel. The dishes were sa-

vory, admirably cooked, and embraced so extensive a variety of the good things of the California market that the eye failed to take them in, as the palate would have been exhausted in the mere effort to taste them. An idea of some few of the dishes served may be gathered from the following bill of fare, printed on different colored satins: Soups— Oyster and pea. Fish — Salmon chowder, boiled salmon, oyster sauce; barbecued perch, port wine sauce; clam chowder. Boiled — Turkey, oyster sauce ; chicken, with pork ; leg of mutton, caper sauce; corned beef and cabbage, ham, tongue. Roast — Turkey, with dressing ; pig, stuffed ; mutton, cranberry sauce ; pork, apple sauce; beef, lamb. Entrees — Baked pork and beans, fricassied chicken, potted ducks, with carrots; stewed pork, with parsnips; mutton pot pie, chicken pie. Game — Goose, stuffed ; ducks, with jelly ; elk, currant jam ; antelope, cranberry sauce; broiled quail, lobster salad. Vegetables — All kinds produced in the State. Pastry, Puddings — Indian, cold cream, plum, Madeira sauce ; apple dumplings, wine



The Daily Alta California offices as they appeared in San Francisco in 1851.

sauce. Pies — Pumpkin, mince, peach, gooseberry, apple, cranberry, plum, quince, &c. Dessert — Oranges, raisins, almonds, figs, grapes, coffee, nuts of all kinds, &c. A great deal of time was consumed in reading the regular toasts, which were responded to at different periods during the evening by Messrs. Upson, Winans, Benton, Tukey, Colby, Hutchinson, Morse, Collins, King,

Backus, Peckham, Spring, and others, in remarks glowing at times with sentiment, patriotism, wit and fervid eloquence. During the intervals, music was discoursed by an excellent band, whose tones sent a thrill of joy to every heart. Gen. John A. Sutter was toasted, and the compliment received by nine rounds of applause. The brave old veteran responded briefly but touchingly,



Property of J.P. Dyer (Mayor of Sac.)

Property of J.R. Hardenburg (Ex-Mayor of Sac.)

Property of Jas. Birch

and was again cheered on resuming his seat. It regrets us that but five or six of the voluntary toasts have been handed in, as many of them elicited wild shouts of enthusiasm and laughter by the pointed nature of their wit. Below will be found a list of such as we have been enabled to procure:

**VOLUNTEER TOASTS.**

By Mr. D. Spring.— The Sons of New England; while they strive to perpetuate the memory of their forefather's, may they endeavor to imitate their virtuous example. "By S. J. May.— Our Eastern Homes. The cradle of liberty wherein we were taught those principles whose concomitants, Freedom, Peace and Prosperity, have followed us across the Sierras, and are now being enjoyed on this Western soil. By Frank B. Hall.— The Daughters of New England. By Charles A. Pitcher.— Heroes of '76 and Maineites of '51; the former broke the claims of King George and established a free government, the blessings of which we this day enjoy. May the latter prove an everlasting defence in advocating the same. By the same.— Gen. Franklin Pierce, 13th President of the United

States, the people's choice; in war a tiger, in peace a lamb. May his administration prove as firm as the granite hills of his native State, New Hampshire. . . .

Relocating to San Francisco, Charles used several series of display advertising in the newspapers which suggest that he had a large cash fund to bet on the future success of consignment goods. *The Daily Alta California* and the *California Farmer and Journal of Useful Sciences* had nearly weekly display ads from January 1855 through May 1857 such as:

The last ads and trade listings were for consignments of sweet potatoes from Peru, and the 1858 San Francisco City Directory listed him as a money broker.

While in California, Charles wrote back home, probably sent money, and soon started to directly address his daughter Annie. Nancy devised to record his letters to Annie (or perhaps the portion of his letters that were meant for Annie) in a copybook. These commence on March 31, 1854 in Sacramento, then come from San Francisco until December 1858, and resume in October 1861 from Boston, then New York City. One last letter is from Washington, D.C. in December 1861. In the copybook, after a space, the last quarter of the copybook pages have been cut out, suggesting that there was no further material to transcribe.

The letters would have been fascinat-



General John A. Sutter - 1850

ing if they had contained detailed accounts of the California mines and their privations and successes, their wild characters and excesses. Instead, the letters were somewhat formal attempts of an absentee father to ingratiate himself with his growing daughter and to attempt to instruct her in behavior, character and industry. The last few included historical and geographical remarks. Perhaps Charles settled down to give a try at real business.

**Financing an Empire: History of Banking in California, Ira Brown Cross. The S. J. Clarke Publishing Company, 1927. p. 227. "The following firms were some of the more important money brokers and exchange dealers established in San Francisco during 1857: Charles A. Pitcher..."**

In 1858 City Directory had Pitcher Charles A., money broker, 55 Sac'to st.

There was a long gap between his letter to Annie in December 1858 and that of October 1861 from Boston, and Charles last wrote to Maine from Washington, D.C. in December 1861.

The Philadelphia *Enquirer* November 28, 1861, said C. A. Pitcher and wife

of Washington arrived at the Continental House, but Nancy's diary said he did not return until July 12, 1863.

Was he again in California in late 1862 or in the East?

**THE SACRAMENTO REPUBLICAN, July 6, 1862**

**C. A. Pitcher of California, has sent us some specimens of California wine. Four varieties of it, Port, Angelica, White and Muscatel, are kept for sale at Perkins & Stearns, 180 Broadway, New York, and by a branch of the same house in Boston. These wines are the pure juice of the grape. They are rapidly coming into favor in the Atlantic States, and will soon be known in all the markets of the world.**

Perhaps he had begun his focus on trading goods for the war. In early 1863 Nancy Matilda mentioned his correspondence frequently in her diary, but not yet his presence. Charles somehow registered for the Civil War draft in Maine in June, 1863. His return to the family in Belfast on July 12, 1863 was remembered in Nancy's diary a year later, and entries about his being in Belfast began July 26, 1863.

## Chapter 4

### The Diary of Nancy Matilda Pitcher

**T**HE DATES and events are transcribed directly from the diary, the items in brackets are extensions of names, dates and places, A few events from history have been inserted for detail. Writing for herself, Nancy Matilda seems to have avoided punctuation and sometimes spelled phonetically which keeps us guessing.

At this time, the family wintered in Washington, D.C. and summered in Belfast, Maine for the rest of the war. Charles left first on business and Nancy Matilda and Annie followed on November 16, 1863. With the Siege of Washington, they headed

to Maine in July 1864 when the railroad bridge was reopened. They went to Washington in late October, and in 1865 they went up to Maine in June.

*p. 1, April 1863*

April 14th | 1863 A pleasant spring morning Chas [A Pitcher 1822] birthday walked uptown with him – called at Aunt [Hannah Brown 1786] Haradens – Mrs. Hervey came to give Annie [Matilda Pitcher 1849] her first Music lesson of the Quarter – Afternoon – went up to C I Millers to tea with Annie and her father. Sheridan [F B Miller

1841] came today from the army in a short furlough of 15 days. Saw him at Charlotte [E Wording Miller 1818]s – a pleasant meeting after his absence of 2 years in the army.

Apr[il] 15 | pleasant. At home all day. Stephen [Weir Miller 1813] and his wife [Susan B Staples 1824] in to dinner. Sheridan and his mother called after dinner. Annie up to Jennies. Called for her in the evening to bring her home. Called to see Uncle [John] Haraden [1776]

April 16 | cloudy and damp

April 17 | Went up town in the afternoon. Called at Mrs Tompsons & Mrs Conants. Spent the evening

April 18 | a rain storm - at home all day – Mrs Noyes called

Apr[il] 19 | Sunday – cloudy – wet – at home all day – Sheridan down to tea. Annie went out to Susans [Littlehale Kellock Miller 1812] to spend the night

Monday 20 | Cloudy cold in the morning – came off pleasant – after dinner – next out to Wales [Lewis Miller 1827] with Chas company there for Sheridan in the evening



Gen. Hiram G. Berry

[Tues] 21 | packed up in the morning – came home to dinner made some calls in the afternoon and evening.

Wednesday 22 | Chas and Sheridan [F B Miller 1841] left the morning – Chas for Washington, Sheridan to return to the army – a very pleasant day. Spent the forenoon in arranging our room and the afternoon went with Annie up to see her grandmother [Elizabeth Whittier Pitcher 1797]

*p.2 April 1863*

Thursday 12 [?] | very peasant – at home all day

Friday 25 [?] | went up street in the morning – and sat til noon with Aunt Hara[den].. came home to dinner. Got tea for [Harriet] Mrs T[homas] Read in the evening

Sat 25 | Rainy in the morning – cold North East wind – began snowing at 8 o'clock and snowed all day with high wind

Sunday 26th | A very cold cloudy day – did not go out to Church. Wrote Chas. Sunday evening Annie went to meeting

Monday 27 | pleasant but cool in the morning – went up to the store in to Charlottes – received a letter from Chas written in Boston – spent the evening at home very lonely

Tuesday 28 | pleasant, at home all day got package and letter from Chas

Wed 29 | pleasant. Wrote letters. Went up to the office. Had Annies Pianoforte tuned – spent the evening at home

Thurs 30 | Fast Day – Went up to the post office in the morning – Mrs Baker in to dinner – Letters from Chas – also from Mr Tharnick – a pleasant day – Deacon [Luther] Smith [ae 80] buried – Capt Adams died

May 1st [1863] | pleasant, went up town to get a paper – called at [Olivia] Maria [Lewis Pitcher 1827]s

May 2nd | pleasant, foggy I the morning – letters from Chas – went up street with Mrs Baker – called to see Old Lady Noyes in

the evening

May 3rd | Went to Church with Annie – Mr Croige presided Annie and at him in the evening

Monday 4 | a rain storm all day – Mrs Davis came down stairs

*p. 3, May 1863*

Tuesday 5th | Cloudy and cooler – Union Meeting at Peirces Hall. Report came at night of the death of General [Hiram] Berry – still later a dispatch of Sheridans [F B Miller 1841] death at Fredricksburg

Wednesday 6th | sent a dispatch to Chas at 15 minutes past nine – received one from him at 2 P.M. saying he would do all he could to secure his body – wrote the Chaplain of the Maine 4th. Isa Miller and Chas went out to see Susan

Thursday 7th | a rain & snow storm – came down town – spent the rest of the day and night at Susans

Friday 8th | pleasant. But cold – came down with Annie in the morning – returned to Susans at night

Sat 9th | pleasant still - at Susans – no more satisfactory news from Sheridan

Sunday 10th | pleasant – came down to the Post Office – received letters from my husband saying he should leave to search for Sheridan down to the army – went to Church – a lonely evening at home

Monday 11th | cloudy – Mrs [Mary J] Davis [1816] went home to Brooks

Tuesday 12 | Sheridans death confirmed and valise sent home to Susan

Wednesday 13 | letter from Chas in the morning, dispatch at noon – Saw a letter from James Doake saying Sheridan was killed in a night charge, Saturday, May 2nd, while leading his command bravely into the enemys ranks, at the Battle of Chancellorsville, Va.



Lt. Sheridan B. Miller

*p. 4, May 1863*

He volunteered when the first call was issued for men – had served two years – He had won for himself the good will of his comrades and officers – had been promoted from a private through the several promotions to a lieutenant. When the Capt being sick, he served as Capt. Five months. He had been home on a short furlough of ten days, returned to his regiment on Thursday April 2nd, went into the engagements on the night of the 2nd of May when he was killed by a rifle shot while urging his men through the rebel ranks at Chancellorsville. His age was 21 years and five months A loss to his country and a loss to his family. We mourn his early release from earth –

Fallen! Fallen! Life is o'er  
Hushed to him the cannons roar  
Hushed the swift and loud command  
Nerveless lies the martial hand.  
Fallen! fallen! In his youth  
Battling for the cause of truth,  
List! The echo – fallen – gone  
Comes from many a hearthstone lone.

*p5 May 1863*

Thursday 14th | Stormy and lonely – hearts sad for the loved and lost General H[iram]. G. Berry buried to day from his home in Beckland – Killed at Chancellorsville Va May 3rd 1863. [started as Col. of 4th Maine]

Friday 15th | cold and stormy – snow and rain – letter from Isa

Sat 16th | pleasant. Went up street in the morning met with Julia & Annie – Walked out to Susans with Annie in the afternoon – spent the night up home – Annie staying at Susans

Sunday 17 | cloudy & very cold came home to tea – commenced raining hard – dark and lonely – Long letters to day from My husband – wrote letters - & so ends the day  
Monday 18 | pleasant mild – worked in the garden in the morning – after tea went up street of errands

Tuesday 19 | pleasant but cold – Abba Founé in – went in to Mrs Founé in the morning – sowed some seeds – received letters from Chas. Went down street to see Anson – went in to Aunt Haradens – went up to Charlottes with Annie in the evening.  
Wednesday 20 | Abba Founé [Abbie Faunce 1840] came in for me to go to the boat with her the first trip of the Katahdin – called to Maria's & see Isabel. A very mild pleasant day

Thursday 21. | pleasant. Wrote letters. Went down to the wire after ten. A pleasant walk.

*p. 6 May 1863*

May 22. | very hot. 82 degrees above zero – letter from Chas – went up street to do some errands

May 23. | very cool – went to walk up in the novels n the morning with Annie and Mrs Baker – called at Mrs Hardings at night.

May 24 | Sunday cloudy in the morning but came off pleasant at noon – did not go to Church in the morning – afternoon funeral services at the Baptist Church – of Lieut S

B Miller who was killed in the battle near Chancellorsville May 2nd. Sermon by Mr Haners a very full house – Sermons very solemn, many friends of the family present. While his friends were observing his funeral obsequies in his native City, he was quietly sleeping by the banks of the Rapahannock far from the sounds of war. ---clipping-- Lieut. Sheridan F. Miller. A weaker nature might have been living today. But his was one that could not accept life at the price of falling back one step from his post. Whatever imperfection may have marked his life, whatever weakness an enemy might boast over, of this no man can deny him: he died without the stain of cowardice upon him. His meed of praise, here, is full; and without a breath of reproach upon his valor, his work is done.

*p. 7 May 1863*

Monday 25 | pleasant. A dull lonely day – went up street at night.

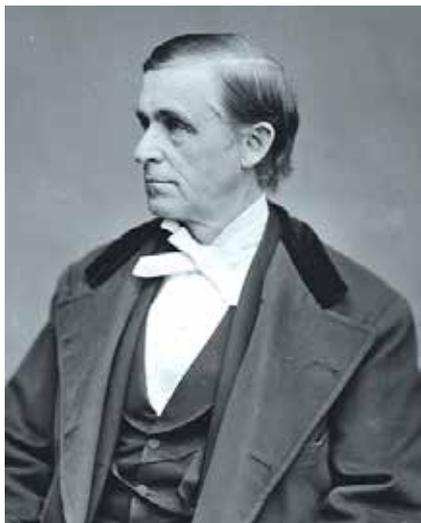
Tuesday 26th | a slight slower in the morning – but a very pleasant day – Annie went to Ellen Cutter [1840]s wedding in the evening

Wed. 27. | pleasant – got up early – did a little work in the kitchen – Lois [C] Davis [1843] came in the boat – in the afternoon I went up to see Fanny – after tea went with the family to walk up to the gave and cemetery.

Thurs 28 | pleasant – went up street to carry Fanny some little delicacies – called to Charlottes – came home to dinner – after tea went into Mrs Silbeys

Friday 29 | pleasant but cool – at home all day – received Dr [Byron] Sunderlands first sermon preached in Washington

April 30th | Mrs G read it aloud in the afternoon – Mrs Parker in - went up to the prayer meeting in the evening with Mrs [Hannah] Thorndike – Annabelle [Miller 1853] came down to make a visit



Dr Byron Sunderland

Sat 30. | pleasant. Went up town in the morning to do some business for Anson - In the afternoon Annie went out with Annabell to tea.

Sun 31. | Went to church all day - quite warm - Annabell went home. Came in foggy at night.

Mon June 1st | Went up to see Fanny - busy at home - shower at night

June 2 | pleasant morning but showery all day - went up street to get my work fixed.

*p. 8 Jun 1863*

June 3rd | very pleasant - went of errands got a dear good letter from Chas - came home and took my work to finish

June 4th | Fanny came to work. Mrs G sick - went up street at night with Annie to do some errands

June 5th | pleasant - Fanny at work for Mrs G - Maria called and Mrs Founce

Sat June 6th | cloudy - busy at home all day - package from Chas - wrote letters

Sunday 7 | rainy - at home all day

Monday 8 | rainy & cold - went up to Miss Woodbury to get dress fitted - went into the Church to take up Carpet and remove

cushions

Tuesday 9 | rainy - dispatch from Chas - went up street to see Anson - wrote letter - Wed. 10 | spent the day at Charlottes - letter from Chas

Thur 11 | spent the day up at Susans, Maria there - came home at night - Judge Davis at Mrs Thorndike.

Friday 12 | cloudy - at home til after tea went up street with Mrs T-

Sat 13 | peasant - at home all day

Sunday 14 | Went to the show in the morning to witness a baptism - after which I went to the Baptist Church where Mr Cutter preached, the North Church being under repairs - went again in the afternoon - a very fine discourse - Ella & Jennie called after meeting

*p. 9 Jun 1863*

15 Mon | very windy - cloudy in the morning - Circus in town - an accident occurred at the circus in the evening - one girl will lose her life - Annie at home from school - went up street with me to do some errands 16 | Fanny here dressmaking - very cold - letters from Chas

17 | letter from Corrie Brown - pleasant but cold

18 | Fanny at work for me - Susan & Maria called.

19th | at home in the morning - set with Jennie Noyes in the afternoon - went with Annie up to Mrs Fields in the evening

Sat 20 | Mrs G and Eddie gone to Brooks - Mrs Weremereth here - Julia came down and spent the night - dispatch from Chas - went up street with Julia

Sunday 21 | very cold thermometer below 60. Went to Church in the morning. Mr Wilson of Winterports preached - a good matter of fact practical sermon Afternoon Annie & Clara went to the Unitarian - I remained at home - afternoon & evening 22 | Went up town to have a dress fitted - in

the evening at home rest of the day  
23 | went up town at noon – Mrs T returned  
from Brooks – Callers in the afternoon –  
came off clear & cold 24 | Annies birthday  
– pleasant. Kept her home

On his return from California and  
the East, Charles registers for the draft:  
U.S., Civil War Draft Registrations  
Records, 1863-1865 Record, Maine,  
5th. Vol. 3 of 6, Class 2, A-Z, p. 375.  
June, 1863: Belfast [residence], Pitcher,  
Charles A., 41, White, Broker, Belfast  
[birth]

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from school – her father came in the boat a  
happy surprise for her. After dinner he got  
a carriage and took us out to ride, making a  
call at Susans – Came home to li – a pleas-  
ant evening – at home

25 | pleasant – at home all day

26th | still day – and pleasant – busy for the  
forenoon at home. Afternoon Chas home –  
and in the evening – playing euchre with  
Annie.

Sat 27 | pleasant. Annie and her father went  
out to ride – went to take a short ride myself  
Sunday 28 | went to church all day. With  
Chas and Annie. After tea all but Mrs G  
and myself

29 | Went up to the church in the morning  
to arrange the pew – at home in the after-  
noon – pleasant

Thurs 30 | pleasant – went to Bangor in the  
afternoon boat – made some calls in the  
evening – a great crowd in Bangor – to the  
State convention

July 1st | pleasant – visited at Carrie Brown  
– Chas came to tea after which we went to  
ride about the City with Mr & Mrs Brown

July 2nd | went to ride in the morning – en-  
joyed the time very much – came home in  
the afternoon – cloudy – met with Mr &  
Mrs Thomas [B] Tilden from Buffalo.



Peirce's Hall 1886

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July 3rd | pleasant – at home in the morning  
– went to ride in the afternoon with Annie  
and her father – took tea out to Anna [G  
Lewis Miller]'s – Annie stopped all night  
with Annabell

July 4th | Again our Nations birthday  
comes to us in sorrow and gloom – carnage  
and death is still in our land – rejoicing is  
no longer heard – cloudy in the morning –  
Festival for the benefit of the soldiers from  
11 A. M. till evening at Peirces Hall – Went  
with Annie & her father to the Hall in the  
evening – met there Mrs Chamberlain of  
Bristol, Maine – a pleasant evening

July 5 | a slight rain storm – at home all day  
6th | pleasant – morn went down to the riv-  
er to bathe. Good news from the Army of  
the Potomac. Gen Meade gaining a victory  
over Lee's army –

7th | Better news – the Surrender of Vicks-  
burg on the 4th of July. Gen Meade still  
pursuing Lee – Bells ringing and a general  
rejoicing for the success of the Union Arms  
8th | Battle still going on – Capt George  
Davis of Main 4th reported missing Lieut  
Sterns killed Capt Bragg wounded

9th Thurs | cloudy – went over street met  
Susan & Stephen – called at Charlottes  
with Susan

*p. 12 Jul 1863*

Friday 10 | wet – fireworks at night and rejoicings over the recent Victories – went up street with Annie & hr father

Sat 11 | pleasant went out to make calls with Annie Mr & Mrs Tozy of Boston at Mrs Hazeltones

Sunday 12 | cloudy – warm went to church all day with Annie & her father

Mon 13 | At home – pleasant

14 | Nothing new, news of the surrender of Vicksburg – and riot in New York

15 | Went out to look for rooms

Thursday 16 | Went up to Mrs Wordings – called at Charlottes – foggy at night – wrote letters to Salem & Bangor

Friday 17 | – at home – went to walk after tea.

