

*The Diaries of  
Samuel Jones Melvin*

*1912*



## Remembrancer

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Removed to 938 Cumberland Ave. 1920

Wea. <sup>fair</sup> MON. JAN. 1, 1912 Ther.

39 La Belle St. Pittsburgh Pa.  
 Family up for worship before breakfast and Frank Carothers took breakfast with us before going to work. Helen Alice and I did washing. Bill home for chicken dinner. Grace home all day. M. R. Carothers called in evening and went with our young folks to the Waters residence to visit and hear Miss Hazel play piano. I was deeply interested in reading a story in New Guide concerning sale of a picture a boy had painted, and also a story of Indian dealings in early days. Cardigan.

Wea. <sup>fair</sup> TUESDAY 2 Ther.

30 La Belle St. Pittsburgh Pa.  
 Arose at usual time and took breakfast with my family. Spent the forenoon reading and in the afternoon I helped Alice with her ironing. Young folks had arranged for our family to visit family of Fred Hanlin at his father's to see their baby's Christmas tree but I thought I would rather read. Helen remained at home with me and I spent most of time reading Cardigan bearing message to Col. Cresap of Cayuga Indians. Very interesting. Pronounced spelling lesson to Esther Rawsthorne. She spelled well.



Clouds  
Wea. WED. JAN. 3, 1912 Ther.

30 La Belle St. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose at seven O'clock. Spent part  
of the forenoon helping "Grandpa" Raus-  
thorn to clean carpet with the patent  
cleaner belonging to Errol and Melvin  
and spent some time reading. Took my  
usual walk in afternoon. At night I  
read in the book "Cardigan" the account  
given of the beginning of the war with  
the Indians with Colonel Cusap, the death  
of Logan's family, Logan's speech before  
Lord Dunmore, Gov of Virginia etc.

Wea. Stormy THURSDAY 4 Snow Ther.

30 La Belle St. Pittsburgh Pa.  
In forenoon Gill and I went down town  
he went with me to Courthouse and to  
Post Office where I attended to the pre-  
paring of my Pension Voucher. We then  
went to the barbers where he got a  
shave and hair cut and then we came  
home for dinner and he made some  
changes and was off to Youngstown.  
I spent most of the evening reading  
"Cardigan", but took one of my uncon-  
scious spells while writing in my diary  
and did not finish the writing.

Mercury 3° below zero Stormy  
Wea. FRI. JAN. 5, 1912 Ther.

30 La Belle St. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Feeling quite unwell I remained in  
bed until after eight O'clock then Alice  
and I ate breakfast together. Gill at  
Youngstown and Grace having gone  
to her work. I spent the whole day in  
the house most of the time reading  
"Cardigan" a very interesting book  
made up of incidents of the beginning  
of war in 1775. Scenes at Boston  
Lexington and Concord. Cardigan in-  
love with his Cousin Miss Warren who  
was separated from him and out of control of  
Warren.

Wea. 2° below SATURDAY 6 Snow Ther.

30 La Belle St. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about seven O'clock and found  
mercury two degrees below zero but  
during the day it went up to eight above  
and at night snow was falling (10° above.)  
Grace at office in forenoon, stopped  
at bank as she came home and got my  
Pension Check cashed, \$45. I spent part  
of forenoon finishing book "Cardigan" a novel.  
Spent part of afternoon sewing Helen's slipper.  
Miss Shepherd here at night using sewing machine  
under Grace's instructions. Gill still in  
Youngstown Ohio visiting Charles and Eliza.



Very cold. Dry snow.  
Wea. SUN. JAN. 7, 1912 Ther.

30 La Belle Street Pittsburgh Pa.

Arose about eight O'clock, washed and dressed myself for church, then turned out and swept the light dry snow off the paths about the house. Attended church and heard (imperfectly) Rev. Curfman preach from Jude 20-21. Attended Sabbath School in afternoon at the request of Rev. Curfman teacher of Men's Class, first time I had been in for quite a while. Subject of lesson, Birth of John foretold. Curfman spent nearly all the time talking. He talked louder than necessary on my account which annoyed me. Till returned to town. He and Grace called on Mrs. Regus.