Sat 18 | Circus in town – foggy al day – Frank Hollridge in to dinner

Sundy 19 | a very windy morning did not go out to church

Monday 20 | back out to Wales with Annie & her father to see the little baby of July 20

Tues 21 | a rainy day – read poetry to mom to Mrs Wordings

Wed 22 | A pleasant morning came to Mrs Wordings to board busy getting settled in our rooms

Thurs 23 | pleasant – went out to Anne's to spend the day – went into the woods – called at Mrs Lewis in the eve.

*p. 13 Jul 1863*

Friday 24 | at home all day 25 | Called at Mrs Conants, went down street – Great shower at night

Sun'y 26 | rainy in the morning – went to Church in the afternoon with Chas – Edwin Pamer preached – called at Mrs Thorndikes – spent the evening at home

Monday 27 | busy at home in the morning – called at Aunt Hawkins in the afternoon Annie gone out to Wales to spend the week – went up to the cemetery to the funeral

of Lieut Leroy Scott, Masonic ceremony Tuesday 28 – Charlotte here to tea – came home to dinn – after which we rode down to Mrs Thorndikes and called at Charlottes – several callers this afternoon

Wed 29 | foggy in the morning – Jimmie down – Chas sick – went over to Charlottes after tea & down to do a few errands – called at Mrs Mansfield. The Army girls came from Boston

Thurs 30 | foggy morning – Addie Avery came up – went out to ride and to see Annie up at Wales

Friday 31 | spent most of the day at Aunt Haradens

Sat Aug 1st | foggy – at home til evening – Helen Avery up to tea – called at Mrs Thorndikes in the evening – Shower at night – Annie came home from Wales

Sundy 2nd | pleasant & hot – went to church all day

*p. 14 Aug 1863*

Mon Aug 3rd | Pleasant – very warm – went to hear the Peak family with Annie & Annabell

Tues 4 | Went out to get rooms for Isa – secured one at Mrs Lenno – Annie & Annabell out making calls – pleasant

Wed 5 | pleasant – went out to walk – called Mrs Thorndikes & [Hannah C] Mrs [Reuben] Sibleys – Mrs Pitcher called in the afternoon – went down street after tea – Mrs [Mary] Forry called – Annie & her father went to ride

Thurs 6th | rainy morning – National Thanksgiving

– Chas went to hear Dr [Cazenau] Palfrey – Isa came on the boat with Alice. Chas & myself went to Boat to meet



Dr. Cazenau Palfrey 1876

them with a carriage – Annie spent the evening with Alice Thones

Friday 7 | went down to sit with Isa – after tea called at Mrs Fields and Mrs Conners

Sat 8 | spent the day out to Susans with Isa & Alice – spent the evening at home – met the Averys – Clara Thorndyke spent the night with Annie

Sundy 9th | foggy morning - Annie & her father attended Church – in the afternoon we went to the Methodist Church – called at Aunt Haradens in the evening

Mon 10th | very hot, buy? At home in the morning – after dinner called at Uncle [Joseph] Millers and Mrs Poors with Isa. Annie went with Isa and Alice to Marias to tea – I called at Jessica Noyes – found little Alice very low. Mrs Field there – came home to tea – soon after heard that little Alice was dead

Tues 11 | pleasant – went over to Stephens to spend the day – with Isa & Alice – Chas and Annie – Called to see Mr Thorndike in the evening – Isa had a dispatch from Chas to meet him at N.H.

August Wed 12 | Isa spend the day at Mrs Crosbys – Alice came up to sit with Annie – went out to make calls after tea – I went down to see Jennie Noyes – Little Alice was buried at 10 this morning – Jennie Miller and Nannie called to see Annie & Alice – Miss Fruttingham called

Thu 13 | pleasant. Spent the morning with Isa. Carrie came home took dinner with Annie – at Mrs Lennons – went down to the Boat in the carriage with Isa and Alice, they leaving Belfast for Bangor in route for the “White Mountains,, came up from the boat – called at Mrs Thompsons – came home – Susan called – at home – and a pleasant evening

Fri 14 | Pleasant.. busy at home in the morning – at home in the afternoon – went down town after tea – Mrs Conant and Maria called – A heavy rain in the night

Sat 15 | cooler – pleasant. Went down town in afternoon – called at Mrs Treachers to see Isabelle White from N.Y. – called at Mrs Flanders – Mrs Poers – Mrs Bishops – Helen Avery in to tea –

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Sunday 16th | Pleasant. Went with Annie & her father to hear Edwin Parker of Conn in the morning at the North Church. Afternoon went to hear Isaac Kellock, [Isaac Smith Kalloch 1831] N.Y. preach a sermon



*Rev. I. S. Kalloch*

upon the riot spirit – a crowded house – smart lecture – Funeral Sermon of Wm Harriman of the Maine 26th Regt preached at the Methodist House by Mr Guppe – evening service at North Church by Edwin Parker

Monday 17 | pleasant and cool – busy at home all day – Luther [Pitcher] & [son] Byron

Tues 18 | in at home all day

Wed 19 | At home – went to walk to the shore at night with some others

Thurs 20 | went out to Wales with Annie to spend the day – walked in after tea – John [W] Pitcher [1842] returned from Bangor where he was discharged from the 26th, having returned the week before from Port Hudson – sick since his return.

Friday 21 | foggy – damp – went down town to do some errands – afternoon went to sit with Mrs Noyes – Annie gone to see John  
Sat 22 | cloudy. Republican Convention. General D H Howards spoke on the common – with some others– a large audience was in attendance – Stephen & his wife here to dinner. Annie went to practice  
Sun 23 | pleasant – went to church with Chas and Annie in the morning to the North Church – afternoon to the Methodist to hear Mr Beals of Budport[?] – a very full hour – Chas & I went to the vestry in the evening  
Mon 24 | showery in the morning – Chas left for Washington in the Katahdin – just two months since he came to Belfast – quickly pass the hours – when pleasure lends her speed to the wheels of time – but sad and weary drag the moments sway from those we most love – God bless guide & keep him safe till we shall meet again. Mrs Tompson called – Helen & Ada up to tea  
Tuesdy 25 | dark and foggy in the morning – heavy thunder shower at noon rainy all the day – Annie quite sick  
Wed 26 | A dark stormy morning – stormy day  
Thurs 27 | pleasant – company all day – Susan & Anna down – Jennie & Anna Mays in to tea & Mrs Peirce  
Fri 28 | pleasant. Home all day – 1/2 hr in the evening news of the taking of Forts Sumptah [Sumpter] & Wagnor [Wagner?] – ringing of bells – went down to Mrs Chase store – with Mrs Wording  
Sat 29 | cloudy – letter from Chas – Copperhead convention – very meager assemblage – L D M Sweat Senator from Maine, Speaker.  
Sunday 30 | pleasant. Went to Church – Mr [Wooster] Parker preached in the morning A Methodist Mrs Coan in the afternoon – I took tea at C E Millers spent the evening

at home

Monday 31 | pleasant. Busy at home all day  
Tues 1 | at home in the morning – spent the afternoon & evening with Jennie Noyes – sewing at night

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Wed 2 | at home in the morning – made several calls in the afternoon  
Thursday 3rd | Spent the forenoon at Susans – after dinner went with her to call at Uncle Joseph Millers – took tea at Mrs E P Brown? With Mrs F[rederick] Wording  
Friday 4 | busy at home – Fannie here – the young people gone on an excursion – a pleasant day – went down street nillect[?]  
Sat 5 | pleasant. Went down street in the morning with Annie – got her a flannel cloak & delaine dress – busy at home the rest of the day – Miss Chandler here to tea  
Sunday 6 | pleasant – went to Church with John Pitcher, the first time he has been out to church since he returned from the Army – Went alone in the afternoon – wrote Chas – John came up to see me – Annie gone to see Clara Thorndike who is going to leave tomorrow for Mount Holyoke Seminary  
Monday 7 | Went down to Mrs Chases store in the morning – in to see Aunt Haraden – Annie went out to Wales to spend the day  
Tuesday 8 | packed my trunk – went down town to get a dress fitted for Annie – Had company to tea – called at Charlottes in the evening  
Wed 9 | Went down town in the morning – streets full of people on their way to Camp Meeting – got my tickets for Salem. Left Belfast at 2 o'clock for Augusta with Annie. She misses Avery & Charlie Avery... coach full. Pleasant drive over arriving at 11 at night – took supper in China. Stopped at the Stanley house in Augusta.  
Thursday 10 | Pleasant morning – took breakfast at 8 – then went to walk up to the State house with the girls – went up in the

Cupola – took the cars at 11 for Salem – Mr. Burgin joined our party – very pleasant travelling companion – arrived in Salem at 8 o'clock in the evening – Found Mr & Mrs Kimball just returned from Mount Vernon  
Fri 11 | pleasant – went to walk in the morning with Isa – Mrs E D Kimball came in afternoon – Mrs Tucker in – also Mrs Osgood – Annie & Alice went out to walk  
Sat 12 | Went uptown with Isa – got a letter from Chas – Augusta's Brown in to dinner – Sarah Tucker to tea.  
Sunday 13 | rainy – did not go to church in the morning – rainy all day  
Monday 14 | pleasant – at home all day – Miss Osgood in to tea  
Tuesday 15 | pleasant – Went to walk to Hospital Point [Boston, North Shore]

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to visit the Fort in process of erection there  
Wed 16 | not well but went up town in the morning – got better – Miss Binny Brown & Mrs Kimball in  
Thurs 17 | Went up town with Annie to do some errands – Mrs Tucker in to pass the evening – very warm  
Fri 18 | cloudy, very warm – Wrote Chas in the morning – went out with Isa to visit the Orphans asylum – called at Mrs Pickmans – Children went to see Tom Thumb – A very high wind storm coming on – Edward Kimball in to tea.  
Sat 19 | At home all day – Mrs Susan Kimball came to spend the day – Alice & Annie went in to the dancing school with Frankie Kimball – Mrs J S Kimball quilting – Afternoon a call from Charlie Poor & wife from Boston – a heavy rain at night  
Sunday 20 | wet & cold – at home all day – Annie went to church  
Monday 21 | pleasant – went up town with Isa in the afternoon – Miss Osgood in to pay whist in the evening  
Tues 22 | Letters & package from Chas

– wrote him – pleasant day – Mr & Mrs Kimball going to N-York – Chas going with them

Wed 23 | Mr Tucker came to tea – Miss Osgood in Mersmith? Isa & the children to the Horticultural Show in the evening

*p. 17 Sept 1863*

Thurs 24 | cloudy went out to walk over to South Salem – Chas came from N. York at night – Miss Osgood in  
Friday 25 | Went to walk in the morning – took tea at Mrs Tuckers – rainy at night  
Sat 26 | Stormy – went up street at 4 o'clock  
Sun 27 | pleasant – went to church all day – to the Episcopal – heard Mr Pickman  
Mon 28 | went up to Boston with Isa & the children – Dinner at Parkers – Called at Chester Parker – came home tired  
Tuesday 29 – pleasant – wrote Chas – package down East – Mrs E D Kimball came to spend the night – Dear mr Brown in – Sat up ate waiting for Mrs Kimball  
Wed 30 | pleasant – at home all day. Mr & Mrs Swasey and Miss Miller of Cincinnati here to tea also Mrs & Mrs E D Kimball & Frank  
Thurs Oct 1 | Went out to Dan[v]ers to spend the day at Mrs E D Kimball – Chas took a carriage & came out to tea. Mr & Mrs Safford came to spend the evening – at 10 o'clock we came home – a very pleasant drive – a full moon

*p. 18 Oct 1863*

Oct 2nd | a cloudy day – at home all day – Capt Webber & wife dined with us – Went to Danvers to call – Bennie Brown returned with them to spend the night – Capt Stephens & wife – With Capt Cornier came in & made a long call in the evening.  
Oct 3rd | a shower in the morning – since? Lightning & very heavy rain – Busy sewing all day at home  
Oct 4th | Cloudy morning – Went to Grace

Church with Binny Brown – afternoon at home – dull & sleepy – very cloudy

Mon 5th | Alice Millers birthday – went up town in the afternoon – took a long walk – called at Mrs Osgoods. Mrs Tucker in in the evening & Abba Osgood – Mr E D Kimball – Mrs Pickman called

6 | pleasant – went up town in the morning to get some trimmings – at home in the afternoon . Binnie still here.

Wednesday 7 | at home in the morning – afternoon called at Mrs Merels?

8 | Thursday at home – stormy day Friday

9 | pleasant – Mrs Tucker here – we quilted for her – Mrs Gelly called – Afternoon went to tea at Mrs Pickman – met there Dr Bomer & Wife of Ipswich, Mrs Lovett & sister Miss Williamson of Gardner & Mr Lovett of Beverly

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also Mr & Mrs Pearson of Beverly – Mother Charlie came after tea

Sat 10 | Letter from my husband saying he hoped to come on to Mass by the 15th – heaven bless and bring him safe to those so dependent upon him for his life's best gifts & happiness home

Sun 11 | pleasant, not well, Annie went to Church with her Auntie & Alice – I did not go out

Mon 12 | pleasant – in the afternoon Mrs Tucker & Miss Blancherd came to cut work for the Ladies Aid Society – or Sanitary – I was busy on their work – In the evening the Society met at Isa's – I spent the evening writing

Tues 13 | Annie & myself took tea at Mrs Woods – Isa – Alice & Chas came over in the evening

Wed 14 | pleasant – after dinner went up to the Depot with the Children – they going with Bennie Brown & her brother up to Boston where they were to meet Chas & he take them to the theatre – Isa & I came

home set down to quilt Mrs Tucker came

*p. 20 Oct 1863*

After tea – went in to Mrs Tuckers to pass the evening – Chas and the children came at 12 o'clock – Belinda came with them

15 | warm & pleasant – not very well – Mrs E D Kimball in – Sarah Tucker came to tea  
16 | warm & pleasant morning – rainy & high wind at night – a very dull day

Daniel Pingree

17 | a very rainy morning – letter from Chas came to our place out before noon – Company to tea – the Misses Pingree – Daniel Pingree and Augustus Brown – Binnie in after tea Sunday

18 | warm & pleasant – Annie went to Church – Mr Newhall in to tea.

19 | foggy & rainy – went up town to do errands – called at Mrs Tuckers – Alice & Annie invited there to tea

20 | pleasant – took out to Mrs Osgoods in the town car – to call – saw Mrs Osgood. Mrs Brooks called at Mrs Wards. Mrs Pickmans Mrs Safferets the two latter out – While he was out Mrs Lovett of Beverly called

*p. 21 Oct 1863*

Wed 21 | cloudy – at home – Mrs. Tucker called

Thurs 22 | pleasant – at home Mrs Safferal called

Fri 23 | pleasant, cool – Isa & Chas went out to spend the evening. Mrs. Tucker in

Sat 24 | stormy still – lonely – dreary – Packed up my things to get up to Boston Monday

Sunday 25 | Home from Church all day

Monday 26 | Went up to Boston at 1/2 past 2 to make a visit at Mrs Averys

27 | at home all day – Annie & Ada down town. Sarah Miller in

28 | went down to C[harles][Hall]. Millers office – did a few errands – heard

S[tephen] W[eir] M[iller]s wife was in the city – called round to see her – found her out – she came – with Fred to make a call in the evening

Thursday 29 | very peasant – trouble with my eyes

Friday | Margaret miller in to spend the day – Annie down town with Ada

Sat | foggy – no news from Chas – sent dispatch

Sunday 1st Oct[sic] | at home all day – clear & cold – dull & sad – John Pitcher called after tea – Annie went to Church

*p. 22 Nov 1863*

Mon 2 | pleasant – went down to C H M's office got a dispatch from my husband – relieved & happy – Susan at Mrs Avery's to Dinner – at 4 o'clock took the cars for Salem

Tuesday | pleasant – busy at home in the morning – rode out to Danvers in the cars with Isa – pleasant ride – after tea letters from my husband – wishing me to go East and get ready to meet him in Washington in 10 days

Wed 4 | pleasant – busy packing to go East – wrote Chas

Thurs 5 – Left Salem at 1/2 past 8 for Belfast – by car – arriving home at one at night

Friday | called to see aunt Haraden – very tired – Annie out seeing the girls

Sat 7 | pleasant – Annie gone out to Wales – Sat night Wales came for me – Stephen & wife

8 | over Stenlay [Stanley] – came back down town in the evening

Monday 9 | Busy at home. Went out to do some errands

Tues 10 | Snow storm, busy at home – in the evening Annie went to the circle to Mrs Mansfields

Wedns 11 | at home till tea time – Ella in to dinner – I went to Charlottes to tea. Annie spent the afternoon at Mrs Davis

*p. 23 Nov 1863*

12 | dull day – busy packing – Susan in – went down town – called at Aunt Haradens – Annie went in to school with Alice Davis – took tea at Mrs Fields

Friday [13] | rainy – spent the day at aunt Haradens

Sat [14] | busy – Mrs Pitcher called – Annie had a little company – very dark – went home with Alice Davis & Abbie Field – got dispatch at 8 pm to be in Boston Tuesday – Capt Pendleton & wife here

Sundy [15] | a great rain – Went to Church in the morning to hear the Orgon – Mr Thurston preached – after dinner Edw Pierce took Annie out to Wales – very rainy Monday 16 | Thick fog – went down town at 8 o'clock – engaged seats in the stage to Augusta. Called at Aunt Haradens – Charlotte, Lois Dais, Sue Marshall, Mr Field – Wales came down with Annabell – took me down to Maria's – at 1 o'clock all ready for the Stage – Mr French & bride came to the house? just as I left – Capt Pendleton & wife stopping there also. Stage full – very muddy – rained before we arrived – reached Augusta at 1/2 – luetne? At night – stopped at the Mansion home –

*p. 24 Nov 1863*

Tuesday [17] | very rainy – took the cars at 11 A. M. for Boston a bridal party in the car – arrived at Parker home – eight in the evening

Wed 18 | Called to see Chas – after dinner he called and introduced Mr Bangs with whom we are to go on to Washington – left Boston at 1/2 past 8 night train for N.Y.

Thurdy 19 | pleasant morning – left for Washington at 7 A.M. met in the cars – a Miss Jacobs of Cherryfield, Me, going to find a wounded brother [Lt Horace Greeley Jacobs] in the Hospital at Washington – went on in company – arrived in Washington at 6 P.M. – found my husband went



direct to our rooms corner of B and Tenth Street – very pleasant quarters  
 Friday 20 | very pleasant and warm – Chas busy – Annie & I busy unpacking & getting arranged  
 Sat 21 | very rainy – but pleasant in doors  
 Sun 22 | pleasant – did not go to Church in the morning  
 Monday | pleasant – called at Mrs Cushings – met Mrs Haskins there – rainy at night  
 Tuesday | rainy – did not go out – Mrs Bangs got back from the front – came in to spend the evening



Lucille Western

*p. 25 Nov 1863*

25 | Wed – pleasant – went out to Walk with Annie – spent the evening in the parlor with Mr Wilsons family & Mrs Lee  
 26 | National Thanksgiving – very mild & peasant – went to Dr Sunderlands church in the morning – Miss Hatch & Mary Epping called – went with them to see the Currins? Castle done with a knife by a soldier in the hospital while lying upon his bed – It is to be sent to the great fair at Boston – Went with Annie to call on Lieut Jacobs at the Me 6th in Armory Hospital – In the eve-

ning went to the Theatre to see Lucille Western in “Leah the Forsaken – Mr Cush- ing, wife & daughter in  
 27 | pleasant at home all day  
 28 | rainy all day  
 29 | Sunday – peasant cool – went to church 1 2/3 street – Mr Montferel of Indianna preached for Dr Sunderland -- Mr Bangs in after dinner  
 Mon 30 | clear & cold. At home all day – Mr Matingly in & sang, Played Euchre in the evening with Mr & Mrs Wilson  
 Tue 1st | pleasant- cold – Mrs Cushing &



Goddess of Liberty - The U S Capitol

Mary in the morning

*p. 26 Dec 1863* Wed

2nd | pleasant – Annie spent the day at [Nancy W 1815 NH] Mrs [J A 1806 NH] Cushings [post office clerk and runs boarding house] – 12 o'clock at noon the Goddess of Liberty was raised on the Dome of the Capitol – many persons were there to witness its appearance [clipping tipped in]

After tea went over for Annie with Chas – Mr Bangs came to play Euchre – called at Armory Hospital to see some acquaintance there

Thurs 3rd | Still pleasant – went over town to do some errands – came home to dinner – Mrs Hale & daughter called – Mrs Tuttle called – after dinner went around to the Hospital with Annie to see Lieut Jacobs  
Friday 4 | pleasant – Annie went to a Catholic Christening – Lieut Pitcher & his sister over from Fort Sumner & spent the day – Maggie Dyer & Mr Boone called

Sat 5 | at home all day – sore throat

Sun 6 | Annie & her father went to church – Sherburne Sleeper came to board – spent evening in the parlor.