Changeable Wea. 10° above MONDAY 8 Rain Ther. Rain

30 La Belle St. Pittsburgh Pa.

Arose about half past seven O'clock and took breakfast with Helen and Grace. Alice had been suffering with Neuralgia. I spent most of the day sewing up seams in Helen's soft slippers and sweeping snow off sidewalks.

Grace came home from work in the evening with head ache and sick at stomach and could eat no supper. Mrs. Waters and her two daughters Hazel and Freda visited at our place at night. I did not mix with the company because I could not converse well on account of my hearing. Till at night school.

Wea. TUES. JAN. 9, 1912 Ther. Stormy

30 La Belle St. Pittsburgh Pa.

Arose a little before eight O'clock and found our family all in bed except my wife; but all were able to rise and eat before noon. Till helped me to carry washing machine from the cellar up the inside way, leaving the cold out with mercury at zero without opening outside door. Helen and I did washing during the day. Grace remained at home and Alice was not out. Till down town a short time. I received my delayed radiator an "National Prohibitionist" and read it through before bedtime. Till able for light work. Not comfortable.

Wea. WEDNESDAY 10° above Ther.

30 La Belle St. Pittsburgh Pa.

I slept until almost eight O'clock. Breakfast with family. Spent most of the day in the house reading. Studied my Sabbath school lesson "Birth of John Baptist". Spent more time on it than had been accustomed to do. Young lady Miss Shepler in at night learning to sew under Grace's instructions - on our sewing machine. A very lively and friendly person about Grace's age. I spent some time trying to roughen the ice on the walks but did not come much ahead. No snow at night.



Wear <sup>Cold</sup> THUR. JAN. 11, 1912 Ther.

30 LaBelle St. Pittsburgh Pa

Being late getting to bed last night I slept until almost eight, then had the pleasure of eating breakfast with my family. The streets were so very slippery that I did not take a walk for exercise.

Spent most of the day reading and studying Sabbath School lessons which I found very interesting. About four O'clock I got a long letter from my old friend and schoolmate Rev. E. W. Bruce from Ashpsville N. Y. Learned that he is no longer teaching in Houghton Seminary but preaching.

Wear <sup>Cold</sup> FRIDAY 12 Snow Ther.

30 LaBelle St. Pittsburgh Pa.

Several inches of snow fell during the night and I spent perhaps an hour before breakfast shoveling snow from walks. Grace was suffering with a cold and did not go to her regular employment during the day, neither did she and her mother attend missionary meeting at a neighbors at night. I helped Alice some with her ironing. Freda & Hazel Waters spent the evening with us, and Grace took a music lesson from Hazel while they were here.

Wear <sup>below 0 by our thermometer. Evening warmer.</sup> SAT. JAN. 13, 1912 Ther.

30 LaBelle St. Pittsburgh.

Arose a little before eight O'clock. Helen presented us with our first Buck-wheat Cakes of the present season. Grace still suffering with her cold did not go to city to work. She and Alice at home all day. Gill in shop short time in forenoon making some repairs for Walter Rawsthorne's toy wagon, which I worked on some in the afternoon. Gill went in afternoon to Mesta Machine Co. West Homestead in afternoon and engaged to go to work with them on next Monday as pattern maker.

Wear <sup>Cold</sup> SUNDAY 14 Snow Ther.

30 LaBelle St. Pittsburgh Pa.

Arose about eight O'clock and dressed for church but did not attend. Helen informed me that I had suffered one of my unconscious spells about four O'clock in the morning of which I knew nothing at the time although she rubbed my arms, and caused me to turn over to increase circulation. Did not feel very well all day and kept close to home. At "Men & Religion" exercises at our church in forenoon Robt. Rawsthorne & G. S. Melvin made addresses in forenoon and John McKelvie and Fred Cutler at night. Members of Committee



18° below 0  
Wea. MON. JAN. 15, 1912 Ther.