*p. 27 Dec 1863*

Mon 7 | letters from home – quite poorly

with sore throat

Tue 8 | at home all day – has gone to Alexandria – very lonely when he is away

Wed 9 | at home all day – Miss Hatch & Mr Huelsen called

Thursday | Chas came from the Army in the morning – very busy til seven o'clock then he came home – played Euchre in the evening with the Wilsons – went up town with Mrs Wilson to walk & “peep” about  
Friday | cloudy, squally, cold – not out – Bangs in

Sat | cloudy – at home all day – Chas went to the front – very rainy night

Sunday | cleared off fine in the morning – at home all day

Monday | showery – warm – a rainbow – a most beautiful sunset – a very fine evening – went up loi?

Tues 15 | pleasant – walked over town with Mrs Wilson – came home – Chas still away – very lonely – disappointed – Evening very fine – all below in the parlor, Mr Cortney there playing the guitar, Mr & Mrs Swartz there - Annies carron?

Wed 16 | Chas came at 2 o'clock from the Army, weary and sick of a cold. I went up town with Mrs Wilson – came home to dinner. Annie went to the theatre with the Wilsons. I spent the evening at home with her father – Very pleasant

*p. 28 Dec 1863*

Thurs 17 | a dark rainy day – noting of interest

Fri 18 | went up town with Mrs Wilson – called at Mrs Cushings – met Chas on the Avenue – got me a dress – came home together to dinner – went into the Smithsonian to a Lecture by Dr Lord – Subject: the fall of Rome

Sat 19 | cold – called at Mrs Tuttle's in the eve with Chas and Annie – very pleasant call Suny

20 | cold & windy – went to Dr Sunderlands

Church – a full house – good sermon – Got  
2 papers from Belfast Age Dec 3 & 10  
21 | at home – cold & cough – went into the  
Smithsonian to hear Dr Lords 2nd lecture  
on Rome –  
22 | cloudy – squally – up town after dinner  
23 | snow squalls in the morning – came off  
clear and pleasant at night – went over town  
with Chas to select Christmas presents for  
Annie – spent the evening home with An-  
nie and her father  
24 | very clear & pleasant – not a cloud to  
be seen – Chas very busy shipping goods  
Dec 25 | Christmas of 1863 – All over our  
land sad hearts greet its coming – the light  
has gone out in many a glad & laughing eye  
since 62. our own noble boy – our darling  
Sherrie, now sleeps a dreamless sleep neath  
the sod of Southern Soil., his life a sacrifice  
upon the altar of Liberty. Christmas of 62  
saw another – the noble Willie laid to rest at  
Mount Hope. His marred brow and lifeless  
form sent home from the field of Battle.  
Christmas morning Annie received a num-  
ber of presents, some very handsome. She  
made her father and I each a present of her  
own work. I had a handsome book from  
Chas. Sick in the morning, did not go down  
to breakfast. Went down to diner. Chas left  
for the Army at 5 p.m. Played euchre in the  
evening with the Wilsons.  
Sat 26 | Mary Cushing came over for Annie  
to go with her to dinner. Emma Wilson and  
I went after her in the evening  
Sunday 27 | rainy – at home all day Mon-  
day  
28 | still rainy – Chas still away – very  
lonely

*p. 29 Dec 1863*  
Tues 29 | pleasant at home – Chas still away  
30 | Chas came this morning. Went to lec-  
ture in the evening. Dr Lords 3d lecture on  
Rome  
31 | a rain storm – high wind; dark and dull

close of the year 63. For dinner at 5, 19 10th  
& B we had roast beef, chicken pie, roast  
chicken, duck, baked pork & beans, celery,  
raisins, pickles, radish, baked & mashed  
potatoes, cottage pudding, brandy sauce  
– with a good appetite – at table Mr &  
Mrs Wilson, Emma and Mrs Butler, Edso  
Tastel, Annie & myself. Spent the evening  
in our own room, Annie reading poetry,  
very rainy

Jan 1 1864 | cloudy morning, came off  
pleasant quite nicely – did not go to the re-  
ceptions – better satisfied at home – Dinner  
at one today – Chas sick

Jan 2 | Chas better – at home most of the  
day

Jan 3 Sunday | went to hear Dr Sunderland  
Subject the “Work of the Spirit” an excel-  
lent discourse

Jan 4 | a snow storm the first of the season.  
Chas gone to the army \

Tuesday | nothing of interest. Chas re-  
turned from the army

Wed | at home all day – went to Dr Lords  
lecture in the eve.

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Jan Thudy 7 | pleasant – went up to the  
House & Senate with Mrs Wilson & the  
children – came home very tired – Lieut  
Butler here – spent the night with his  
mother – Chas & I went to hear Dr Lords  
concluding lecture upon Rome – snowing  
when we came home

Friday 8 | came off mild and pleasant an  
inch more of snow

Sat 9 | called at Mrs Cushings – met the  
Rices

Sunn 10 | went to Church – at Dr Sunder-  
land. Subject “Unity of the Church”

Monday 11 | Busy at home – several letters  
from Maine

Tuesday 12 | Went over to Mrs Cushings  
– Annie had company to dinner & in the  
evening



Senator Garrett Davis of Kentucky

Wed 13 | mild & hazy – went up to the Capitol with Mrs Rice & the girls. Trying the case of Garrett Davis for treasonable resolutions – Charge brought by Henry Wilson of Mass

Thursdy [14] | pleasant – went to hear John B[artholomew] Gough on Peculiar People  
Friday | at home all day – played euchre with the Wilsons in the evening

Sat [16] | pleasant – after dinner Annie went round to the Cushings – her father & I



John Bartholomew Gough



Miss Anna E. Dickinson

went up to the House of Representatives to hear Miss Anna Dickinson on the War – a great house

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Sunday | cloudy – dull – Annie & her father went to Church - Lost a day

Mon 18 | a rainy day – settled with washer-woman

Tues | high wind – busy at home til evening – then went with Annie & her father to hear [John Bartholomew] Gough on Temperance, a great crowd

Wed | at home – busy all day

Thursdy [21] | Annie went up to the Capitol, met me at Mrs Cushings – Mr Langton and Tinkham of NY called

Friday | went over town with Mrs Wilson – then called at Mrs Hatch. Annie spent the day at Mrs Cushings – the girls came for her

Sat [23] | went with Wilsons to Mrs Lincoln's Matinee – Mr Tinkham came round & went with us – came home to dinner – Mr & Mrs Spaulden called – Mr Vaughn & Hardy came in to spend the evening – played Euchre

Sunday 24 | went round to Dr Channings Church a stranger preached – at 1/2-7 I went to Dr Sunderlands church

Monday 25 | home – Mr & Mrs Hall called  
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26 | busy at home – Mrs Rice & Mrs Cushing called

27 | went over to Mrs Cushings – went with Annie & her father in the evening to the opening of the great Sanitary Fair on the Avenue. Speeches, singing – music of the band

28 | At home til evening – Mary Cushing & Ann Rice came over for Annie. Her father & I went out to engage a music teacher for her – called for her at Mrs Cushings – We went back to the Fair again? – Sxx? by Senator Pomeroy & Clark singing &

Friday 29 | Went round to Madame Cecelia

Young's X [starts marking music lessons] with Annie to take her first lesson in vocal music – very warm and pleasant – Mrs Tuttle called.

Sat | pleasant – Carl McGilvry came in played euchre

Sunday [31] | unpleasant – at home all day  
Monday | at home – Annie went with her father to take her lesson X

Tuesday [2] | windy – went to Fords Theatre in the evening to the play of East Lynne [1863, a play by Clifton W. Tayleure].

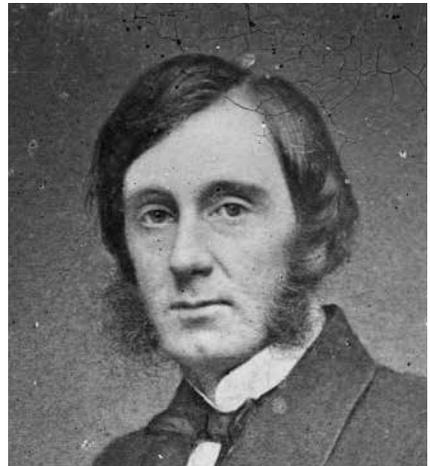
Wed | at home all day - Miss Hatch, Mr Gaylord an Nellie Rice his sister & Mary Cushing came

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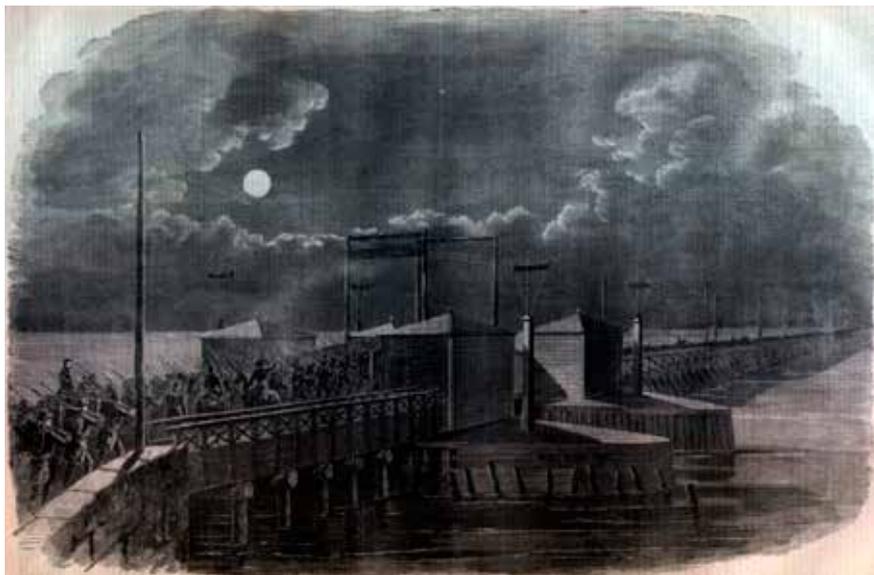
To spend the evening. Mr Vaughn called with Mr Sleigh X

Friday | pleasant – Annie went up to the Capitol – In the evening Annie & I went round with her father to E Street to a lecture by George Wm Curtis [1824-1892], Subject: “The Way of Peace” Met Mr Osgood, Mr Rice, Anna Rice & Mr Sleigh  
Sat 6 | foggy – in all day – Annie went with her father to get her glasses – Accident on Long bridge –

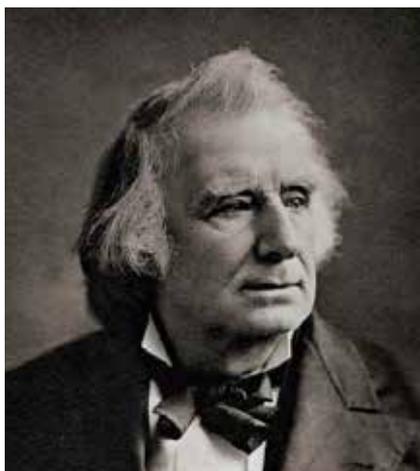
Sundy 7 | pleasant – went to Church in the



George William Curtis by Matthew. Brady



Long Bridge - Winslow Homer

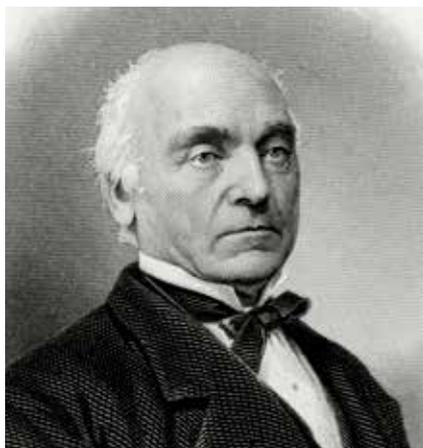


James Edward Murdoch

morning – Annie went to St Aloysius with the Rices in the afternoon – went to Church in the evening X Mon

8 | Went with Annie to take her lesson – called at Mrs Spauldin[g]s – in the evening Mr Tinkham Mr Messer & Miss Carpenter came in to sing

Tues 9 | at home all day – Mr Vaughn in at night



Senator Lot Morrill of Maine

Wed 10 | clear & cold – Went to hear [James Edward] Murdoch read before the Washington Lecture Association – Mr Sleigh of Ohio came in to go with Annie

Thurs 11 | Went with Annie for her to take her music lesson – then called at Mrs Cushings – left

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Annie there to spend the day – her father called for her – I met Mrs Woodard of



Senator William Pitt Fessenden of Maine  
Rockland [Maine] at Mrs Spauldin[g]s  
Fri 12 | Went out to make calls at Mrs Ham-  
lins, Morrills, Fessendens, Suttons, Mrs  
Spaudings and Mrs Hatch – came home to  
dinner – Willis a came for Annie to go to  
Murdochs second reading – We all went  
– He read the Raven, charge of the light  
Brigade , selections from several authors.  
Sat 13 | pleasant – at home all day – Annie  
went to walk with her father – Chas left of  
smoking !!!  
Sun 14 | Valentine day – Went up to the  
Capitol to hear Mr Furness – Very pleas-  
ant when we went out – but a great wind  
came up blowing the dust in clouds – ru-  
ining clothing filling mouth & eyes – got  
ready for dinner – did not go out again – Ed  
Tastets birthday X  
15 | My birthday – letters from home –  
Went with Annie to take her lesson – snow  
storm  
Tues | very cold and windy – at home all  
day  
Wed | very much colder – Col George Da-  
vis of the Maine 4th arrived from Rich-  
mond, being one of the escaped prisoners

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Thurs 18 | Very cold 10 degrees below  
zero. Went with Annie to Mrs Youngs – Mr

Sleeper came from Chicago on his way to  
Maine, spent the evening with us – Eighth  
anniversary of the death of Justus G Miller  
19 | clear & cold – Col George Davis came  
to dinner, left for Maine at 7 o'clock. Mr  
Sleeper spent the evening

20 | pleasant – Chas out with Mr Sleeper  
21 | pleasant – Went up to the Capitol to  
hear Dr Channey – called at the National  
for Mr Harmon of Maine. Met the Rices,  
Spauldings, Mrs Woodard. Sunday eve-  
ning Mr Woodard & wife came in. Chas 7  
Mr Sleeper over town. X

Mon 22 | pleasant – went with Annie to  
take her lesson – Met Lieut Pitcher and Mr  
Sleeper & Chas – came home – Mr Sleeper  
received a dispatch saying his mother was  
dead. He left for Maine at 7. Chas, Annie  
and I going to the cars with him then taking  
the carriage round to the Patent Office to  
the inauguration of the grand Sanitary Fair.  
President Lincoln on the stand with Chit-  
tenden who gave the opening address and  
B B French who recited a poem.

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Little Commodore Foote & sister came  
on the stage being the smallest specimens  
of humanity in the country. Songs by two  
gentlemen of the continental choir – Hall



Commodore Foote and Sister



Fort Sumner, Montgomery County, Maryland.

splendid with decorations and crowded with people – a most eloquent prayer by Dr Sunderland. Benediction by the same

Tues 23 | Annie took a music lesson – very fine day – Mr Tinkham in to dinner – Mr Sleigh in and spent the evening – Judge pippin joined in a game of Euchre

Wed | A great wind – air full of dust – at home all day

Thurs 25 X | Emma went with Annie to take her lesson – Willis Rice in & made a long call. Nettie Wooderd in

26 | at home all day Mr Wilson gone to Vineland

27 | pleasant – Mrs Norton & Mrs Wilkins called. Rice called. I went to see Mrs Woodard with Annie & Emma Wilson. Mary Cushing & Anna Rice came to spend the eve. Mr Wilson returned

Sun 28 | Annie went to church with her father. We all went round to Mrs Cushings to supper. Met Mrs Capt Hersey of the first Maine.

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Mon 29 X | Went with Annie to take her lesson – did a few errands – came home. Nettie Woodard in – Lieut Horatio Pitcher from Fort Sumner called – dispatch from Amos Pitcher to Mr P to get the body of his son at Fort Sumner.

March 1st | a snow storm – sleet and rain –

letter from Susan at Philadelphia

March 2nd | pleasant – hers? Snowed with ice – Chas gone to Fort Sum.r X

Thurs 3 | pleasant – went with Annie to take her lesson

Friday 4 | at home til night – went out to do errands

Sat 5 | --Blank, rainy

Sund 6 | not well – did not go to church – Chas and Annie home – dull---

Monday 7 | Emma went with Annie to take her lesson – Nettie Woodard & her mother called in the evening – Mrs Wilson spent the evening in my room, Chas home Mr Wilson came in after lecture –

Tues 8 | rainy – Mr Sherman came & gave Annie the 11st lesson of the 2 term

Wed 9 | pleasant – not well but Anna Pitcher from Fort Sumner came over for us so I went with her. Stopped in Georgetown for Col Chaplin and

*P 28 Mar 1864*

Mrs Col Tabbart. Mrs Clark arrived at the encampment at 1/2 4- Fort Sumner is on the bank of the Potomac about a mile from Chain Bridge in Montgomery county M.D. – Fort Reno, Mansfield and Simmons are all in view

Thurs 10 | Heavy rain – Soldiers called out on brigade review then ordered back – George Pate of the 1st Maine came in at

night and played Euchre.

Friday | foggy – rainy all day – Thunder storm at night – George Pate in – Adjutant Talbot – Mrs Lieut Col Talbot called

Sat 12 | pleasant – went to guard mounting – Went out to a tent with Annie to have her picture taken – Then she went to ride on horseback, after which I rode – Mr Leonard “Chaplin” of the regt called – Mary Powers, Lieut Clark, Mrs Cal Chaplin – after dinner went to walk up to the fort – went into the barracks – cook house, quartermaster H Pitcher private horse stable – Called on Mrs Chaplin – Soldiers paid off today – Sat night very fine

Sun 13 | pleasant – inspection of the soldiers in a field just in front of our cam ?

*p. 29 Mar 1864*

Dress parade after dinner and religious services on the field. At 4 P.M. Annie & I started for home in the ambulance – got here at 6 o'clock found that Chas had taken a carriage and with Senator Morrill and wife gone over for us. He returned about 7.

Mon 14 | Went over with Annie to take her lesson – called at Mrs Cushings – did some errands – came home to dinner. Mr Bang's called in the evening – The Rices and Cushings spent the evening with Annie

Tues 15 | Getting Annie ready for receptions – went over town – snow squall – Schuman gave Annie music lesson – paid him 6 dollars for 2 terms

Wed 16 | Went in town to get Annie a cloak

Thurs 17 | Annie went alone to take her lesson at Mrs Sactichmous[?] – pleasant – Went out to get Annie a cloak.

Friday 18 | Annie went with her father to [Speaker Schuyler] Colfax reception

Sat | At home all day – Annie & her father gone to call on Mrs Morrill and Mrs Pike then going to the Promenade Concert at the Patent Office



Speaker of the House, Schuyler Colfax

*p. 30 Mar 1864*

20 | went to Church with Annie & her father

Mon 21 | Went with Annie to take her lesson – Anna Pitcher from Fort Sumner called. Annie & her father went to call at Mr Pishams at Willards, on J L D Sweat, Mr Bloins from Maine, and spent the eve at Mrs Cushings

22 | cold & windy began snowing at 5 o'clock – snow fell to the depth of 6 inches.



V. P. Hannibal Hamlin of Maine



Edwin Forrest

Wed 23 | pleasant morning – at home all day

24 | pleasant – went with Annie to take her lesson – went round to do some errands – went over to Mrs Senator Morrills after tea from there we went with Mrs Morrill & Mr Hanibal Hamlin to the theatre. Where [Edwin] Forrest played Richelieu [1839, Edward Bulwer Lytton]. After the close Annie & I went round to take the vice president [Hamlin] & Mrs Morrill to their rooms in the carriage. Chas walking home. Got home at eleven.

Friday 25 | rain storm

Sat 26 | cloudy squally

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Sun 27 | a very pleasant day. Went with the Wilsons, Ann & her father to St Alyious. Where they celebrated Easter by a full orchestra. A great crowd. But to me a day lost – to what has man fallen that Catholicity should hold such a place among the people  
Mon 28 | pleasant – Annie went to the childrens Episcopal fair with Emma Wilson – at evening, Annie & I went with her fa-

ther to see [Edwin] Forrest in Richard 3rd – a great henre[?] – Mr Clark of H.H. Pike [sugar brokers], Sweat, [James G] Blaine, Cushing, Rice of Maine with their wives composed our party – after the close went in to Polkenhorns[?] to get supper.

Tues 29 | very windy – went with Annie to take her lesson – then she went up to the Capitol with her father & came home

Wed 30 | Mr Sherman gave Annie a music lesson Snowy & calm

Thur 31 | cloudy – went with Annie to take her lesson

Friday April 1st | cloudy – Mrs F A Pike & Mrs Blaine from Maine called – rainy at night. Went with Annie & her father to Speaker Colfax reception – very pleasant company – met there David Haines an acquaintance of years ago. Changed with an alr... of 20 years – Came home at 11, found a dispatch from

*p. 32 Apr 1864*

Belfast saying that Mrs Isabella Manning died April 1st

Sat 2nd | snow & rain – very cold – at home all day while my mind is in Belfast with those who are watching by the lifeless form of one beloved.