30 La Belle St. Pittsburgh  
Arose about usual time and helped during the day to do the usual washing and after we got through I did some repairs on Walter Rawsthornes toy wagon, but did not get it completed. Took one of my unconscious spells in the evening and did not feel well enough to write in my diary at bedtime. Gill went to work at West Machine Co's plant at West Homestead. Alice & Grace called at the Waters residence. Arrangements made for a sledride from Wilkinsburg tomorrow evening.

2° below 0 Wea. TUESDAY 16 8° above Ther. 2:30

30 La Belle St. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about half past seven O'clock feeling soreness and nervousness all through my system and it lasted all day. I spent part of the day repairing Walter Rawsthornes toy wagon. His sisters took it home in the evening. Received a letter from Jennie Thorley telling of death of sister-in-law. Susannah C. Melvin. Wrote her at night that we could not attend funeral. Our young folks went out at night with water folks for sled ride in neighborhood of Wilkinsburg. Got home before midnight. Had

10° above 0 Wea. WED. JAN. 17, 1912 Ther.

30 La Belle St. Pittsburgh Pa  
Arose about half past seven and spent the day at home. Helped Robert Rawsthorne Sr. to put a load of coke into their cellar and in the afternoon helped Alice to do an ironing. I had some very unpleasant feelings during the day but did not have any of my unconscious spells. Our young folks were all at home at night and Esther Rawsthorne came in and learned her spelling lesson as usual. The circulation of my blood not good.

Wea. THURSDAY 18 Ther. worm

30 La Belle St. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Found snow thawing in the morning when I arose and water running into the cellar. Spent most of forenoon removing snow to prevent cellar wetting. Spent part of afternoon helping Alice to use the Vacuum Cleaner on the carpets on our various floors. Grace at home at night helped Esther Rawsthorne with her spelling lesson. Gill and Alice went out somewhere immediately after supper. I felt very uncomfortable during day. Mind unsteady.

Gill and Alice looking at house to rent on Ireland Ave (Pittsburgh) 19 1/2



Snow

Wea. fair FRI. JAN. 19, 1912 Ther.

30 La Belle St. Pittsburgh Pa.  
 Alice & Gill came home last night with very favorable report of house to rent with good surroundings and started excitement about getting ready to move. And Grace went out with Alice this morning to see the place & gave the lady good encouragement toward our taking the property at \$20 per month rent. I shoveled snow off walks in forenoon. Wrote letter to Mary Stephenson and one to Will Thorley in evening. Gill and Alice went at night to buy a gas range advertised for sale. Jo. Connor called and stayed until 9-30.

Wea. fair SATURDAY 20 Ther.

30 La Belle St. Pittsburgh Pa.  
 Arose between six and seven o'clock and ate breakfast with Grace and Alice. Spent the day preparing to move, as notice had been given that we would take the property examined. I took down awning and fly screen doors &c and burned quite a lot of trash which the girls assorted out of their drawers. Mr. R. Carothers took supper with us and went out with Gill at night when he went to sign lease for the house. I read over quite a number of letters before consigning them to the waste basket. Gills at choir practice

Snow on ground

Wea. fair SUN. JAN. 21, 1912 Ther.

30 La Belle St. Pittsburgh Pa.  
 Arose shortly before eight o'clock and washed and dressed for church. Attended church at our usual place of worship. Rev. Curfman our pastor being absent at East Liverpool assisting Rev. John Darnit in protracted meeting; A local preacher from that place preached to us. I could not hear well and did not get his text or much of his sermon although it was pronounced good by those who heard it. I attended Sabbath school in afternoon and got but little satisfaction from the lesson on account of my dullness of hearing. Did not attend church at night

Wea. fair MONDAY 22 Thawing Ther.

30 La Belle St. Pittsburgh Pa.  
 Arose about usual time feeling pretty well. And spent the day making preparations to change our place of residence. Alice and I spent the day getting things in shape to pack up. And at night Jo. Connor and his wife came and Jo. and I worked until about eleven o'clock taking up carpets, and when we had eaten a light supper it was midnight before we got to bed. Gill was away making arrangements for our moving.



Windy  
Wea. TUES. JAN. 23, 1912 Ther. <sup>Morning</sup>

30 La Belle St. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Slept until half past seven o'clock.  
Spent the day packing up our goods  
and preparing to move. Mr. Jo. Connor  
came and spent afternoon packing. She  
left about ten at night. Jo. came, took  
supper with us and he and Gill went  
out to our new home to adjust the gas to  
our cook stove in our new home. Fred  
Hanlin, wife and babe with us until ten  
o'clock. Commenced snowing about  
dark. Still considerable preparation to be  
made for moving. Felt pretty well all day.

Wea. <sup>Windy</sup> WEDNESDAY 24 Ther.

30 La Belle St. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about usual time and spent  
the day preparing to move. Spent  
most of the time in cellar where Helen  
repacked the canned fruit and I  
put lids on boxes. Jo. Connor came  
again at night and we all worked  
until after midnight. Some trouble  
about getting teams to move with  
bad road to get up to the house we are  
going into. Mr. R. Carothers with us until  
midnight. I had one of my numb spells  
in afternoon. It was light.

Cloudy  
Wea. THUR. JAN. 25, 1912 Ther. <sup>Evening</sup>

30 Milligan St. Pittsburgh Pa. Jo. Connor's  
Took bath before breakfast at 30 La Belle St.  
and spent the day preparing to move.  
Teams came and took two large loads and  
one small one and put them in car at Wash  
Station. Ate our noon lunch at Robt. Rawsthorne's  
and about half past four Helen and I went  
to Jo. Connor's on Milligan St. where we  
spent the night. Jo. helping Gill to set  
up kitchen range, connecting Gas &c.  
Alice and Grace spent the night at  
Robt. Rawsthorne's and Gill, with Mr. R. Carothers  
in his room all comfortably provided for

Wea. <sup>Snow</sup> FRIDAY 26 Ther.

938 Timberland Dr. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Gill, Helen and I took breakfast with  
Jo. Connor and his wife at 30 Milligan St.  
and Mrs. Connor went with Helen and me to our  
new home at 938 Timberland Ave and helped  
to arrange our moving which was carried from  
car up slippery grade perhaps 40 or fifty rods.  
Jo. Connor & Mr. R. Carothers helping at night  
to arrange furniture. Many kind friends  
hands who did the moving expressed them-  
selves as having been very comfortably well treated.  
I was not able to accomplish much. My hands  
badly cracked and back quite sore.



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Wea. fair SAT. JAN. 27, 1912 Ther.

938 Reflectorsville  
 Timberland Ave. (Pittsburgh Pa.)  
 Gill and Helen got out in time for Ed  
 to go to work as usual and Grace went  
 to her work. Mrs Connor came and spent  
 the day with us cleaning up and setting  
 up furniture &c. Gill went with her into  
 town at night. We got our kitchen pretty  
 well fixed and window blinds on most  
 of our windows. Carpet down on kitchen  
 and dining room. Grace got bill of lading  
 4200 lb. Cost of moving about \$30. Some  
 trouble learning to fire our furnace.

Wea. fair SUNDAY 28 Ther.