Suny | cloudy – at home all day

Mon 4 | went with Annie to take her lesson – called at Mrs Spauldin[g]s. Rainy

Tuesday | rainy – cheany?

Wed | pleasant – today in Belfast is the funeral of Mrs Manning. May Bicheury? & Anna Rice spent the evening with Annie. Natter Woodard called

Thurd 7 | Went with Annie to take her lesson – did some errands – went up to all Capitol – came home had dinner went over to Mrs Cushings. Mr Sligh called while we were out. Mrs Fessenden & Col? McGilvry?

Fri | pleasant – Annie went to call at the Metropolitan on Mrs [Thomas A.]Hen-



Edward Everett Hale of Boston

dricks of Illinois – Mrs Hamlin called here.

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Sat 9 | cloudy rainy

Sundy | pleasant – at home til evening the went round to Mrs Cushings & went to the Unitarian Church to hear Mr E Everett Hale of Boston. Willis Rice called in the afternoon.

Last White House Reception of the Season - April 19. 1864

Mon 11 | Emma went with Annie to take her lesson. Mrs Wilson, Mrs Weston myself went up to the House to listen to the question of appelling Harris of Maryland & Long of the 2nd Ohio Dist. A great & excited crowd. Fernando Wood [D-NY], [Samuel Sullivan “Sunset”] Cox of Ohio & Gen [Robert C. Schenck] Shenk of Ohio spoke

Tues 12 | Went over to town. Lever? Postponed. Congress adjourned on account of the death of Mr [John Cook] Rives editor of the [Congressional] Globe. Mrs Woodard in – cloudy – called at Mrs Dana? Miss Dyers, Mrs Andersons at the National Hotel on Mrs Hall. Mrs Stephens, Mrs Norton. Mrs Wilkins. Annie & Emma went over to Mrs Cushings. I went over for stain? Meeting her father there.

Thur 14 | Chas birthday. Went with Anne to take her music lesson – then went up to the Capitol – could not get a seat, great crowd.

April 15 | at home all day. Annie & her father went to Speaker Colfax in the evening – rainy

Sat 16 | Home all day – rainy – 7 letters from Maine



Sunday 17 | Wet in the morning – did not go to church – Col George Davis arrived this morning from Maine here to dinner. Very pleasant afternoon & evening – Went to hear Dr Sunderland with Annie and her father

Mon 18 | Annie went to take her music lesson

Tues 19 | Went with Annie and her father to the last reception of the season at President Lincoln's – a vast crowd there – a fine evening

Wednesd | at home til evening then went to the Military Depot to see the sick soldiers who are being removed from the Army of the Potomac.

Thursday | went with Annie to take her lesson – a shower – met Chas at Harper and Mitchells store. Got me a shawl – went to walk after dinner to Long Bridge with Mrs Wilson also to the depot and to the Armory Hospital – Mrs Averill & Mrs Rice called – Annie & Emma went to Mrs Cushings.

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Fri 22 | at home all day – played Euchre in the evening with Mr & Mrs Wilson & Mr



Late Col. Ulric Dahlgren

Sleigh. Willis Rice & Mary Cushing in – also Nettie Woodard & her brother

Sat 23 | Went over town after dinner with Mrs Wilson Annie & Emma Wilson went to call at Mrs Cushings also on the Spofford girls

Sun 24 | Went to church. Met Dr Sunderland & was introduced to him – Evening he preached Col Dalghrens funeral sermon a great crowd – services continued til 10 o'clock – very rainy when we came home

Mon 25 | pleasant – Today general Burn-





Burnside's Army of the Potomac in Washington

sides army of 40,000 marched down 14th St and over Long Bridge on their way to the front – Regt coming in from the North – Went over town with Mrs Wilson

Tues 26 | Emma went with Annie to take her lesson – pleasant – trees in bloom – Mrs Senator [Thomas] Hendrick[s] of Indiana called – Went over town after dinner – called at Mrs Cushings – Chas came for me Wed | at home all day

Thurs 28 | pleasant – the Cushings & Rices? Spent the evening – with Annie

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29 | very pleasant – at home all day – Mrs Muchet? Sick.

30 | at home all day. Mrs Stephens of California daughter of Coll Baker called – rainy at night – Annie & Emma spent the evening with Anna Rice, it being her birth day

Sun May 1st | cool and cloudy – did not go to Church in the morning. Went to church in the evening

Mon 2 | One year today since Sheridan died at Chancellorsville – a sad, sad day – Made a wreath of flowers today around his picture and decorated it with red white & blue. Received a leaf & white flower from his mother to put in the wreath – pleasant are all the memories that cluster round his name evergreen, like fadeless flowers will be his memory. A thunder storm at night & a very severe wind with heavy rain –

3 | Went today with Annie to take her lesson then round to Mrs Cushings to lunch then with Mrs Rice and Averill to Dr Sunderlands Church to the Womens

*p. 36 May 1864*

League meeting – a full house but noth-



National Hotel in 1860

ing definite done – Meeting adjourned to Monday next. Windy & very cool – new chamber girl

Wed 4 | Called at Mrs Woodards. Chas went to Alexandria – sick at night myself

Thurs 5 | Went with Annie to take her lesson. Mr Hapking & daughter called while we were out. Annie & I went over to the National after tea to meet her father. Willis

Rice in.

Friday 6 | very warm – at home all day

Sat | hot – putting away flannels & shawls – Annie & Emma went over to Cushings

Sun 8 | Very hot. At home all day

Mon 9 | Showery at night – very warm – Went with Annie to take her lesson

Tues 10 | Went over street in the morning. Chas went to Alexandria & came home in the morning – Many of the wounded soldiers came up from the boat.

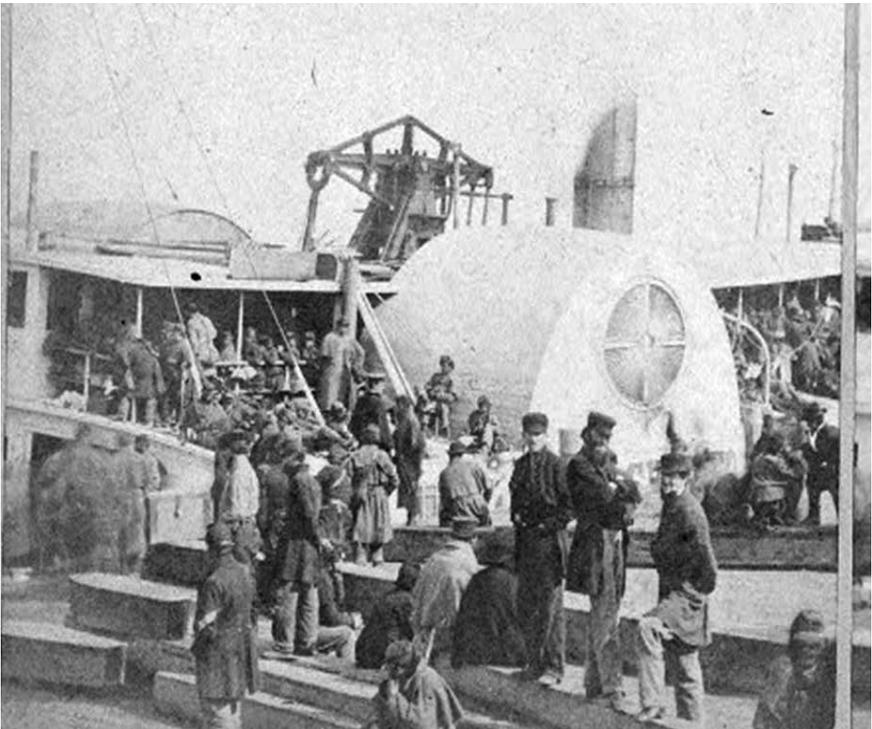
Wed 11 | still exciting news – wounded soldiers coming up every hour – the battle still going on – Chas came at 8 o'clock rejoiced to see him – Showers at night

*p. 37 May 1864*

Thurs 12 | Went with Annie to take her music lesson – showery – heavy hailstorm at 4 o'clock and much rain – showers all night

Friday | still rainy – at home all day

Acquia Landing in Arlington, Virginia.



Sat | pleasant – went over to call on Anna Pitcher from Fort Sumner – the regiment being ordered to the front – thunder shower at night

Sun 15 | still showery – Annie & her father went to church – Mrs Wilson and myself went to 7th street wharf to see the 1st Maine Heavy Artillery embark on transport to Acquia cruits[?] To join Butlers command – came on to rain took shelter in the house of Mrs McCulloch – Annie spilled a bottle of ink on her dress.

Mon 16 | Called over to Mrs Cushings with Mrs Wilson and the girls

Tues 17 | Went out to find a servant for Mrs Cushing. Went over to 4 1/2 St – Annie went over after dinner & the girls came home with her – Emma went to the May ball. Emma went with Annie to take her lesson

Wed 18 | Annie took her last lesson of Scherman

Thurs 19 | Annie sick. Lost her music lesson – Anna Pitcher came over to spend a few days

*p. 38 May 1864*

Fri 20 | Went to Casser Hospital & Columbia with Mr Henry & Anna. Went over to the post office with Mrs Wilson after tea. Weary and sick at night.

Sat 21 | warm – busy home all day. Mr Wilson gone to Vineland.

Sun 22 | Showry, warm – at home all day

Mon 23 | Went with Annie to take her lesson then to the Sanitary rooms – thence to volunteers Reporting office in search of E C Peirce. Afternoon to Armory hospital. evening over to Mrs Cushings

24 | Went to see Capt Henry – also to see some of the Maine 1st at Armory Squom[?] there – Went over town with Mrs Rice and Anna Pitcher of Bangor – went in took an ice cream then home – Lieut Jacobs & Mr Way called – a thunder storm.

25 | Went round with My Annie to see Mrs Henry & Anna Pitcher they leaving at 7 pm for Maine – after tea walked up to the Capitol grounds to hear the Band – came home sick – showry

*p. 39 May 1864*

Thursday 26 | rain storm – Annie went with her father to take her lesson – went into the Market – Annie had callers – Lieut Jacobs Mr Way, Henry Cushing, Anna Rice, Mary Cushing. Sick all day

27 | pleasant with very slight showers – Annie and Emma spent the evening at Mrs Woodards.

28 | at home all day. Dr Sunderland called. Annie had an elegant bouquet sent in to her. Cloudy & rainy.

Sund | sick at home all day – Annie & her father went out – Mrs Rice & the girls in after tea.

Mon 30 | pleasant – went with Annie to take her lesson – Sabbath schools out on parade – Mrs Baker from Fort Washington up – went out with her to do some shopping – after tea went over to Mrs Rice –

May 31 | Warm – went with the Rices, Cushings & Wilsons to Georgetown on a little picnic excursion – Visited the cemetery – roses in abundant bloom – came home healed? & weary, dinner at 5.

*p 40 Jun 1864*

1 | Annie took her music lesson alone. Emma gone on a Sabbath school excursion

2nd | Went with Annie to take her lesson – Annie went with her father up to the Capitol grounds after dinner then round to Mrs Cushings and into an ice cream saloon

Friday 3 | went over town to get Annie's bonnet & a dress for myself. Lieut Jacobs left for Maine – Annie & her father went to the Opera

Sat 4 | at home all day – a weary day & sleepless night – homesick – or sick of

Washington rather

Sun 5 | cloudy & warm – Annie & her father gone to church – Mrs Wilson Emma Annie & myself went to walk after tea

Mon 6 | Election for Mayor – but in the morning went with Annie to take her lesson – found her teacher absent. Heavy squall in the afternoon & a shower – Chas came in & did not get out again after dinner. Bonfire & noise in general – Nettie Woodard called

7 | at home all day. Mrs J L D Sweat of Maine called

*p. 41 Jun 1864*

Wed 8 | Nothing new. Went over to Mrs Cushings with Annie. Went to call on Mrs Spauldin[g] with Mrs Rice. Chas called to walk home with us. Met Mrs Frank Pitcher

Thurs 9 | Went out to look for Annie a hat – Shower after dinner – hot – Emma went with Annie to take her lesson

Fri 10 | very cool & peasant – went out with Annie to do some errands

11 | Pleasant – Went over street with Mrs Baker from Fort Washington – Walked up to the Capitol after dinner – went after Annies hat

12 | Went to church with Annie in the morning – quite cool – After tea went over to Mrs Cushings – went to walk up to the Capitol grounds with Mrs Rice & the girls

Monday 13 | Emma went with Annie to take her lesson – Mrs Wilson doing her silk shirt – after dinner went to call on Mrs Spaulding & Grace with the Rices

Tues 14 | At home all day – 6 callers at night

15 | Went to walk up to the Capitol grounds after dinner then up to the Patent Office to the

*p. 42 Jun 1864*

Ratification Meeting – a great crowd – speeches – fire works – music &c [Union League of America ratifying the nomina-



Finley Hospital

tion of Lincoln and Johnson and the Republican platform.]

16 | Very windy – Went with Annie to take her lesson – called in to see Mrs Spaulding

17 | letters from home – Annie & I went out to Finley Hospital to see Mr Emory of Maine – found a little sick soldier from Mass there, Edward [A.]Bartlet[t 1852] of Quincy Mass – in the evening we went to Mrs Rices. Mr Vaughn came over after we left & then came round to Mrs Cushings.

Sat 18 | Went over to the Armory from there to the Mass State agency to see about a soldier of the 56 Mass

Sund 19 | not able to go to Church in the morning – Annie & her father went at 5 – Mr Wilson family & myself went out to the funeral of 18 girls who were killed at the arsenal explosion – 10 or 15,000 persons were out – the procession consisted of 9 horses, 9 army ambulances containing coffins 5 or 6 carriages, 6 street cars. Sons of Temperance & Daughters of Temperance. The president & Secretary Stanton rode in the procession – a vast number of people were gathered at the Capitol grounds to witness the procession as it past up to the Congressional Burying Ground. Lieut Redman of the 4th Maine came to breakfast with Mr Sleeper – the regt on their way to Maine to be discharged.

Mon 19 [20] | Not well – Annie went over to

say good by to the Rices who leave tonight for Maine

21 | Very hot. Anna Rice over –

22 | Annie & I went to Finly Hospital to take some things to some soldiers there. After dinner I went out with Chas – did a few errands – got an ice cream & came home. Mr Way called

Thurs 23 | Went with Annie to take her lesson – went out with Chas in the evening to look for a birthday present for Annie

24 | Friday Annies [15th] birthday – very hot. She & Emma went out in the evening with her father.

25 | at home all day – very hot

*p. 43 Jun 1864*

26 | very hot – tempest in the afternoon – very night rain – Annie sick with the heat

Mon 27 | Went with Annie to take her lesson – Tempest at noon – came on very cool

Tues 28 | cool – Went over to Mrs Cushings in the eve – Frank Pitcher came home with me – Mary Cushing – Mr Warden & Fisher in & Mr Jakes. Sick all night

Wed 29 | pleasant – Capt Baker & wife from Fort Washington called – sick at night – Annie took her last lesson from Mr Schermen

30 | Went with Annie to take her last lesson of Mrs Schretchmar. Called at Mrs Spauldin[g] – slight rain

July 1 | nothing of interest

July 2nd | at home all day – very hot – tempest

Sundy 3 | cooler – Went to tea at Mrs Cushings with Chas & Annie

Mon 4 | nothing of interest going on – the presidents grounds open for the Colored population – music & speakers there – Congress adjourned at 1/2 – 12 o'clock after a session of 7 months

*p44 July 1864*

Annie went over town at night with Mr

Wilson & Emma to get soda & ice cream  
Tues 5 | Mrs Wilson & Emma started for Fort Wayne Indiana – a very peasant day

– Went to call at Mrs Hatch & do some errands – Mrs Spauldin[g] & Grace

Wed 6 | in – went round to Mrs Cushings  
Thursday | at home all day – Mr Sleigh & Mr Lambuth called of Pennsylvania

Fri 8 | nothing new – great excitement continues on the raid into Maryland

Sat | packing to go North – called at Mrs Cushings – May? Came home with Annie to pass the night

Sun 10 | great excitement – rebels said to be marching on Baltimore – very hot & dry – Called over to Mrs Cushings – no more news at night. Clerks ordered out & armed – excitement still continues – a very hot night – little sleep

Monday Morn | 4 o'clock – 12th Veteran Reserve Corps marched by – a noble looking set of men – soldiers rushing in from all points to defend the city – still hot & very dusty

*p. 45 July 1864*

12 noon little rain – Annie & I went over town – regiments coming up from the Front – went round to Mrs Cushings – into the “National” to wait til after the shower – then went into the Park on the way home. Three regiments from Petersburge passed on their way to Maryland to repel the raiders. On their way up 7th street about 1000 school children were crossing B with banners & music. Their procession ported while the long line of soldiers passed through with music & their banners soiled & torn in many a fight floating over joyous children's heads and when the children came to the gate of the Park their a United States Hearse halted to let them cross the street – Such a commingling of sights is seldom seen in a day. The excitement till continues & thousands are rushing to the

resque of a menaced Capitol – the clouds are passing away – the moon shines out upon a noisy excited people while the drum march still murmurs on the night. Annie quite sick.

July 12 | A clear morning – Excitement still continues – Communication with Philadelphia stopped – trains burned – also Gunpowder bridge – rebels concentrate at Fort Massachusetts out 7th Street reach – skirmishing kept up – several killed & wounded – Telegraph cut

13 | Excitement still continues – skirmishing out at Fort Lincoln. Soldiers arriving – City clerks called out

– Militia ordered out 4 All the rolling stock of the Alexandria road brought to this city – rebels said to be in numbers at Falls Church preparing to make a raid on Alexandria.

14 | All quiet in the city – rebels said to be retreating with their stolen gain. Very fine weather. Mr Vaughn called Annie & I went round to take an ice cream with him. Spent the day at Mrs Cushings.

15 | still cool & pleasant – nothing new of interest. Mr Dana round & spent the evening – played euchre. Quite sick myself.

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July 16 | Windy – hot and dry – a dull monotonous day – Went round to Mrs Cushing after dinner then in company with them went to call upon the Spauldin[g]s. Chas met us there. Dr — of Canada there – On our way home went in for ice creams

Sun 17 | Chas at home all day – Mr Sleigh called – Chas & I went into Mrs Woodards  
Mon 18 | again packing to go North – again disappointed – no train at 8 o'clock. Chas & I went over streets to get some little traps for our journey.

Tues 19 | Left Washington for N.Y. at 1/2 past six in the morning – day pleasant – very dusty – Gunpowder bridge completed



The Parker House, Boston.

[had burned July 10] – arrived in N.Y. at 1/2 past 7 evening took the night train for Boston arriving at Boston 6 in morning – baggage not arrived – went to the Parker House.

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21 | baggage came Thursday – When Annie & I went to call upon Mrs Tilden at 7 Warren St, then to Mrs Peirces – took dinner at Mrs Herns then went to Mrs Averys at Chester Park where we remained until Friday afternoon when we took the boat for Belfast. Meeting on the boat Clara Thorndike on her way home – a great crowd – pleasant passage

22 |

23 | arriving in Belfast at 8 AM , took the coach up to Charlottes – after dinner called at Aunt Haradens, Mrs Wordings, then went out to Wales & spent the night. Sun 24 | Wrote Chas – called at Susans.

Mon 25 | busy at Wales all day – came down town at night. Called to see Jennie Noyes, Anna Mayo – spent the night with Jennie – a little rain

26 | cloudy in the morning. Annie making calls. After diner went to spend the night with Abbie Field. Abba Founce called and Eliza Pitcher – Sam called & Ada

27 | Went down street in the morning o the

store. Saw Eliza & Mr Sleeper – Annie went to Marias to tea spent the night with Eliza – after tea Ella & myself called at Mrs Faunce and Mrs Thorndikes – Mrs S S Lewis & Maria called while we were out.

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28 | Annie going to pass the night with Fannie Field [1849] – Ella & I called at Mrs Davis. Met the Col there Mrs S Sleeper called. Clara Thorndike called.

29 | old, cloudy. Spent the morning at Aunt Haradens – Mrs Tonnie? Called. Mrs Conant & Mrs Thorndike

30 | At home all day – Annie making calls

31st | Went to the North Church – Mr [Thomas?] Bastow preached – Mr [Wooster] Parker there also Edw[in] Parker  
Aug Mon 1st | foggy in the morning – Caravan. Great crowd of country people in. Went to all at Marias with Charlotte.

Wales, Anna & the children there. Went out after tea with Ella to do a few errands. Abba Field in to see the girls

Aug 2nd | cloudy – Annie gone to spend the week at Susans. I went to tea at Aunt Haradens. Stopped over night – rainy – Mrs [Elvira] Field – Fanny McDonald [1830?]. Mrs [Sarah] Founce there – [Rosella 1824] Mrs B.[enjamin] Poor called while I was out at Charlottes.