938 Reflectorsville, Timberland Ave.  
 Gill was the only one of our family  
 to attend church and he went to the usual  
 place of worship, on Byham St. Joseph  
 Connor came about four o'clock from his  
 mother's place and brought us some  
 milk and his wife came from their  
 home shortly after and they spent the  
 night with us. Jo and Gill went to  
 see a house for rent in neighborhood but  
 found it bare and damp. Mrs Connor  
 stayed with us over night and Jo went  
 home to feed their pet dog.

~~Windy and damp~~ Rained some  
 Wea. MON. JAN. 29, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave, Reflectorsville Pa  
 I spent the day doing Chores about our  
 new home. Dusted carpets which Alice  
 and Mrs Connor were busy putting,  
 Jo Connor came in the evening after  
 we had supper and took lunch home then  
 helped the girls putting down carpets. Told  
 Jo that Mrs C. had given me a good hug  
 in the morning saying I reminded her so  
 much of her dead father. He replied that is  
 the force of habit. Gill went to Y.M.C.A. ban-  
 quet before he came home. He did not get  
 home until midnight.

Wea. Snow TUESDAY 30 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave, Reflectorsville Pa.  
 Slept until after seven o'clock and  
 when I awoke I could not think what  
 day of the week it was. Helen told me  
 that I had one of my spells of numbness in  
 the night. Did not feel well all day but  
 managed to help Alice some putting down  
 carpets. Had quite an uncomfortable job beating  
 the dust out of them in the shop and felt the  
 sores of inhaling the dust. Gill was at  
 home at night and repaired the pump  
 of the cistern in the kitchen. Grace and Alice  
 put down carpet in our bed room at night.



Light snow  
Wea. WED. JAN. 31, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Reflectoville Pa.  
Slept until seven O'clock. Was feeling quite weak and trembly when I awoke and did not feel well during the day and did but little work. Had a spell of palpitation of heart. Alice was very busy all day scrubbing floors and putting down Carpets. Gill went back to our old neighborhood at night. Two young ladies named Steel, sisters of our land lady called in to see us at night both very small of stature but seemingly of agreeable and sociable disposition. Getting house in pretty good shape.  
Wea. Snow THUR. FEB. 1 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Reflectoville Pa.  
Slept until almost sunrise feeling very weak and nervous. Spent the day mostly helping Helen to do a washing while Alice was most of the time putting things to rights in the house after morning. Found trouble about getting up clothes line in the house to dry clothes on. Finally studied out a scheme for putting up fastenings to the joists in the cellar. Gill was at home during the evening and helped up two or three large window curtains.

Light snow  
Wea. FRI. FEB. 2, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Reflectoville Pa.  
Arose a few minutes before eight O'clock, feeling as though I were worth but little for any kind of work. Spent most of the day arranging to put up the clothes line in the cellar. Got the clothes to drying between three and four O'clock. When we sat down to supper I found beside my plate a very nice open faced gold watch, a Birth day present from Gill and Grace - tomorrow being my seventy third birth day. The watch was to me a great surprise. I had a spell of palpitation of heart in afternoon.

Wea. Snow SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> My 73<sup>rd</sup> Ther. Birthday

938 Reflectoville Pa. When I awoke in the morning I found my mind very unreliable. Could not collect my thoughts. Some better through the day but still had queer feelings. Spent the day tinkering about the house putting little things to rights. When Grace got home in afternoon, she and I put up curtain poles, some of which needed repairs. Gill and the girls went to choir practice at night at Bigam St. M.P. Church, the girls expecting to stay over night at Mr. Rawsthornes. Gill got home just about the time we retired for the night.



Mercury 2° below zero <sup>on ground</sup> Wea. <sup>snow</sup> SUN. FEB. 4, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Reflectoville  
Slept until sunrise. When Helen arose she found mercury two degrees below zero. It was much warmer at noon but cold all day. Gill attended church at usual place. Came home for dinner and went back at night - the girls having remained for evening service. Helen and I spent the day at home. I felt much better than I did yesterday although I felt as though I were of very little account. Weather getting very cold again at night. All home before ten o'clock.

2° above zero Wea. fair MONDAY 5 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Reflectoville  
Arose about seven o'clock with my back and limbs feeling very sore. Gill had just gone to work. Grace and I ate together. I spent the day doing chores. Put up strips in corner of kitchen and put in clothes hooks also put up a small shelf to set the old weight clock on. Spent considerable time searching for suitable materials. Spent the evening reading the Dundee Cator Prohibition paper that had not found our new address until today.

Cloudy. Light snow Wea. TUES. FEB. 6, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Reflectoville, Pittsburgh  
Arose about seven o'clock feeling better than I did yesterday morning. And spent the day doing chores about the house. Spent some time with the old docks trying to get them in order for time keeping but did not succeed very well. Put up some curtain poles. At night Gill did some gas fitting and prepared an extra heater in the cellar to heat water on for washing. He went out at night to hear something about ordering coal for our new place of retreat. Weather not quite so cold as yesterday.

Wea. fair WEDNESDAY 7 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa  
I spent most of the day helping Helen to do a washing. We carried the water down stairs from the cistern pump in the kitchen and heated it on the gas plate fitted up last night. A pipe in cellar into kitchen near cistern but not yet connected. Received a good letter from my old room mate of Adrian College, Thos J. Lindley. Fred Hamlin and his wife visited us at night and we had good time. My trouble in my head gave me discomfort during day.



fine winter  
Wea. fair THUR. FEB. 8, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa  
Spent the entire day doing odd  
chores about the house, my health  
not permitting me to go out to hunt  
employment to earn my living, I felt  
as though I were almost worthless.

Tried to get the old clock running but  
failed. Helped Gill at night to connect  
the gas with stove in shop and he  
trimmed my hair. After we got  
through. Hunted through my drawers for  
my old watch, bought on my 21<sup>st</sup> birth day but con-  
cluded I must have left it at repair shop in Washington

Wea. fair FRIDAY 9 Cold Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh  
Arose about seven o'clock and spent  
the day about the house doing but  
very little and feeling as though I were  
of but very little account. A man  
brought us a 35 bushel load of coal  
and put it in cellar. Alice went to  
town for groceries and came out with  
Grace in the evening, I ~~my~~ went to  
Mt. Washington at night to attend Mis-  
sionary meeting at Rawsthornes. Gill went  
to city intending to meet the girls at Rawsthornes  
and come home with them. ~~heard of death of~~ they rubbed me completely

8° below zero - fair day  
Wea. SAT. FEB. 10, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave., Pittsburgh Pa  
Arose about usual time and spent the  
day about the house feeling as though  
I were of very little account especially  
in such cold weather. Grace got home  
about two o'clock; Gill did not get  
home until night. Mitchel R Carothers  
spent the evening with us and brought  
with him Bargettstown Enterprise con-  
taining account of death of Mrs Mary A.  
Bell and my old school teacher Miss Margaret Jane  
Moore. Read of five men crossing Lake Erie on ice  
in Automobile from Port Clinton O. to Leannington Ont

Wea. foggy SUNDAY 11 Cold Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
Not feeling well in the morning and  
not expecting to attend church I did  
not arise until near eight o'clock and  
the young folks spent nearly the fore-  
noon in bed. Gill and Alice went  
to Mt. Washington in the evening to  
attend preaching service. I wrote a  
letter to my sister Mary in the  
afternoon. While sitting in my  
diary at night I took one of my crampy  
falls which scared Helen and Grace and  
they rubbed me completely

Miss Alice passed in history



Light snow  
Wea. MON, FEB. 12, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa  
Arose about half past six and spent  
some time sweeping some light snow  
off the walks. Spent most of the  
day helping with the washing which  
we finished about four o'clock. Ralph  
Rawstone called and took supper  
with us and went into the city with  
Gill at night. I spent the evening  
reading The Vindicator (Prohibition paper)  
Had some very queer feelings during  
the day. My lower limbs very weak  
and my mental capacity also.