Wed 3d | came home at ten o'clock – rainy day – Mrs Parker called

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4 | Thursday – rainy in the morning – afternoon went out to do some errands – called at Uncle Miller

5 | Went out to Susans. Went to Uncle Jo[seph Miller]'s to dinner with her. Came back to her house to tea then called up to Anna's - spent the night at Susans. Mrs Brown called

6 | Came down to Charlottes – got letters papers &c – rainy all day – went down

street in the rain to exchange gad bill – called at Aunt Haradens – Annie came home

Sun 7 | Showry in the morning – went to church all day – Mr [Wooster] Parker preached – called in to aunts – met Daniel Haraden there & J[ohn] H Quimby

Monday 8 | at home all day – Mrs Davis called. Mrs Mary Thompson – Abba Field

Tues 9 | at home in the morning – called at Mrs Thorndike and Aunt Haradens afternoon – did some errands

Wed 10 | Left for Bangor with Annie to visit at H[oratio]. G. Pitchers – took Jennie there to dinner, then went down to the Exchange. Took tea at Mrs J Pitchers, several others there. Showers at night. Mrs Albert Mathews has a son.

11 | went to walk

12 | Called at Mrs Potters? to see Mary Beaman

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After tea went to walk – met Mrs Dr Field – got some books from the Library

Sat 13 | took Dinner at J Pitchers – went out to ride after tea – went to walk

Sunday 14 | pleasant – Annie went to church – in the evening went to Vespers I went to the 3rd parish with Mrs P.

Mon 15 | Went down town to do some errands – busy all day getting the girls ready for the Congressional party. Met Mr Pooler – Annie met him at the party also Mr Rice – Willis, Mr Blaine J C

16 | at home – Fannie & Abbie Field called

17 | rainy – went to the library at night

18 | Went to Orono with Anna. Called at Mrs H Pitchers in the evening. Mr Pooler walked round with us

19 | company all day – I went to call at Mrs Browns. Anna called at Mrs Walkers Sat

20 | Went to ride with Mrs Brown – called to see Mrs Hewes – took tea at Mrs Browns – then took a long rich after tea – rode to the cars for Mr Brown, then they took us

home. Met Mrs Pickering then

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Sund 21 | pleasant – at home til evening then went to Sabbath school concert with Mrs Pitcher. Very interesting. Rev Mr Hayes. Then a large package of articles made by the children for the colored soldiers of N.E. regt presented to the agent of the Sanitary

22 | Carrie Brown rode over in the morning – after dinner Mr Pitcher took us over to Lydia's to spend the afternoon. Showry

23 | pleasant – Went to call on Mrs Hamlins with Mrs Brown – went to ride – came home – took an early tea – went down town with the girls – Ella went to ride

Thurs 24 | Little rainy in the morning- came home on the boat – also Ella , Jennie, Fannie Field – Mrs Parker on the boat – foggy at night, Col Chaplain's remains carried to Bangor today for burial. Annie made a call on Elia. She gave her a ring.

Friday | Stephens wife down & Edith – Emma Wireking? called – after tea I called at aunt Haradens – Annie called on several of the girls.

Sat | rainy. Abba Field called, Annie & she went to call on Mr Emery. Ella had company.

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Sun 28 | Went to the Methodist Church – No services at the North Church – very pleasant

29 | Busy at home in the morning – afternoon Annie & Jennie invited to Alice Wilsons

30 | Annie & I made several calls. Mrs Thompson & Mrs T Pitcher called \_ I went into aunts in the evening

31 | pleasant – Susan in – Ella had company – Went to hear C C Woodman speak at Peirces Hall in the evening

Sept 1st | Fanny in the morning – Annie &

I go to spend the day at Mrs Thorndikes – evening go to hear W W Brown colored speak on the crisis at the Methodist Vestry – very good

2 | Annie gone out to Wales – Miss Lord came in the Boat – Mr Emery called – Margaret Miller in to tea – Mrs Conant called – we went to hear Hon F A Pike speak at Peirces Hall

3 | Mr Emery called again to see Annie. Abba Field in – Anna Pell down – John Pitcher in to tea

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News of the taking of Atlanta Georgia. Bells rung – guns fired – Jubilee at night. Concert at Pierces Hall

– I went to [with?] the girls and Annabell, spent the night with Jennie Noyes

Sun 4 | rainy – Went to church in the morning – Annabel went home at night

5 | pleasant – Annie gone to Mrs Wordings to spend the night. News of the death of Col McGilvry – Mrs Knowlton called.

6 | at home all day – Annie went to Mrs Davis to spend the night. I called at the office Mrs D. there spending the evening. Mrs Sibly called and Clara Thorndike [1845]

7 | spent the day with Annie at Mrs Davis

8 | pleasant – at home all day – Mrs Hilton & Emma in

9 | spent the day & night and afternoon with Jennie Noyes

10 | County Convention – speech by Gov Merrill [Lot Myrick Morrill] – ex Governor Randal of Wisconsin – very good – went out to Wales after tea

11 | Sunday at home all day – J Lewis family came – Mary Ann Davis there – Luther & wife called

12 | rainy . .

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Tuesday 13 | rainy – Met Lizzie Gilchrist at Susans

Wed 14 | spent the afternoon at James.

Annie, Annabell & her mother there also  
– Annie & the others spent the evening at  
Susans

15 | Sam starts for Boston. I went down to  
Susans to do some dresses – Mrs White &  
Harriet came – I went home to tea

16 | pleasant – at home all day – Sherburne  
Sleeper called – Mrs Kneely called

17 | Saturday letter from Chas. Fanny Field  
spent the day with Annie. I came back to  
Charlottes after tea. Called in to see Aunt  
Haraden – wrote Chas.

Sun 18 | Very pleasant morning – an-  
niversary of my marriage – Annie out to  
Wales – her father in Washington while I  
sit here alone thinking over the past. Went  
to Church – Mr [Wooster] Parker preached  
in the morning, his brother [Edwin] in the  
afternoon. Susan in to dinner – letter from  
brother Chas. Went to evening service with  
Charlotte.

Mon 19 | rainy in the morning – pleasant  
after dinner – went down street to do some  
errands – called in to Aunt Haradens –  
Lucy, Fanny & Daniel there – came home  
– Maria & Carrie in – Mrs Lane called

Tues 20 | pleasant – Wales wife down. Went  
out with her to do some errands. Called at  
Mrs Davis in the evening.

21 | called at Fannies – spent the day at Mrs  
Thompsons – saw Mary

22 | in to Aunt Hs – dress fitted Friday |  
at home – bad cold – Annie gone to Abbie  
Fields to spend a few days

Sat 24 | dull and rainy – went down to An-  
dersons to do some errands – bought cor-  
sets, boots, &c

Sund 25 | showery – went to church all day  
26 | very busy a day – spent the eve with  
Aunt Haraden – Mr Parker called

27 | pleasant – out with Annie doing er-  
rands – getting dresses fitted

28 | spent the day at Anna's – called at Mrs  
Thompsons at night

29 | Annie came home from Mrs Fields

this morning – Mrs E[phriam?] A Pitcher  
called – Anna & Wales

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[30] | rainy all afternoon – stormy Friday  
all day – went down to Andersons store  
with Annie. Kate Poor in & spent the eve-  
ning

Sat 1st | pleasant – Went up to the race  
course with Wales – Annie went up with  
her Uncle Luther – Competitors for prizes  
Horace McKinny[McKenney] of Monroe  
& George Robinson of Augusta – Robin-  
son horse beat. Spent the evening at aunt  
Haradens.

Sund Oct 2nd | cloudy & cold. Went to  
church with Annie – sewing

Mon 3 | rainy – at home all day

Tues 4 | busy at home in the morning – went  
to Mrs Wordings to dinner & tea – called  
at Aunt-

Wed 5 | Susan & Anna spent the day at our  
house – I called at Mrs Conants after tea –  
Capt C Wording called on me. Mrs Davis  
& Mrs Thompson

6 | at home in the morning – rainy in the  
afternoon

Fri 7 | Went out to Susans with her went to  
Mrs E A Pitchers to dinner – called at Capt  
Parks – Uncle Joe Millers [1756?] – Met  
Sarah & Margaret there

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Called at Mrs E P Browns – evening An-  
nie went with her aunt Anna & Wales up to  
Mrs Browns to an apple Bee. Sarah Miller  
spent the night with me.

Sat 8 | rainy in the morning. After dinner  
went with Susan to call at Mrs Hemen-  
ways. Tooke tea at Mrs Peirces “Head of  
the Tide”

Sun 9 | cold cloudy – dispatch from Chas  
came down from Wales after dinner – An-  
nie & I went to Monthly Concert – Isaac  
Kellock preacher at the Baptist Church

Mon | Went out to do errands – to dress-maker – afternoon called at Mrs Thomp-sons. Thorndikes Sibley Knowlton Mrs Peirces after tea. Eliza in after tea

Tuesday | Busy – down town seeral times – into Arerets? – called at Mrs Lanes Mrs Perrys Mrs Millers in the evening – met Mrs Founc there

Wed11 | Annie out to Susans – to a little company

Wed? | at home in the morning – downtown in the afternoon – called at Mrs thomsons – Mr Parker called – Mr Davis & wife – Ella Smith – Fanny Field – May Holmes – Edward Peirce – Alice Darns ? Carrie Miller – I called on the Davis.

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13 | rainy

14 | took tea at Mrs Founces

15 | Fanny at work for Ella – Mrs Thompson in – Mrs Thorndike – Mrs J B Reor? – in the evening called at Mrs Dours? with Mrs Thorndike. Went in to see Jennie Noyes.

Sun 16 | Went to Swanville with Annie & Annabel – pleasant in the Morning – cloudy and cold in the afternoon

Mon 17 | quite pleasant – Abba founc called – Alice Davis – I took tea at Aunt Haradens & spent the night there – Mrs Conant came in to invite me there to sepdn the day – Annie gone out to Annas to spend the night.

Tues 18 | Musical association – Annie gone there – I spent the day & night with Mrs Conant – Edith Miller stopping with Annie & Jennie

19 | very pleasant – went up to the Cemetery with Jennie Noyes –

Autumn Leaves –

When the graves of loved ones gone before,  
glad would I recall father, mother  
back from the whalers shore,  
back to my lone heart once more.

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20 | at home – nothing of interest at home Julie Fuller married in the morning – Wales called – Susan

21 | pleasant – down to Aunts in the morn- ing – Susan & Stephen over to tea – went to the Music Convention Concert – Despatch from Chas to leave

Monday. 22 | busy packing – pleasant – Mrs W O Poor made a long call – Susan called & Wales – Mrs J Poor – Batre ? – Annie with her aunt Eliza. I called at Mrs Fields Sun 23 | pleasant – went to church in the afternoon – thundered. George Peirce – Annie – Carrie & Nannie all sat with me – After church walked upside? Street with Mrs Thorndike – called to see Uncle James Miller & Mrs Thompson – took tea at Aunt Haradens – Wales down – Susan & Jennie in to dinner

24 | pleasant. Saw Anson in the morning – called at Aunt Haradens – Mrs

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Davis – Mrs Wordings – Susan came down & Wales – I called to see Maria & Eliza – at 2 o'clock went to the Boat with Susan Charlotte & Wales – Met Mr Baker of Bangor on the boat – Mary McDonald left today for Ohio – a smooth night – arrived in Boston at 5 o'clock – found Chas at the Parker House – went out after dinner

25 | very pleasant – went out shopping – Senator Merrill called in the Parlor to see us – Met Bard [Bard Barge] Plummer [NH] here also [Maine Adjutant General John] Hodson & Wife – John Pitcher in to tea – General [Nathaniel P.] Banks stopping here at Parkers

26 | Went out shopping – got Annie soigné chers? for myself &c

27 | went out to Chester Park – came back – Parker steak dinner – left for Washington at 1/2 past eight arriving in N.Y. at 6 o'clock in the morning in

28 | a rainstorm – took breakfast at Jersey – left for Washington at 8 o'clock – Miss Farnsworth joined our company – from Boston going down to Martinsburg

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to see her brother who had lost a leg. Met Mrs Kennedy going on to meet her husband at Fort Smith – took our rooms Friday night on 14th Street 4,20 – between H and I. 3 rooms second floor

Sat 29 | pleasant – busy unpacking & getting located. Went over to Mrs Cushings in the evening

Sun 30 | very pleasant – did not go to Church – Henry Cushing over

Mon 31 | took our meals at Howard Saloon while the house was being put in order – Mary Cushing over

Nov 1 | Commenced taking our meals at home – went up town – Sherburne Sleeper in

Nov 2 | Rainy – Commenced with the Washermn? – Went over town – Met Mrs [Lucy] Spauldin[g] [Maine 1828] – Mrs Wilson in, Sherburne in

3 | went out to do some errands

4 | got Annies Piano – rainy

5 | windy – went over town – Annie went over street with her father – Mrs McDuell in

Sun 6 | pleasant. Annie & her father went to church – afternoon Mr Wilson – Mrs Wilson & Emma called

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Mon 7 | rainy – Fourteen years Tuesday since Chas went to California. [8 Nov 1850]

Tues 8 | rainy – Emma Wilson over to dinner – her father & mother came round in the evening

Wed 9 | rainy in the morning – In the evening we went to Fords Theatre to see the Stranger played

Thu 10 | at home all day

Fri 11 | Mrs Wilson and Mrs Weston called. Annie and I went out to do some errands – Annie took her first lesson of Mr Carusic? Sat 12 | Showery – high wind – Annie gone to dinner over to Mrs Cushings – We went in the evening to hear the Minstrels at the Washington Theatre

Sun 13 | at home all day – Annie and her father went to church

Monday | Letters from home. Wales picture enclosed. Nothing of interest.

Tuesday | called over to Mrs Wilsons – went out with her to look for rooms – Annie had her 2nd French lesson

Wed 16 | Mrs Wilson & Emma in to lunch

Thur 17 | Mrs Hatch & daughter called – Annie commenced her French lessons – letter from Ella.

Friday 18 | raining – Annie took her third music lesson of Mr Carusic

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Sat 19 | rainy – Annie took her 2nd French lesson – Mr Dana and Mr Squire came in to play euchre

Sun 20 | rainy – at home all day – Capt Nesmith called

Mon 21 | rainy – great storm at night

Tues 22 | cold & cloudy – Annie took her 3rd French lesson and her fourth music lesson. After dinner we went up to Mrs Spauldin[g] on 11th street then over to Mrs Wilsons on 6th then Emma Wilson with us to Mrs Cushings on 4th street to spend the evening. Mrs Daly and Miss Fisher – Chas called to take us home.



Campbell Hospital



Rev. J. G. Butler

Wed 23 | very cold – Chas gone to Alexandria – I went down town to do some errands – Emma Wilson & Miss Green called – Letters from home – Mrs N Mathews has a son

Thud 24 | Thanksgiving day in all Loyal states – Dinner sent to the soldiers as far as they can be reached. Had dinner at home. Annie her father & myself alone for the first time in our lives – In the evening went out to Campbell Hospital to a party – dancing & speech by Gov Morton of Indiana. Met Mrs Russel there & daughter. Came one o'clock. Sherb. Sleeper called while we were gone.

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25 | very pleasant – Annie took her fifth Music lesson – We went to the Fair for the Orphans at the Lutheran church in the evening. Was introduced to the pastor Mr [John George Butler, 1826-1909.] Butler. Major Morell & wife, daughter.

Sat 26 | at til evening went again to the Fair. Annie took her fourth French

27 | very pleasant – Annie & her father went to Dr Halls church in the morning – in the evening we went to St Pauls Lutheran.

28 Pleasant – at home all day

29 | very mild & pleasant. Mary Cushing

in & sat an hour or so – Annie took her 5th French lesson & sixth music lesson

30 | very warm – Mrs Spauldin[g] spent the morning with us – trouble with my head

Dec 1 | pleasant – went over town – Annie took her sixth French lesson – Went to a social dance in the evening

Dec 2 | pleasant – Annie took her 7 music lesson

Dec 3 | rainy – Annie took 6th French lesson

Dec 4 | Sunday – a pleasant day – Chas away – Annie & I went to Church – then called at Mrs Wilsons – came home – lonesome & dull

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Mon 5 | cloudy – sick in the afternoon

6 | rainy in the morning – pleasant after – Mary Cushing called and Emma Wilson - Annie took her eighth Music lesson and 7th French lesson – At night she and her father went to Odd Fellows Hall to the Orphans Fair. Wed

7 | Mary Cushing in

Thu 8 | Annie took her eights French lesson – Mrs Wilson in – Annie went to Miss Russels to a social dance.

Friday | Annie took her 9th music lesson Mary Cushing in – Rev Mr Butler called.

Sat 10 | Snow Storm last about 3 inches fell – cloudy all day – today – Annie took her 8th French lesson today – Had a letter from home & the sad news of the death of Mary Parker Thompson. She died the sixth of this month. Sundy

11 | Wet 7 cloudy – at home all day

12 | very cold – and windy – at home all day – Mary Cushing in –

Tues 13 | very cold – Annie took her 10th

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music lesson and ninth French – at home all day

Wed | warmer – called after dinner with

Annie at Mrs Russels – Mrs Cushings –  
went over to Mrs Wilsons & spent the eve  
– went home on the cars – got lost

15 | cold, cloudy – Annie took her tenth  
French lesson – Went in the evening to Mrs  
Wilsons on 20th street to a dance – Nelson  
Green came to see us today

Fri 16 | Went to call on Mrs Spauldin[g] –  
Annie took her 11th music lesson. Mrs May  
Chase Rogers called. In the evening Mrs  
Tyler – Mrs Merrill and Emma Wilson

Sat 17 | rainy – Annie took her 11 French  
lesson

Sun 18 | wet – went to church in the morn-  
ing

Monday | at home all day

Tue 20 | Mrs Wilson over – pleasant at  
night, Annie took 12 Music lesson, we all  
spent the evening at Mrs. Wilsons – Annie  
took her 12 French lesson

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Wed | snowy & rainy – Mrs McDuell called  
Thu 22 | Verry cold – high wind – Annie  
took her 13th French lesson – went at night  
to Mrs Cushings to a social dance

Friday 23 | Annie took 13th music lesson –  
I went down town with her father to select  
Christmas presents for Annie – Willis Rice  
spent the evening with us

Sat 24 | pleasant – Blanch Morrelle called –  
Annie had letters from home

Sun 25 | pleasant – very muddy – went to  
church in the morning – Willis Rice called.  
Annie went over to see Emma Wilson – af-  
ter dinner we went up to Mrs Spauldin[g]  
– came home spent a pleasant evening by  
ourselves. Annie had a gift of a writing  
desk from her father and a pair of brace-  
lets and sleeve buttons – also several other  
presents. I had a silver waiter and a fruit  
dish – also pair sleeve buttons – books &  
other presents.

26 | rainy – Sherman receives 100 guns for  
taking Savanna on the 22 – at home all day

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Dec 27 | Still foggy and wet. Mr Boudoin  
& Willis Rice spent the evening with us.

28 | I went to spend the morning with Mrs  
Spauldin[g] – Emma Wilson over to see  
Annie – Annie & I went to Mrs Cushings  
to spend the evening

29 | cooler – Mr Foster called – Evening  
Annie gone to 20th Street to Miss Wilsons  
party – letters from Ella and Mrs Thorn-  
dike

30 | at home until evening when Annie &  
I went round to Mrs Hatch for an hour –  
Grace Spauldin[g] called – Annie took her  
14th Music lesson

31 | Snow storm all day not very cold – dull  
& dreary outside but pleasant within – sev-  
eral letters – Annie went to call on Grace  
Spauldin[g] [Maine 1847] with & Willis  
Sunday Jan 1st 1865 | cold & pleasant –  
went to church – took our pew for the 1st  
Sabbath – a very good sermon by the pas-  
tor Mr Butler – text “I have considered the  
days of old – the years of ancient times.”  
[Psalm 77:5] Annie went home with the  
Spauldin[g]s to dinner – Evening we went  
to church again. Two very appropriate Ser-  
mons today for the New Year – to close the  
1st day of 1865.

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Monday | very cold – the usual receptions  
today – Evening we had several calls –  
Evening we went to a parish reception of  
our Minister's the Rev Mr Butler.

Tues 3rd | Annie took her 15th Music lesson  
& fourteenth French - Annie went to the  
theatre – snow storm

Wed | cold – several sleighs out – Mr Bo-  
doin & Mr Calhoun called Mary Cushing  
in

Thurs 5 | Annie took 15th French lesson  
– Annie went to Mrs Russels to a dance –  
Grace Spauldin[g] went with her. Her fa-

ther and I went to see Forrest in Richelieu – ther? called round for Annie.

Friday | rainy all day – Went again at night to see Forrest in Othello – Miss Hatch went with us – Annie took her 16 Music lesson – Willis Rice in

Sat | at home all day – Annie took her 16 French Lesson

Sun 8 | pleasant – went to church all day Grace Spauldin[g] in to dinner – Mr & Mrs Wilson in after dinner with Emma

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9 | pleasant – Annie went up to the Capitol – Henry Cushing & May spent the evening with us

10 | rain storm – Annie took her 17 Music Lesson and 17 French – Mr Boudoin called  
11 | Annie and I went over street – Mrs Wilson in – I got Anne a pair of boots, Self a pair of slippers.