Wea. air TUESDAY 13 Ther.  
chawing Wednesday 14

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh  
Spent the entire day about home,  
and accomplished very little.  
I made a short joint of stovepipe  
to connect a joint and an elbow,  
but after it was done did not get  
the pipe adjusted for want of chimney  
fitter. Grace was at home all day on  
account of her cold. Alice went into  
town on an errand. Young folks received  
some Valentines. Snow melted off south  
side of the hills. My health not good.

4° below zero. (Mistake of date)  
Wea. ~~WED.~~ FEB. 13, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh  
Arose about half past six o'clock.  
Had very peculiar feelings during  
the day, but still helped Alice some  
with her ironing. Felt conscious of  
becoming more and more affected with  
catarrh in my head and my brain  
being affected. Spent considerable time  
reading. Grace was suffering with bad  
cold and called to see a doctor and got  
some medicine. Gill did not come  
home to supper but called to see Mr & Mrs  
Jo. Connor on Mt. Washington.

Wea. ~~fair~~ THURSDAY 15 Ther.  
moderate winter

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh.  
Spent the day about home doing but  
little and feeling as though I could not  
do much. I adjusted a stovepipe in  
the kitchen. Made a receptacle for  
the pipe using galvanized sheet iron.  
Grace was not feeling well in the  
morning and did not go to work  
during the day. Gill and Alice went  
to visit Stewart Hanlin and wife and  
family at night at Mount Lebanon.  
I had some quite peculiar feelings at  
different times during the day.



Thawing  
Weat. FRI. FEB. 16, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh  
Arose about usual time feeling  
as though I were of very little account.  
Grace and Gill got away to their  
usual work. I spent the entire  
day about the house and accom-  
plished but little in the way of work.  
Rev. Curfman called and spent an  
hour or two with us in the after-  
noon and Miss Helen Ewer came home  
with Grace and spent the night with  
us. Gill did some plumbing after supper  
to get water away from the sink.

Weat. foggy SATURDAY 17 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave, Pittsburgh  
Arose about the time the sun was  
getting up. Miss Helen Ewer had  
taken breakfast with Gill, and they  
two had just gone to their work. I did  
but little during the day but read and  
was not feeling well in my head. In  
the afternoon Mrs Ross Rawsthorne came  
with her three children, Walter, Bertha and  
Esther and they took supper with us.  
Bertha and Esther remained over night.  
Mrs & Walter went home with Grace and  
Gill when they went to Choir practice.

Foggy  
Weat. SUN. FEB. 18, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Slept a little later than common.  
The Rawsthorne girls Esther and Bertha  
took breakfast with us and went with  
Gill and Alice to church; Helen, Grace  
and I remained at home. In the after-  
noon Jo. Connor and his wife came to see  
Gill and I were out on the hill view-  
ing the surrounding country. Gill gave  
me some information concerning some  
plans which Charlie, Gill and Grace  
were talking of entering into to form a new  
business company. Young folks church at  
night.

Weat. fair MONDAY 19 Cloudy Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa  
Awoke in the morning with pecul-  
lar feelings about my head and face  
and did not rise early. Did not feel very  
well during the day but did not at  
any time entirely lose consciousness. Spent  
most of the day running the washing  
machine. Getting warmer and rained  
some. Gill was away from home all day  
though laid off from work. He went into  
the city at night to attend his schooling.  
We got our washing hung up late. Gill  
a good place to see clothing.



Cloudy  
Wea. TUES. FEB. 20, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
I slept unusually late in the morning,  
and was feeling quite weak and trembly  
during the day. Spent the day mostly  
about the house. In the afternoon  
Gill took me with him down into the  
city and called on Doctor Cheesman  
who examined me and made an  
application to my nose to determine  
something concerning my Catarrh in my  
head. Was feeling much out of order, could  
not think of names of diseases, Catarrh etc. Grace  
and Alice made a call at a neighbor's at night.