12 | very pleasant – Annie called at Miss Kelsens on 20th Str – and at Miss Morelles and took her 18 French lesson

13 | Went to Lecture at the church with Annie – Came home 1/2 past nine – cold – dull – homesick to see store? – I left at home

13 | Mrs Morelle called – Mrs Vaughn & husband also – Mr & Mrs Spauldin[g] spent the evening with us – Annie 18 French lesson.

Sat 14 | Annie took her 19 French lesson – after dinner went out with her father to make calls Sun

15 | pleasant – went to Church all day Mon  
16 | cooler – I went up to Mrs Spaulding – Chas went to Alexandria at night.

Tues 17 | Chas came at ten, news of the taking of Fort Fisher. Annie took her 20th French & 19th Music lesson

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Wed 18 | Several callers – Mrs Spaulding, Mrs Fessenden, Mrs Russel and daughter Thurs

19 | Went down town. Annie took her 21st

French lesson – Evening she went to the dance at Miss Jeckels. I spent the evening at Mrs Cushings – met Mrs Spofford there  
20 | Annie took her 20 Music lesson – Mrs Hatch and daughter called Mrs Wilson and Emma – Miss Morse.

21 | Sat very sleety and rainy

22 | Went to church Mr \_\_\_ N.Y. preached. Mrs Cushing and Mary [Mary A Cushing  
22 Apr 1848 - Bangor, Maine] called after dinner

23 | Monday very ? and rainy

24 | cold – Mrs Wilson and Emma called – Annie took her 21st music lesson – Annie took her 22d French lesson

25 | Annie & I went down street and over to Mrs Russels and Cushings – Evening Chas and I went down to Harpers? & Mitchels

26 | Annie had a very bad cold – did not take her French lesson – Mrs Deering called – went to cobs? spent the evening  
27 | Mary Cushing Blanch Morelle called – Annie took her 22 music lesson

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28 | at home all day – Annie took her 23 French lesson – Mr Clark called

Sunday 29 | Went to church in the morning – Evening went to the Capitol to the Christian Commission anniversary – a great crowd – came home a half past eleven – Annie not well enough to go out – Mr Lasher called

Mon 30 | pleasant – went round to Mrs Buckingham to arrange for collecting supplies for the suffering freedmen. These went up to Mrs Spauldin[g]s – then to Mrs Fessendens to engage her services – after dinner Sherburne Sleeper called. Mr Sherman and Mrs Spauldin[g] called & spent the evening – Mr Wyman came in

Tue 31 | Started out on my mission – called through N.Y. Ave to Tenth, G and H streets then came home. Mrs Fessenden called – Mary Cushing & Mr Cooke spent the eve-

ning – Annie took 24 French lesson and 23 Music [13th Amendment passed the House]  
Wed 1st | out again all day – Chas went to Baltimore

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Thurs 2 | Went to Mrs Buckingham to report success with the Lackis? there then went down on the avenue to do some errands – Annie took her 25 French lesson  
Friday | Snowy – Mr Butler called – after lunch I went up to Mrs Wilsons – Annie did not take her 4th Music lesson – Annie & I went over to Mrs Cushings to see Lizzie Varney [1840 Maine].

Sat 4 | pleasant – at home all day – New servant - Mrs Spaulding in at night - Annie took her 26 French lesson

Sun 5 | “Dark and dreary. Very windy and cooler – did not go to Church all day - Lieut Jacobs and Capt Nichols in and spent the evening

Monday | at home all day

Tuesday | stormy

Weds | Annie went up to the Capitol – called at Mrs Cushings

Thurs | I called at Mrs Spaldings – went to the Ladies Meeting at Mrs [Goodsell?] Buckinghams, a dinner tea. 1st French lesson of 2nd term.

Friday | cold & pleasant – Mr Sherman in and spent the evening

Sat | Annie took her 2 French lesson – Mr Clark, Lieut Jacobs Capt Nickels in & spent the evening.

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Sun | very cold and snowy – did not get to church in the morning – Annie not able to go out – Her father and I went in the evening.-

Mon | At home all day – Mrs Major Hamlin and Mrs Dr Hamlin called

Tue 14 | more pleasant – I had the tooth ache – could not go out – Annie took her

3rd French lesson

Wed 15 | rainy day – my birthday – at home all day – Chas came home to dinner and did not go out again. Brought a handsome present and we spent the evening at home.

Thurs 16 | still foggy – Mr Sherman in and spent the evening – Annie took her 4th French lesson

Fri 17 | cloudy rainy and snowy – Mrs Spaulding in

18 | nine years today since Justus died. A dull day

Sun 19 | Went to church in the morning – came home to dinner – Mr Wilsons people in – after supper Annie & I went to see Mr Corusi who is sick. Called at Mrs Spauldin[g]s the to Mrs Cushings – there Chas met us & we went to the E Street Baptist Church – a crowd – good deal of excitement

Mon 20 | went out & made eight calls

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Wrote 3 letters at night.

Tues 21 | went down street to do some shopping – Annie took her sixth French lesson at 5 o'clock we went round to the Church to meeting – came home at 1/2 -6 – very pleasant meeting

Wed 22 | Wednesday at home all day – Annie went over to Mrs Cushings – fireworks & public buildings illuminated – slight rain

23 | quite sick myself – very foggy – Annie took her 7 French lesson

24 | Better today. Very pleasant – went up to Mrs Wilsons – Annie took her 4th Music lesson

Sat | Rainy – went out to Market – Annie took her 8th French lesson – Mr Pugh? & Davis in

Sun 26 | very peasant – went to Church with Annie in the morning – Mr Wilsons people after dinner – Went to Church in the evening – a stranger preached – subject Daniels decision & firmness of character

Mon 27 | pleasant – went out with Annie made 5 calls went up to the Capitol  
Tues 28 | Annie took 9 French lesson & 5 Music. Mrs Spaulding in

*p. 74 Mar 1865*

Wed | Miss Wilson called and Mrs Fessenden. Morning Annie & I went over to Mrs Russels – called at Mrs Cushings

Thurs 2 | rainy – at home all day – Bennets in & spent the evening – Annie took her 10th French lesson

Fridy 3 | still rainy – Chas up to the Capital all day – they passed his bill at 11 o'clock AM. [see Broom Patent chapter] Annie took 6 music lesson

Sat 4 | Second Inauguration of President Lincoln – very rainy in the morning until ten o'clock – A vast crowd went up to the Capitol – the procession was imposing in spite of the mud & rain. At 12 o'clock when the president stepped out upon the East portico the sun came out and remained bright the rest of the day. Having tickets for the Senate chamber, we saw & heard all. Came home & spent the evening quietly. [Lincoln signed the bill awarding Charles \$5000 on this day.]

Sun 5 | pleasant – to church in the morning – after dinner called Mrs Spaulding & Mrs Wilsons. Came home weary & nervous. Did not go to church.

Mon 6 | Went down street to do an errand – came home & had a chill. Sick rest of the day.

Tues | pleasant – Annie went to Miss Bushes to a party – she took French lesson, 11th of music.

*p. 75 Mar 1865*

Wed 8 | not well to day – dull & homesick

Thurs 9 | cloudy. Eliza [Mary Elizabeth Patterson Whittier?] came at 8 o'clock from Maine

Friday | pleasant. Annie took her 8th Music

lesson. We Went to walk in the evening – clear and cold

Sat 11 | Annie took her 12th French lesson . Went up to the capital with his Aunt Eliza.

Sun 12 | Went to church in the morning . Chas went with Eliza to Dr Gurleys. Went to our own church in the evening.

Mon | very pleasant – Annie went to make calls then met her Aunt and I at the Patent Office Evening Sherburne Sleeper

Tues 14 | Went out to Campbell Hospital with Eliza & the Hatches – called at Chaplain Gaylords – Annie took her 9th Music & 13 French lesson – Mrs Fuller called after dinner

15 | rainy – home all day making Annie saquis?

16 | Annie took her 14th French lesson – went to the Club – coming on to rain very hard she remained all night at Mrs Cushings – Miss Varney & Mary Cushing called – Mrs Hatch & Lizzie – Mrs Spaldin[g] & S Sleeper.

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17 | went down town – Annie & Eliza went to the National to see the president in the eve – We went to Fords theatre to see Forrest. Annie took her 10 music lesson.

18 | Very pleasant – Mr Chase came up from Norfolk – We went round to call on the Laehis [Laheys?] at the Kirkwood. Went up to the presidents grounds – went up to the Capitol in the evening – Annie took her 15 French lesson

19 | Chas and the girls went to church in the morning – I did not go out

20 | Went over to the Smithsonian – came home at 4 – Mrs Weston & Wilson had called. Capt Baker

21 | Mr Bangs called – Annie took her 16 French lesson & 11th music lesson at 3 o'clock – we took a government boat the War Nenock [Memnock?] for S. Washington 15 miles down the river on the Mary-

land side. Got then in a shower – back up to the fort in an ambulance to Capt Bakers quarters – spent the night

22 | in the morning looked over the Fort and came up on the Boat at one o'clock. Very high wind – after dinner Mrs Loomis daughter called with Miss Foster

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[23] | Very weary – at home all day – first show of the season – Annie took her 17 French lesson

24 | very cold – Annie took her 12 music lesson – played one half her tuition – Sherburne Sleeper in

Sat 25 | at home all day – Annie took her 18 French lesson & went to the Navy Yard with her father

Sun | at home all day

Mon | Eliza & I went down street – Mr Butler called & Blanch Morelle – Mr Caneer – Miss Hill.

Tues | Eliza packing to go – Annie took her 19 French and 18 Music – then they went up to the Presidents ground for Dress parade of the Treasury Regt – Sherb Sleeper in

Wed | Wm Pitcher called – Chas took them out to the Soldiers home to ride – after dinner we went to the cars to see Eliza off with him for Boston – Annie went to bed early in disgust. Just before 9 Mr Dana & Mr Squiers called

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Thursday | Annie took her 20 French. Maj Stockton came in to play Euchre – Mr Bennet in also – heavy shower

Fri 31 | showry – spent the day at home – Chas home early did not go out again.

Sat Apr 1st | cool & windy – Annie went out to make some calls. Took her 21st French

Sun 2nd | at home all day – Annie went to Sabbath school & church – She and her father went up to Mrs Wilsons – The Wilsons

came round to see us – Capt Nickels called. Mon 3 | Richmond taken – great excitement – speakers – guns bells shouts yells rushing too & fro – Mrs Spaulding in – Annie & I met Mr Tyler & sister on the street and walked round to their house with them and made a call – came home in season to see the Military procession – called into Benets – into Mrs McDuels

Tues 4 | Illumination of the City – a fine display – we went out to ride in the evening – over the city to see the crowds – Mrs During called today & Mrs Fessenden – Annie took her 22 French & 19th Music.

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Wed 5 | at home all day – Annie called Mrs Hatch Thurs

6 | rainy – Annie had her 25th French lesson

7 | Lees army taken – Woodard and his sister called – Annie took her 15 music lesson

8 | Mrs Batcheler called – Annie went out to make some calls and took her 24th French lesson

9 | Annie & her father went to church – I was not well enough to go – rainy at night

Mon 10 | Salute of 200 guns at 5 in the morning for the surrender of Gen Lee and the Army of Northern Virginia – rainy all day – but great rejoicings

11 | Still raining – Annie had her 25th French and 15th music lesson

12 | Walked up to Mrs Spauldings and down street to do some errands

13 | very pleasant – Grand illumination & fire works – Annie over to Mrs Russels – went to walk in the evening

14 | pleasant \_ Chas birthday – Mrs Merell called – I called in Mrs Mc's room – Grace Spaulding & Mr Sherman called – Letter from Anna, Wales – 2 years ago Tuesday Dear Sherrie came home from the Army for a short visit.

*p. 80 Apr 1865*

Torch lit procession in the evening – the Bennets in our room – happy hearts – rejoicings for past victories

15 | Morning – Grief sits in the Capitol – the father of the American people assassinated last night at 1/2 past ten at Fords theatre – the bells are tolling the agony of a distracted people. Attempt to murder Secretary Seward and sons also Stanton. Fred Seward dying, his father very low – great excitement prevails.

Sun 16 | the sun rises clear upon a shrouded country – Annie and her father went to church [Rev. J. G. Butler preached his sermon Martyr President and several in the congregation asked him to have it printed. One of these subscribers listed was C. A. Pitcher.]– did not go out in the evening – Mr Wilson's folks in

Mon 17 | went down street today – got very tired

Tues 18 | next up to the White House where thousands men going to look at the president lay in State in the East room The crowd was dense – I was taken ill and was brought home

Wed 19 | very pleasant – ten thousands out early making their way to the Avenue to witness the procession the like of which will never be again be seen in Washington

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The burial of an assassinated president in the full meridian of his glory – when peace was just dawning upon our stricken land

Thurs 20 | Annie took her 26 French lesson  
Friday 21 | at home all day – Mrs Spaulding in – Walter Bennet left for Mass.

Sat 22 | Showery – Annie took her 27 French lesson – Emmas Wilson here to dinner Annie and I went down town in the evening then went into Mr Bennetts room for an hour

Sun 23 | very cold and cloudy – went to

church – all day

Mon 24 | Went down town with Annie & over to Mrs Cushings to lunch. Miss Moore called after she came home

Tues | Annie had her 28 french & 16 music lesson – Blanch Morelle called – I went down street to get Annie a dress

Wed | Went down street with Annie to get trimmings for her dress. Met Mrs Busril? and Carrie. Annie went to walk after dinner with her father & called at Col Gilmans – Mr Sherman in & spent the evening

Thursday | Annie went to Gottschalks concert with Capt Nickels – Blanch Morelle in – McDermand?

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Friday | Busy at home – Annie took her 17 music lesson

Sat | Blanch and Kathi? Hartley in Annie and & went over town – quite a rain at night – beautiful sunset and rainbow

Sun 30 | pleasant morning – all went out to church – rained at night

May 1st 1865 | very cold – north wind – Mrs Reed in and spent an hour

2 | 18 of music – pleasant – The second anniversary of sherries death on the Battle of Chancellorsville – We wreathed his picture with red white and blue trimmed with myrtle and ivy. Mrs Spauldin[g] came in at night – Mr Sherman went round to Mrs Morells with Annie.

3rd | Annie & I went down town, then she went to dine at Mrs Wilsons.

Thurs 4 | at work on Annies dress – rainy at night

Fri 5 | at home – heavy shower during the night

Sat 6 | very warm. Emma Wilson here

Sun 7 | pleasant – Annie went to Sabbath school – came home sick – I went to church alone – Evening we all went to monthly concert.\



Fort Carroll near Giesboro, District of Columbia

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Mon 8 | showry – Mr Sherman called in the evening

Tues 9 | cold and cloudy – Mr Cummings in after dinner – Chas came from Giseboro – Annie went to church

Wed 10 | still cold

Thurs 11 | showry – Mr Sherman in – Mrs Dormans – Mrs Fessendens – Miss Scheider – I called at Mrs Fessendens – Mrs Wilson in – Mr & Mrs Spauldin[g] in & spent the evening

Fri 12 | Annie went to ride out to Fort Lincoln Soldiers Home & over long bridge

Sat – Annie went tout to a picnic with about 20 other ladies & gentleman – I called at Mr Wilson – Chas rode out into the county on horse back

Sund | Sick – did not go out to church – Annie & her father went in the evening

Mon | very warm & peasant. At home all day – Annie got introduced to the Baron

Tues | Mrs Spauldin[g] called

Wed | I went down town got a silk dress – Mr Rice called – Annie went to make calls – Mr Bennet in

Thurs | I went up to set with Mrs Spaulding

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Mr Sherman came for Annie to go to the theatre – thunder storm – did not go – Em-mas Wilson in

Frid 19 | busy at home – letter from Jenni –

Annie went to the theatre

Sat 20 | rainy – Annie called at Mrs Fessendens

Sun 21 | showry all day – did not go to church

Mon 22 | pleasant – Mr & Mrs Wilson and Emma in – Mary Cushing and Mr Foster – Mr Sherman –

23 | Went round to 4 1/2 street to obtain a view of the Army as it passed in review. 6 hours in passing. Met at the house – Mrs Gippon [Gisasson?] of Wilmington Mrs Kenke? Of Baltimore – Mr Marsen – Mr Sherman a very fine day

Wed 24 | Went out again with Annie to see Sherman and Sheridan's Army – had seats on the avenue – Capt Nichol and others present

Thursdy 25 | Company at night – Cummings of N.H. two gentlemen from Mass. Horatio Pitcher called

Friday 26 | rainy – Horatio & George Pate called

Sat 27 | rainy – sick in the afternoon

Sun 28 | Annie and her father went to Church – very cool – Cummings in

*p. 85 May 1865*

Mon | at home all day – Annie went out with Sabbath schools and up to hear president Johnsons address to the children then round to Dr Smiths church to exercises there. Then Dr Butlers church for refresh-

ment – Mr & Mr Wilson and Emma in at night – Mr Hatch and Sarah called  
Tues 30 | I went to call upon Mr Spaulding and Mrs Wilson. Mr Sherman in at night. Annie went out for an ice cream  
Wed | Went with Mr Sherman to see the prisoners at the Arsenal – saw Mrs Surratt – Paine, Herold, Atzerot, O'Loughlin, Mudd, Spangler [no Powell or Arnold] – Lieut Pate called in the evening  
Thurs June 1st | National Fast – went to church – President Johnson there & several of his Secretaries – After dinner Mr Bennett in – Annie & Em Wilson went over on the Island – then we walked home with Emma  
2 | busy making baskets for the Festival – Mrs Spauldin[g] called – very warm weather  
Sat | very hot – Annie not well  
Sundy | hot – did not go to church – Annie not well enough – Chas & I walked up to Mrs Spauldin[g]s & Mrs Wilsons  
Mon | Mr Sherman in – Cummings in

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Tuesday 6 | Went over to the Church to assist in getting ready for the festival – went over again at night with Annie – Chas came at ten o'clock  
7th | cooler – Went again to the festival  
8 | did not go out  
9 | Went down to the Festival n . . .  
10 | Went down town to do some errands – called at Mrs Cushings  
11 | Sunday went to church – Chas gone out of the City – Mr Cummings in  
Mon | at home all day – Annie went out to make calls – at night Mrs Wilson & Emma was in – also Mr Bennett – at ten o'clock I throught mistake took a dose of 9.59 was very sick during the night and obliged to send for a physician  
13 | sick all day – Mr Sherman in at night – Mr Loomis in

14 | rainy – able to get round myself most of the day  
Thurs 15 | at home all day – Mr Sherman in  
16 | Annie went out to Bailey & Balls cross roads [Fairfax Co., Virginia] to ride with Miss Morelle & Mr Baker – Mr Sherman in & Mr Bennett

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17 Sat | Went down street. Annie finished French lessons – she went with Miss Reese to the Presidents grounds  
Sun 18 | Annie went to church alone in the morning – her father and I went at night with her  
Mon 19 | went out to get Annie some birthday presents – showry at night – no one in  
Tues 20 – still rainy – busy packing up to go north.  
Went out to make calls at Miss Moores – Wilsons – Westons – Russells – Cushings &c. Mr Sherman in – Annie took dinner at Mrs Wilsons then they came home with her  
22 | Annie & I went down town after dinner  
23 | Miss Morelle in – Mrs Moon – Annie went out to call  
24 | Saturday – Annies Birthday – She went with her father to ride down in Montgomery county Md – Col Talbot & Wife in – I busy packing. Mrs Spalding and Grace called. After dinner Eliza Reese came for Annie to go up to the presidents to the Music dinner – Went to call upon Mrs Hamlin & Mrs Bachelor – a very pleasant and warm day – Annie happy & pleased with her presents, her rides and walks.  
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Sun | Annie & her father went to church – I went to Mrs Wilsons – Mr Bennett in & Mr Sherman  
Mon 26 | left for N.Y. at 1/2 pas 6 in the morning – rainy all day – arrived in N.Y. at 7 pm – left for Boston at 8 – Left Boston 6 at night arrived in Belfast Wednesday

Morning

June 28 | – took the coach out to Wales arriving at 1/2 past ten – All of Susan's family called – Mr Lewis here to dinner - Mr & Mrs Mathews of Searsport spent the day – Margaret Miller & Ellen in to tea – Nannie Pitcher in

29 | Luther Pitcher called. S F Miller – Susan – Mr & Mrs Lewis in to tea – Mrs Tewksbury called and Mrs Brown.

30 | Susan in – spent the day at Susans – Annie went last night to the Baptist festival – very warm and pleasant

Sat | went down to Charlottes to spend the night – called Aunt Haradens

Sun 2 | rainy – Capt Wording in & Mrs Capin?

Mon | showry – Anson came for Annie & I at Charlottes – Wales sick – Uncle Joe [Miller 1756] called – Mrs Bush –

Tues 4 of July | Annie spent the day at Susans – John Frust? & wife took dinner at Wales– Very pleasant evening – Wales went down town

Wed 5 | --

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6 | Aunt Miller called. I went down town to do some shopping – called to see Fanny at Mrs Thomas – Hattie Lewis & Russell up at night

7 | down to Susans

8 | Anna down town Susan & the girls up

Sun 9 | very cool and windy – out to Wales – did not go to Church – Nan Pitcher in – Capt Baker & Mrs Thorne in

10 | Julia up to tea – Luther & Wife – J frost

11 Fanny came to work – Jane Pitcher in

12 | - - -

13 | Fanny sick

14 | S S Lewis & wife up Sat

15 | Annie went down to Ella's to spend the night

16 | Went to church all day & evening – Mrs Craige up – Bridgeport preacher – I spent

the night with Jennie Noyes – did some shopping Monday

17 | Clara called – Alice Davis to see Annie  
18 | home all day

19 | Mrs Founce & Abba called

20 | Fanny came to work – Maria in

21 | went down town to do a few errands

Sat 22 | at home all day

Sun 23 | at home all day

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24 | went down town – brought Fanny up

25 | busy at home

26 | -----

27 | Fanny gone home – Annie & I went down town – I called at Mrs Thorndikes – spent the night at Jennies

28 | took tea at Uncle Millers – called at Mrs Thompsons – Annie at Mrs S S Lewis

29 | spent the day at Charlottes – Annie out to ride with Carrie & Jess Lewis

30 | went to Church – Edwin Palmer preached in the Morning, Edwin Parker in the afternoon

31 | Fanny came up today – Annie rode out home – went back to spend the week with Abba Field

Aug 1st | at home all day

2 | called down to Susans to see her sister from Philadelphia

Thurs | went down to see Elvia – called at Mrs Fields – spent the night at Elvias with Annie

Friday | came home after tea – Annie & Jennie rode up

5th | Saturday – Wales & Anna – went to Searsport to spend thenight. Mrs S S Lewis called with Lottie Lewis – Susan & Mrs Ridley

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6 | cloudy – Jennie went home – Mrs Pitcher & Horace called – rainy at night

7 | Monday – rainy – Uncle [John Gorham]

Brown called

8 | Went out to Luthers – Mr & Mrs [Charles and Isabella] Treadwell called – Annie rode down town in the morning – came back with Lottie Lewis – went to Janes to tea

9 | went to Uncle Joes [Miller 1756] to dinner – to Mrs Browns to tea

10 | at home all day

11 | rainy – Julia up & spent the day

12 | clear and cool – anniversary of Chas return from California – Annie & I walked down town – called at George McDonalds – called at Mrs Davis – spent the night at Aunt Haradens

13 | Sunday – went to Church all day

14 | Monday – did errands – spent the night with Jennie

Tues 15 | took dinner at Lady Lewis – tea at Mrs Thorndike

We 16 | still at Mrs T – Annie & Clara went to Mary garners?

17 | went out to do errands with Mrs Thorn-dike

18 | went up to Charlottes & spent the day – Fanny there

Sat | Spent the day at Mrs Wordings – spent the night with Jennie Noyes

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Sunday 20 | went to Church – heard Mr Cutter – two fine Sermons – took dinner at Mrs Conants – Annie also – after tea Wales came for us

Mon 21 | rainy – Julia left for Philadelphia – thunder shower at night – Mrs Tewks-burys baby born

22 | washed – starched – packed ones boxes – S S Lewis and wife out at night

23 | Mrs Pitcher & Ann Maria spent the day – very cold

24 | Mrs Weston and Mrs Lewis called – showery & cold

25 | spent the afternoon at Susans with Anna – Susan and I rode up to call on Sar-

ah Miller after tea

26 | went down town in the afternoon to do some errands – Susan came out to spend the night

27 | Stephen came over to dinner – Wales & Annie went to ride

28 | went down to Susans – Ella up & spent the night. Sarah Miller in to tea

29 | went after Fanny – Anna went to Waldo

30 | all quiet

31 | Anna, Wales & Annie went to camp meeting



Nancy Brown

[Here begin lists of marriages, births and deaths as if from the family Bible.]

*p 93* Married In Belfast April 23 1809 by Alfred Johnson: Samuel W Miller and Nancy Brown.

In Knox, Me May 24th 1840 by Rev Mr Emery: George A Miller and Susan L Kellock. In Belfast Nov 13, 1842 by Rev Mr Breed: Samuel Freeman Miller to Charlotte E Wording. In Swanville Jan 27, 1844 by F. Hodson: Stephen W Miller and Susan Staples In Belfast Jan 1846 by W



Daniel Thompson Pierce

Frothingham: Chas H Miller and Isabella C Kimball. In Belfast Sept 18 1848 by Ed F Cutter: Chas A Pitcher & Nancy M Miller. In Belfast Nov 15, 1848 by E. F. Cutter: Justus G Miller & Maria O Lewis. In Belfast April 22, 1856 by Mr Murrel: Wales L Miller & Anna G Lewis

[Miller births] Sam Freeman born May 11, 1811 Stephen Wier Born Jan 19, 1813 George Anson Born April 9, 1815 Mary Jane Born Oct 8, 1817 Chas Hall born Dec 1, 1819 Nancy Matilda Born Feb 15, 1822 Justus Gorham Born Oct 17, 1824 Wales Lewis Born Aug 29, 1827

*p. 94* Freeman[Miller]s children Ella Sarah born March 14, 1844 Jane Matilda Oct 26, 1848

Stephen[Miller]s children Fredric Wm Jan 11th, 1845 Edith Hannah, July 6, 1850

Anson[Miller]s children Sheridan F B Born Nov 13, 1841 Julia Gorham Nov 21, 1843 Sam Wier Aug 22, 1845 Twins Nancy Maria and Ada Sophia Jan 21st 1850 James Dec 13, 1852

Charles [Hall Miller]s Children Alice Isabella Oct 5 1848

[Nancy] Matilda[Miller Pitcher]'s chil-



Annie Matilda Pitcher Pierce

dren Annie Matilda June 24 1849

Justus[Miller] children Carrie Maria Nov 7 1849

Wales[Miller] children Annabella March 27th 1857 Sherrie Francis July 20 1863

*p95* Deaths Samuel W Miller died July 14th 1848 aged 69, Funeral services by E. F. Cutter Justus G Miller died Feb 18th 1856 aged 31 years 4 months. Services by Mr Murrel Nancy Miller died April 25 1856 aged 72 years 4 months. Services by Mr Hopley Mary Jane Miller April 12 1847 aged 29 years. Services by Mr Cutter Killed in Battle on the night of the 2nd of May 1865 Sheridan B Miller Lieut of Company K Fourth Maine aged 21 years and 5 months Died in California, San Francisco. Sam'l W Miller Aug 15 1865 Died in Belfast Dec 29th 1871 Sherrie Francis Miller Died in Belfast March 5, 1872 George A Miller aged 57

[clipping The Maine Regiments from about 1864]

So ends this diary of Annie Matilda Pitcher.

## Chapter 5

### The Broom Machine Patent

Presumably when in Washington, D.C., Charles purchased the rights to a broom making machine patent. The invention had previously been applied in a federal penitentiary in D.C. but no royalties had been paid. The *Daily National Intelligencer* reports the failure of his first try in the United States Court of Claims:

THE UNITED STATES COURT OF CLAIMS.—Monday, January 11, 1864

In the cause of Chas. A. Pitcher vs. The United States, Chief Justice CASEY delivered the opinion of the Court, sustaining the demurrer, and ordering the petition to be dismissed.

He then pursued the value of its use by having his Maine friends in congress petition for his financial relief, being acquainted with the Maine congressional delegates, An Act was placed before both houses. Success was noted in Nancy Matilda's diary for March 2, 1865. The records in the *Congressional Globe* of hearings and actions were more informative:

CONGRESSIONAL GLOBE, March 3, 1865.

DAMAGES TO CHARLES A. PITCHER Chap. CXXVIII. - An Act for the Relief of Charles A. Pitcher.

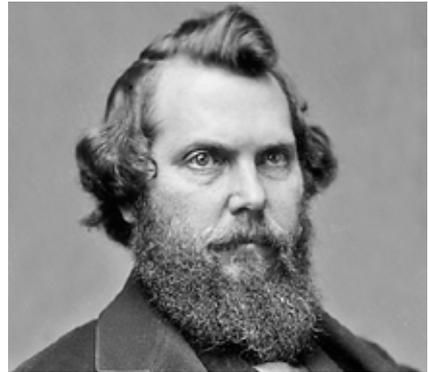
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, //

That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Charles A. Pitcher the sum of five thousand dollars for damages sustained by reason of the infringement of a patent on a machine for making brooms, and the use of the same in the penitentiary of the United States, from November first, eighteen hundred and fifty-

nine to the twentieth of September eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

It is interesting to note that Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated for his second term as President on March 3, 1865, the day he also signed the act giving Charles A. Pitcher \$5,000.

Nothing further was written on this matter in Nancy's diary, but five years later it appeared that Charles A. Pitcher had again petitioned Congress for further damages, and he rationalized that the payment of \$5,000 was only a first installment. This time he found that Thomas Allen Jenckes of Rhode Island on the House Committee on Patents looked deep enough into the



Thomas Allen Jenckes, Rhode Island.

matter to determine there was no basis even for the original claim. The Jenckes report was very well reasoned, engagingly written, and was presented in the manner of a wise accountant laying the facts and errors bare before the astonished but unrepentant Pitcher, bringing to light all manner of inept wool-pulling. Jenckes could have gone further and had Pitcher and others charged in the matter with criminal acts, but limited the report to detailing the baseless schemes of the inventor and his successors and the negative value of the in-

vention to the government. The matter was then tabled. Here the text for the curious:  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

41st Congress, 2d Session

**CHARLES A. PITCHER**

March 2, 1870—Ordered to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Patents. Mr. JENCKES, from the Committee on Patents, made the following

**REPORT.**

The Committee On Patents, to whom was referred the petition of Charles A. Pitcher, for compensation for the use of a patented invention belonging to the petitioner for an improvement in machines for making brooms in the penitentiary in the District of Columbia, beg leave to report as follows:

Upon hearing the petitioner, it was the impression of the members of the committee that the subject to be investigated properly belonged to the Committee of Claims, but, upon looking into the papers filed with the petition, it was seen that the question involved in the claim depended upon the proper construction of the statutes concerning patents, and were matters of patent law properly within the jurisdiction of the committee. They therefore concluded to give the subject of the petition a careful investigation.

It appears from the papers filed with the petition that one Spencer Rowe obtained letters patent of the United States, bearing date December 1, 1857, for a new and useful improvement in machines for making brooms, by means of which it was claimed that the wire by which the broom-corn is fastened to the broom-handle can be more firmly and securely applied than by means of any previous machine, or by any mode of manipulation before known. On the 4th day of December, 1857, the patentee assigned all his interest in the invention, us secured by the let-ters patent throughout

the United States, to one John Fox, for the expressed consideration of two thousand dollars. This instrument of conveyance seems to have been regularly recorded in the Patent Office on the same day:

Broom making had been introduced into the penitentiary, and was carried on in a small way by the hand labor of the convicts, in the year 1857, Soon after the issuing of the patent the inventor entered into a contract with Thomas Thormley, the warden of the penitentiary in the District of Columbia, which contract was reduced to writing and executed on the 11th day of February, 1858, by which the said warden agreed to permit the said Rowe to work and carry on within the inclosure of the penitentiary, for the term of one year from the 22d day of February, 1858, a broom machine and apparatus, complete, for the manufacture of all kinds of brooms; and also agreed to let to said Rowe, during said year, such convicts as the warden might designate, not exceeding ten men, to work on the manufacture of brooms, at the rate of forty cents a day for each convict so employed. The property used for the manufacture of the brooms was to be at the risk of Howe, as far as fire was concerned, and Rowe might remove the same at the end of the year if he paid the whole sum due for wages of the convicts. Rowe covenanted to pay forty cents per day for the wages of the convicts; and that, if he failed to pay, the warden might seize the machinery and stock used in making brooms, and either make sale of them for the benefit of the United States or make use of the same; and, "for the more sure and effectual securing of the hire of said convicts," Howe conveyed to the said warden all his right to the machines, and the use of them under the patent or by any other means whatsoever," and also assigned all the tools and stock.

The petitioner avers that under the con-

tract three double-geared machines were placed in the penitentiary and operated until November, 1859, when the United States became the purchaser of said machines from said Howe, and continued to operate the same until the 24th of November, 1862. He further states that about March 1, 1859, the warden of said penitentiary, acting for and in behalf of the United States, caused to be erected three other double-geared machines, making altogether six double-geared machines, and worked the same by convict labor until the 20th day of September, 1862, when the penitentiary was discontinued. Thormley ceased to be warden of the Penitentiary early in 1859, and was succeeded by C. P. Sengstack, who was removed in April, 1861, and succeeded by H. S. King, who was warden at the time that the penitentiary was broken up in September, 1862.

The petitioner became the purchaser of the patent and of the rights of the assignee, Fox, by a conveyance dated April 2, 1861, recorded April 3, 1861, for the nominal consideration of five thousand dollars. It does not appear that Thormley, or either of the subsequent wardens of the penitentiary, had any notice of the title of Fox to the invention patented by Rowe, until the sale of Howe's stock and machines in November, 1858, nor was any attempt made by said Fox, or by the petitioner, to enforce these rights against Howe, or either of the wardens at any time by legal proceedings. The petitioner made a demand upon the board of inspectors of the penitentiary on the 18th of April, 1861, which was responded to on the 5th of February, 1862, by an admission of the infringement and a statement of their inability under the law either to pay any damages or to agree upon the amount which should be paid. This conclusion was approved by the Secretary of the Interior on the 19th of May, 1862, and the subject was

by him referred to Congress.

It appears that the warden, in 1860, made an attempt, to purchase from Fox a license to use the machines then in the penitentiary, but failed to agree upon terms. The three additional machines were constructed about the 1st of March, 1859, and before the warden had notice that the title to the patent was held by any other person than Rowe, and while Rowe was still carrying on business in the penitentiary.

Immediately after the action taken by the Secretary of the Interior in May, 1812 [sic:1862] with regard to this demand, the petitioner applied to Congress for relief, and his petition was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia of the House of Representatives who reported, asking to be discharged therefrom, and that the petition be referred to the Committee of Claims of the House, and it was so referred. After the passage of the bill reorganizing the Court of Claims, March 3, 1863, leave to withdraw his petition was granted upon the petitioner's own application, for the purpose of presenting his claims before that court.

In June, 1863, he presented his petition to that court, setting forth his title to the patent and the use of the machine patented in the penitentiary; and claimed that there was an implied contract in such use under the circumstances, which would justify said court in taking jurisdiction of the claim, and asked "the United States to refund him the money or the money's worth it has actually received from the use of his patent, and which in equity and good conscience belongs to him."

The court after argument declined to take jurisdiction and dismissed the petition. (Nott and Huntington Rep., p. 7.)

The petitioner again, at the meeting of the 38th Congress, applied to Congress for relief. This petition was preferred in the Senate, asking that jurisdiction over his case

might be conferred on the Court of Claims by special act. This petition was referred to the Committee on Claims, who reported a bill conferring jurisdiction on the Court of Claims in the premises, which passed the Senate, and in the House was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. This committee recommended a non-concurrence in the Senate bill, and it was therefore laid upon the table of the House and lost.

The petitioner thereupon preferred another petition in the Senate, asking that Congress might examine the matter of his claim and give him relief. This petition was referred to the Committee on Claims, who made report in the first session of the 38th Congress, (June 29, 1864,) [Senate Rep. Com. No. 98, to accompany bill S. No. 338] recommending the payment of the sum of five thousand dollars for the use of the patented machines in the penitentiary, from the first day of November, 1859, to the 20th day of September, 1862. This bill passed both Houses, and the petitioner received the sum of five thousand dollars out of the treasury.

He now avers that this was not appropriated and paid upon condition that it should be accepted in full for his claim for damages for the infringement of said patent by persons in the employment of the United States, nor in full for profits made by the United States by the use of said invention, but asks that his whole claim may be inquired into, and the remainder of it allowed and paid after giving credit for the ten thousand dollars already received.

The claim of the petitioner is that the United States "should account for the profits they have derived from the use of his machine." In estimating these supposed profits the petitioner assumes that he has proved that the average number of brooms which can be made on machine's which the public have a right to use, is 22 1/2 per

day, and that 50 per day can be made on Rowe's machine; that that profit made on brooms over cost of raw material is one dollar per dozen, 8 1/3 cents per broom, and that he should be allowed this profit on the excess of the number of brooms that could be produced over the number that could be produced by other machines per day, during the entire period that the machines were in use at the penitentiary, i.e., from April, 1858, to September 20, 1858.

In that way he figures the profit during the period of—

Thormley's contract with Rowe, at . . . . .	\$3,572 40
Under Warden Sengstack. . . . .	18,274 40
Under Warden King . . . . .	3,349 35
Amounting in the whole to . . . . .	25,196 15

This computation was presented to the Senate Committee on Claims in the 38th Congress and they say in their report, (Senate Rep. Com. No. 98, 38th Congress, 1st session that—

The great difficulty has been to ascertain the proper amount of damages which should be allowed. The government, as appears from the testimony of the wardens, officers of the penitentiary, and others, have received a benefit from the use of this machine in the penitentiary, for the time mentioned, of over twenty thousand dollars over what it would have realized from manual labor and machines not patented. Your committee are of the opinion that justice would demand that the memorialist should receive at least one-fourth of the profit.

We are aware a much larger amount could be recovered by law against an individual for such infringement of a patent, as the government has made in this case, but they think the government cannot be held to such liability under all the circumstances.

Upon this report, and for these reasons, the bill appropriating five thousand dollars for the use of these patented machines was passed, which sum the petitioner received, as he says, on account. The petitioner admits throughout all his correspondence with the officers of the penitentiary, and in his petition, and in the brief filed therewith, that this is not a case for the claim of vindictive or punitive damages for a willful infringement, nor one in which the actual damages as found by a jury would be trebled by the court under law. In short, his demand is not for damages in the technical sense, but for the profits made by the use of his machine in the sense in which the word "profits" is used by the courts in their decrees in such cases. He cites the leading decisions in the Supreme Court. (*Livingston vs. Woodworth*, 15 Howard, 546. Affirmed in *Dean vs. Mason*, 20 Howard 203.) And more recently at the present term of the Supreme Court in the case of the *Providence Rubber Company vs. Goodyear et al.* In all these cases it is declared that the profits actually made by the use of the invention and not what might have been made by the use of it, that is, profits in the mercantile sense and not possible speculative profits, are what should be ascertained and decreed against an infringer in such cases.

Now, whatever be the method of computing profits, it is entirely clear upon the contract between Warden Thormley and Rowe, the inventor, that the United States are not liable at all for the use of the machines by Rowe during the whole period that he carried on the manufacture of brooms at the penitentiary. These machines were his, the stock was his, the brooms were sold by him, the business was his and the profits by it were his. He was simply a contractor for the labor of the convicts at forty cents a day for each, and for this compensa-

tion to be paid for not more than ten convicts. He had the use of a sufficient portion of the penitentiary for the carrying on of his business as well as the labor of the convicts. And the government took no risks in his purchases, sales, profits, or losses, but had security on all his machines and stock for the payment of the forty cents per day for each convict's labor. It is clear, too, that there were no profits to be accounted for by Rowe, for he failed to perform his contract with the United States, gave up his business, and the warden foreclosed the lien given by the contract upon his machines and other property in the penitentiary. For aught that the warden knew, Rowe was still the owner of the patent referred to in his contract, and the government was carefully guarded and secured from any liability or loss by reason of anything Rowe might do. This portion of the claim may therefore be dismissed as having no foundation either in law or equity.

From the time of the purchase of Rowe's machines under the foreclosure, and the construction of the new machines by Warden Sengstack, the government were using Rowe's invention and are liable to account for the profit of such use to the owner of Rowe's patent. But the method of computing these profits adopted by the petitioner, and indirectly sanctioned by the Senate Committee on Claims of the 38th Congress, is precisely that which the Supreme Court has condemned in the cases already referred to. With the clear and pointed language of those decisions before them, it is strange that the petitioner should have so erred, or that a committee of Congress should have gone so far astray.

The best evidence of what the "actual profits" of a given business in a definite period were, is the record of such business kept by those who were carrying it on. This evidence has always been accessible in the

records of the penitentiary, kept by faithful and responsible officers, and is conclusive both upon the petitioner and the government. These books have been examined by your committee and they show the following results.

This business of broom-making seems to have been commenced in a small way in the penitentiary by hand labor in 1857, the whole amount of it previous to the Rowe contract being but \$124 26 of which \$27 27 was profit. After the commencement of work under the Rowe contract the books show receipts of money paid by him for the labor of the convicts through the year 1858, and into 1859, when the payments ceased, the whole amounts of such payments as shown by the journal being less than \$2,000. After the purchase of machines under the foreclosure, a regular account is opened with the broom factory, as with the shoe factory and other industries, and this account, purports to contain all the purchases and sales made in carrying on that manufacture. From April 1 to October 1, 1860), (the books showing no regular organization of the business or work in the broom factory until April 1, 1860, after the purchase of the machines in November, 1859,) the whole amount of the business was \$3,810 98, on which there was a loss of \$685 62.

From Oct. 1, 1860 to April 1, 1861, the amount of purchases was . . . . . \$3,531 87  
 Whole amount of sales . . . . . 1,988 05  
 Showing a loss of . . . . . 1,543 82  
 From which should be deducted the value of stock on hand . . . . . 380 10  
 Leaving an actual loss of . . . . . 1,163 72

During the period that King was warden the business was as follows: Form April 1 to October 1, 1861, whole amount, \$5,206 01; of which there was stock on hand October 1, \$2,115 68; giving credit for this there was an excess above expen-

ditures of \$710.78. From October 1, 1861, to the breaking up of the penitentiary in September, 1862, the whole amount of the business was \$9,581 96; showing an excess of income over expenditures after sale of stock on hand, of \$1,610 97.

It would seem that these books had been examined by the petitioner, or in his behalf by ex-Warden King, before making his affidavit, for King computes the number of brooms made and sold while he was warden at 74,400, from the record of the number of broom handles which the books show to have been purchased in that period. At \$2 per dozen these 6,200 dozens would have brought \$12,400; and deducting from the whole amount of business during that period \$14,787 97, the amount of stock on hand \$2,115 68, we find that the sales of brooms amounted to \$12,672 29; within \$300 of King's computation. This approximation confirms the conclusions arrived at by your committee.

The actual results of the whole business of broom-making at the penitentiary, after the termination of Rowe's contract, was as follows:

Net loss under Sengstack . . \$1,849 34  
 Net gain under King . . . . . 2,321 95  
 Total net by the whole business 472 61

But this account, does not, show all the items that should be charged against the broom factory. It shows simply the receipts and disbursements in carrying on the manufacture. There is no charge for labor, rent, insurance, interest on capital invested, superintendence, repairs, or any of the minor items which must be charged against a manufacturing business before a dividend of profits can be declared. It appears from the appropriations, as well as from the records of the penitentiary, that during this period of two years and a half the government was paying about thirteen thousand dollars a year for the salaries of the officers of the

institution, and that the appropriations to cover deficiencies from 1858 to 1861, and to close its business, amounted to \$42,574 55. It failed to be a paying institution during this period by this large amount. The charge of a very small portion of the money paid for the superintendence of the institution to this broom manufacture, and a considerable portion should justly be charged to it, would consume this small balance of profits and show that although nominally profitable in detail, this industry with the others failed to make the institution profitable as a whole.

In no sense, therefore, under the patent law, as interpreted and administered by the Supreme Court, could any claim for damages or profit have accrued to the petitioner by the use of these broom machines during the period that they were in use in this penitentiary. No damages, for none were inflicted; no profits, for none were earned.

Some other curious facts appear from the papers submitted by the petitioner when compared with the records of the penitentiary. These machines are described as double-gearred, which means that they were so constructed that two men could work at one and operate one machine by treadles like a sewing machine. One of these machines, as appears from a letter of Warden Sengstack, appended to Fox's affidavit of June 26, 1862, (petitioner's exhibit, No. 14,) cost fifty dollars. The six, for the use of which profits are claimed cost, therefore about three hundred dollars, and each was operated by two convicts, whose labor was valued at forty cents each per day. Even with this small capital it seems that Rowe, the inventor and the first contractor, failed to make it a profitable business. Yet the petitioner, on this slight basis, figures up a claim against the government of profits actually made during the administrations of Wardens Sengstack and King of \$22,623

75, when the records of the penitentiary show that the total amount of money invested in the business during that period was no more than \$22,130 82, including stock on hand at its close.

The committee have no means of ascertaining the relations between Rowe and Fox, nor the purpose of the conveyance to Fox, other than appears on the face of the instrument. But it is hardly credible that Rowe, immediately after having vested the title to his patent in Fox, should have commenced building and operating the machine patented under the eyes of his grantee without some arrangement by which he had acquired a license and authority for so doing. It is not usual for inventors to become the infringers of their own patents. And if Rowe had such license and authority from Fox for building and operating these machines at the penitentiary, they being the first and only ones, so far as the committee are informed, that were built and operated in the United States, then the purchaser of those machines would also have the right to operate them without making other payment than required of Rowe. In which case the petitioner would have no claim upon the United States for the infringement of his patent by their officers. (Bloomer vs. McQuewan,<sup>15</sup> Howard.)

In conclusion, the committee are of opinion that the claim is not warranted by the patent laws, and has no foundation in fact; that the amount heretofore allowed and paid was so appropriated under a misconception of the law and a want of knowledge of the facts. They have been thus minute in the examination of this claim on account of the persistence and the partial unmerited success with which it has been urged upon Congress. The decision of the Court of Claims, adverse to the petitioner, is found in Nott and Huntington's Report, p. 7, and the records of the penitentiary,

with all the books of account and vouchers, are deposited in the Department of the Interior. The law, as applicable to this claim, is to be found in the decisions of the Supreme Court here-inbefore referred to, and in numerous decisions of inferior courts referred to in the reports of the cases in the Supreme Court. The committee recommend that the petitioner's bill and accompanying

papers be laid upon the table, and that this report be printed.

On 19 March 1870, Mr. Jenckes reported that the term of the patent owned by Charles A. Pitcher for the making of brooms would not be extended. Perhaps if Charles had allied himself with an intelligent person like Jenckes, he might have made a success.

## Chapter 6

### The Pitchers in Washington

While Nancy Matilda and Annie shuttled with the seasons between Maine and Washington, Charles continued to travel on business. The *New York Evening Express* of August 27, 1866 listed his arrival at Astor House.

An article in *The Evening Star* of April 20, 1869 discussed the legal question of usury in the Circuit Court of the District. The plaintiff purchased a note from Joseph C. Lewis with the interest at 6 percent with an endorsement for negotiating the note to Charles A. Pitcher paying one-half percent per month. The defendants said the endorsement fee was not interest, although the total cost was 12 percent per annum which is usury, and that the defendant could have refused the note. The jury had explicit instructions and found a verdict for the plaintiff in the full amount of the note.

The family was then well settled in Washington, D.C. as reflected in the city directories. In 1868 Charles was listed as

a claims agent renting at 467 6th, N.W. (across the street from his future son-in-law, Daniel T. Pierce, a clerk in the U. S. Land Office). In 1869 Charles's address changed to 9 Indiana Ave. and in 1870 to 1203 G St., N.W. where he was listed again as a claims agent. The 1870 U.S. Census showed the Pitchers and Daniel T. Pierce in Ward 2, Washington, District of Columbia, in the 700 block of 12th St., N.W.

Annie Matilda married Daniel T. Pierce on 31 May 1871 at the Waugh M.E. Church. The city directories for 1872 and 1873 listed the Pitchers living with the Pierces at 1328 11th St., N.W. In this house two generations of Pierces were born.

This next news item brushed on a problem:

**THE EVENING STAR, Monday, November 25, 1872**

**THE COURTS. COURT IN GENERAL TERM.—Saturday. Charles A. Pitcher, assault; recognizance forfeited and appeal dismissed.**

## Chapter 7

### Charles Returned to California

Charles sailed on March 22, 1873 for California and greener pastures. He arrived in San Francisco on the *Great Republic* from Panama on July 11.

Directory listings in Washington re-

sumed in 1877 showing Nancy Matilda alone, and in 1884 she was listed as being a widow.

Nancy Matilda died March 30, 1887 at home and was buried as Matilda Nancy Pitcher in the Miller plot at Grove Ceme-

tery, Belfast, Maine. There is a listing there for Charles Albert Pitcher and perhaps it is really only a memorial.

The New York shipping news showed that the steamship Henry Chauncey sailed for Aspinwall (now Colón, Panama), the eastern terminus of the Panama Railroad on March 22, 1873, with C. A. Pitcher on board. The California Voter Registers showed Charles Albert Pitcher, 51, born in Maine, a U.S. Claims Agent, living at the Grand Hotel in Ward 10 when he registered to vote September 1, 1873. He renewed the registration annually, although he was often in Sacramento, and at the last registration, for 1878, his address changed to 889 Market Street.

Apparently Charles had considerable difficulty supporting himself as a claims agent, a real estate agent or a money broker in San Francisco. He did not advertise in the newspapers and was not listed in the city directories. The *Sacramento Daily Union* made nine mentions of his trips to court for vagrancy or begging from in November 1876 to 1879. The judge was tired of seeing him in court:

THE SACRAMENTO DAILY UNION, November 20 1876.

**Brief Notes:** Local officer Harvey arrested early yesterday morning C. A Pitcher who was recently in the Police Court convicted of vagrancy, but allowed about twenty-four hours within which to leave the city, which he failed to do.

The *Sacramento Daily Union* of September 11, 1877 reports on a three week excursion and hunting trip including "C. A. Pitcher of Giraud & Pitcher" and locomotive employees. But, no, this Charles is a railroad worker, the 18 year old son of hardware merchant E. A. Pitcher. He has nothing to do with our Charles who trying very hard just to be a consumer.

THE SACRAMENTO DAILY UNION, March 15, 1878. Police Court.—In the Police Court yesterday Charles Pitcher, for battery, was fined \$41.50, or forty days in the County Jail.

Faced with public notoriety in Sacramento, he headed for San Francisco early in 1878. That December, after his first major court appearance for begging in San Francisco, he appeared in this news article which illuminated Captain Pitcher's entire deflating career in the West:

THE SACRAMENTO DAILY UNION, December 7, 1878.

**Healthy Beggar Pitcher.**— C. A. Pitcher, who will be recollected by many residents of Sacramento from whom he borrowed small sums at different times under the most plausible representations, will be amused at the following report of his remarks in Justice Louderback's Court, San Francisco, last Tuesday, where he was being tried for begging on a public street, which he had been doing there for nearly a year:

"Judge," said the defendant, after he had been sworn in his own behalf, "what has been stated by the witnesses on behalf of the people is true. I did ask gentlemen for money, but I did not beg it. I needed a quarter, being short of funds after a good spree on Thanksgiving day, so I stopped a gentleman to borrow that amount of money, offering my cane, which cost the rather large sum of fifty cents, as security. It was only an attempt to secure a loan on collateral security. If you can make that out begging, I must bow to your Honor's decision. I am free to admit that perhaps I am not as fastidious in personal appearance as other people, but that's because I don't choose to waste money on purple and fine linen. I don't get my meals at the Palace, because I can get a good enough meal for

me at a two-bit house, and sometimes I can get along on a fifteen-cent meal at the What Cheer. I don't keep houses and carriages because it's beyond the limit of my income."

"Have you not been in the habit of borrowing, as you call it, for some time?" asked the Prosecuting Attorney.

"Borrowed? To be sure I have borrowed. Why, I remember I borrowed a small sum from his Honor on the Bench here, and offered to return it to him, but he magnanimously refused it. You recall that, Judge, don't you? I borrowed money from Richard Chenery, and repaid it. I borrowed money from Judge Field, who is now on the Supreme Bench at Wellington, and repaid him. I borrowed money from Judge Hager, and if he were here he could swear that I repaid him. I could name any number of old Californians who have known me since 1850, and who I loaned the money."

"What have you been doing in the past six months?" asked his Honor.

"Since 1850, up to the present time," he replied, "which includes the past six months, I have been a United States claims agent. I have had property to sell for various parties, and have now, as agent, over half a million dollars worth of property to sell. Now, when I need a little money, all I have to do is to go to my room, take out one of Uncle Sam's papers, cut off one of those small coupons and sell it; and if I live until the last day of this month, I shall have \$5,000 coming to me.

"Now, about this Sacramento matter. It is true that Judge Horan had me before him, and told me to leave town or he would send me up. I did go away, but, unfortunately, soon returned, and he promptly sent me for ninety. The commitment did not say days, months, years, or centuries, simply ninety; so I got out the next day on habeas corpus. When I got out, I told him I thought I had a right to go back to Sacramento whenever I

felt like it, as I was the one who built one of the first houses there, and put up the sign, 'Live and let live, rest for the weary, and storage for baggage.' There is—"

"Have you anything else to say about the charge against you?" asked the Judge.

"Nothing, except I will gracefully submit to your Honor's ruling in this case, as past experience has taught me to do."

"Appear for sentence to-morrow morning," remarked the Judge, nonchalantly, as Pitcher passed from the dock to the City Prison.

Six months later, Pitcher remained visible for his habit obtaining small sums on the street:

SAN FRANCISCO BULLETIN, 30 July, 1879. **Pitcher's Wants and Whims**—Charles A. Pitcher, arrested on Monday for begging and before the Police Court yesterday for trial, was before that tribunal again, his case having been continued to obtain the presence of "Colonel Dudley Hoyt—not Colt"—from whom Pitcher represented he got the ten cents on Washington street. The officer who has been hunting for Dudley Hoyt during the past twenty-four hours, reported that he could not get on the trail of "any such person as Dudley Hoyt, or Colt, either, for that matter."

Pitcher thereupon arose in the dock and said: "Your Honor, I told you yesterday that Dudley Hoyt lived at San Mateo and came to the city nearly every day. He is a mining expert, and often goes to Virginia City and other mining camps. It may be that the officer could not find Dudley. He is not around this court much—in fact he is not a standing witness. But, your Honor, if you would grant me the privilege of going out on the street I with an officer, I think I can find the Colonel in a very few minutes. You have no right to grant such permission? Well, in that case, I want to ask another

favor. I want permission to give bail. I can give you good bail, but haven't been able to do so, bound hand and foot as I have been.

And I want to make another request. I want Judge Hall sent for immediately, so that I can arrange this case and have it properly presented.

What Judge Hall? Well, I'm sure, I really don't know his first name, although I have known him for years. Strange, but I don't remember. I don't know where his office is, either, I was never in it in my life. I saw him in this court today, however. He is a man of florid countenance."

The Court was told that the prisoner had beckoned to Mr. Hall when in the Court-room, but Mr. Hall would not have anything to do with him. The case, however, was continued until tomorrow, and Mr. Pitcher was again sent below.

The next year, the San Francisco City Directory for 1880 listed "Pitcher & Co., real estate agents and business brokers, 33 Kearny." This might have given Charles some credibility in the business world.

But then the *Daily Alta California* reported another court appearance:

THE DAILY ALTA CALIFORNIA, 7 February 1880. **Criminal Cases.—A Pitcher Caught Out** "Captain" Charles Albert Pitcher, a professional beggar of some notoriety in this city, was arrested last night on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses. Mr. Pitcher is well known as a tall, aged, gray, cheeky individual, who has long frequented the ferry depots and begged from passersby money enough to buy a ticket to cross the bay. He always replied to doubts of his worthiness with indignant reference to his "honor as a man of intelligence," and only "borrowed," his "honor" guaranteeing repayment the following day. Since the hasty departure of his late lamented Majesty Norton I, Pro-

ceptor of Mexico, Pitcher has adopted his manner of raising funds, by offering notes as security. On Market street, last night, he accosted John Rebman, hardware dealer, at 1036 Market street, and asked the loan of a dollar, offering as security a promissory note drawn for \$166, in his favor, by J. N. Parker, 218 Sixteenth street, and supposed to be an employee with Bancroft & Co. It was dated the 2d instant, and due in sixty days. Mr. Rebman gave him the dollar, accepted the note, and followed the Captain. Pitcher soon after drew a fresh supply of notes from his pocket, selected one, and proceeded to pass it on another pedestrian, when Rebman called Officer Wiswall and had the speculative Captain arrested. At the City Prison his working capital, representing in note several hundred dollars, was found in a pocket; also, a note purporting to be signed by Dr. R. G. McMillan, 722 Washington street, stating that Pitcher owed him \$2500 borrowed money. He exhibited a brilliant prospectus of a real estate and money brokerage office he intended to open, with a working capital of \$75,000, to be advanced by a prominent capitalist, now in Denver. The notes were booked against him as evidence, and Judge Rix will examine his business affairs this morning.

SAN FRANCISCO BULLETIN, February 7, 1880

The case was called in the Police Court this morning, and was dismissed on motion of the Prosecuting Attorney.

THE DAILY ALTA CALIFORNIA, March 4, 1880 **Captain Pitcher's Peculiarity.**—Captain Charles Albert Pitcher, a professional beggar and fraud, who has numerous times been arrested for his vagrant-like habits, was again arrested early yesterday morning by Officer Barnes, and charged with vagrancy. In the Police

Court, yesterday, the officer stated that he had seen the prisoner tramping the streets without following any lawful business, and that he made begging and petty swindling a profession. Pitcher was indignant at the charge, and stated that inside the last month he had attempted to hire from the heir of Michael Reese, one of the buildings at \$100 monthly in which to conduct an enormous real estate business. He claimed that he could bring thirty witnesses to prove his non-vagrancy, and was given a continuance.

THE DAILY ALTA CALIFORNIA, March 5, 1880 **Captain Charles Albert Pitcher**—Was allowed to conduct his own defence on a calumnious charge of vagrancy. The "Captain" is one of those happy-minded fellows who justify themselves in beating all their friends and trying to do the same favors for their enemies, by the consolation that they make their living thereby. Charles Albert, surnamed Pitcher, has made a first-class reputation as a professional beggar and fraud, said record being well known to the public. His toleration by victims and the imperiled public has occasioned considerable surprise. Officer Barnes finally arrested him for vagrancy. Yesterday Pitcher, whose influence was insufficient to obtain a bail bond, stepped from the dock and examined H. H. Lynch, real estate and home broker, stating that he expected to prove by him his studious efforts, within the last month, to rent suitable rooms in which to conduct a mammoth real estate, money and general merchandise brokerage. Lynch admitted that Pitcher had several times applied to him to rent expensive rooms, but invariably just after other parties had taken them. Pitcher had shown him

A BRILLIANT PROSPECTUS, setting forth that Pitcher would soon engage in a business as mentioned, with a capital of

\$750,000, advanced by a capitalist now in Denver. Pitcher—Cay-ar-ful, Mr. Lynch; didn't I say \$250,000? "No, I am positive, \$750,000." "Well," grandiloquently, "we won't quarrel over such a trifling sum as—as \$500,000. Hardly." Lynch stated that Pitcher had made exhaustive inquiries as to the cost of fitting up a handsome office, etcetera. Judge Rix—Did he try to borrow anything from you before he left? "No." Pitcher—(much surprised)—"That is a wonder."

J. F. Parker, a philanthropic book-casser, who had taken an interest in Pitcher, and had tried to help the prisoner along, was called by the creature. He testified that he had known Pitcher some months, believed he was struggling for moral improvement, and was fired by a desire to help the dear man along; had even given him a note for \$156 to be discounted, that the Captain might realise enough to fit up his office; one night Pitcher gave the note to a stranger he met on the street, as security for the loan of \$1; a few minutes later Pitcher was arrested for obtaining money by false pretenses, but the case was dismissed on Parker's acknowledgement of the note; his confidence in Pitcher was "jest a lee-tle shaken." Pitcher then wanted an officer sent for

THE HEIR OF MICHAEL REESE, to prove that he had attempted to hire a suite of rooms for six months, offering \$150 in advance. Judge Rix was willing to admit all this as if proved. "Then," and Pitcher picked up his hat to go; "then, your Honor, we will submit the case." "Defendant is found guilty as charged, and will appear to-morrow morning for sentence," said Judge Rix. "I'd like to make just one more statement," persisted Pitcher. "The case has been decided," insisted Judge Rix. "I'd like to make—". . . "This—" and as the Judge began to look dangerous, Pitcher disappeared down stairs to hold a reception.

## Chapter 8 Final Mentions

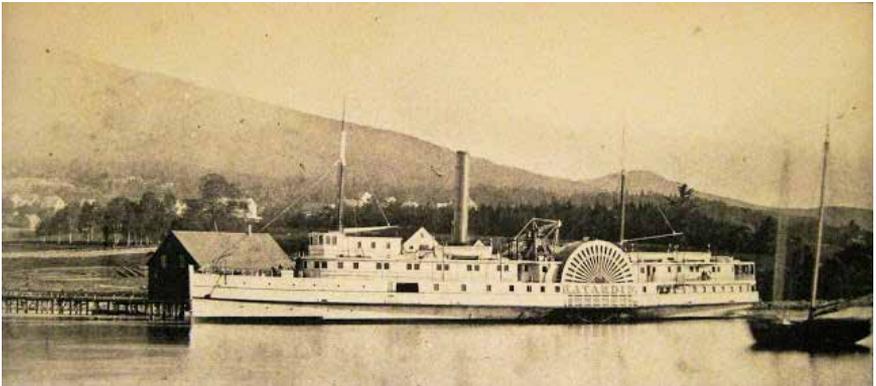
PITCHER—In this city, January 18, Charles A. Pitcher, a native of Maine, aged 58 years.

Ten months later, this notice was printed on January 20, 1881 in the San Francisco *Examiner*.

On March 3, 1885, the *Daily Alta California* printed an extensive advertisement for auctioneer Edward S. Spear & Co. who had been authorized to sell several years of unclaimed freight and storage in San Francisco including a trunk of C. A. Pitcher.

The information has not been found in Eastern newspapers, however the compilation Waldo County Deaths show a date of January 17, 1882.

Burials of members of the masonic orders were in the masonic cemetery at the time and in the 1940s the entire cemetery was cleared and remains reinterred en masse in Coloma, California.



The steamer Katahdin of the Boston and Bangor Steamship Company 1863-1895.