938. Wea. Cloudy WEDNESDAY 21 Ther.

Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa  
Arose about six O'clock having slept  
pretty well during the night. Spent some  
time sweeping some snow that had  
fallen during the night. Weather was  
rather damp during the day and I  
spent most of the time in the house.  
Gill was out of employment and  
spent part of the day in town attending  
to getting medicine for my kidneys. Miss  
Lottie Rawsthorne & Lottie Kroff came  
home with Grace in the evening and  
spent the night with us.

Cloudy, Spitting Snow  
Wea. THUR. FEB. 22, 1912 Ther.

Health uncomfortable.  
938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa  
Slept until after seven in the morning  
but was up in time for breakfast with  
family. Spent the day about the house.  
Lottie Rawsthorne went with Grace to work  
and Lottie Kroff spent forenoon with us.  
I spent my time reading and studying  
about my affliction in my head taking  
medicine for Catarrh in head. Felt as  
though my time with my family and  
friends was almost ended. Tried to re-  
pair the clock but did not succeed.  
Grace in city at night. Gill & Alice at home.

Wea. Fair FRIDAY 23 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Slept until after seven in the morning.  
Spent a very uncomfortable day with  
my nasal trouble which was affecting  
my mind so that I could not think  
as I wanted to. Helped Helen a little  
with drying an old comfort that had  
been washed. About seven O'clock in  
the evening Monroe Dutton came in  
to spend the night with us. Learned  
that Judge H. A. Melvin of California had  
been on Mt. Washington in search of  
us but we did not see him.



Wea. <sup>fair</sup> SAT. FEB. 24, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about seven O'clock feeling very nervous and shaky. Spent the day principally about home doing small chores. In the afternoon Gill and I visited Dr. Cheeseman in the afternoon and I got some medicine for my Cataract. Dr. thought my kidneys were not so badly out of order as they had been considered. Mitchell R. Carothers came in the evening and spent ~~the night~~ <sup>until 3 o'clock</sup> with us. Young folks all remained at home with Helen and myself. Cataract medicine in use.

Wea. <sup>fair</sup> SUNDAY 25 <sup>Thawing</sup> Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about seven O'clock and spent the entire day at home did not feel as though my health was sufficiently affected by my Cataract. Gill and Alice attended Communion service at our church on Mt. Washington in the forenoon, and in the afternoon Mr. Geo. Bridges called on Alice at our place and took lunch. Was troubled with peculiar bodily affections during the day. All at home at night.

*Cloudy damp*

Wea. MON. FEB. 26, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh  
Arose at seven and spent the day tinkering about home and helping Helen to do a washing. Taking medicine from Doctor Cheeseman for my Cataract in my head. Had some very peculiar feelings during the day. My brain somewhat affected. Received a letter from my sister Mary Stephenson who was with her son-in-law Rev. John Dunit in East Liverpool Ohio. Gill attending night school at Y. M. C. Building. I suffered several peculiar spells queer feelings ~~the day~~ <sup>during the day</sup>.

Wea. *Cloudy damp* TUESDAY 27 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh  
Feeling quite unwell from the effects of nasal Cataract I spent the day about home accomplishing but very little in the way of work. Spent most of my time reading. Grace spent the day at her usual employment. Gill was away all day in the city, I did not know what he was at especially. Grace brought me some Castor Oil and some Cascara. Snowed some during the day but did not make much show on the ground.



Cloudy <sup>Lamp</sup> Wea. WED. FEB. 28, 1912 Ther.

938<sup>19</sup> Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh  
Feeling very much under the weather  
with catarrh in my head I spent the  
entire day at home reading most of the  
time in the newspapers. My mind  
seemed to be considerably affected and  
some things which I ought to have been  
able to think of I could not get in mind  
at all. Our young folks all at home all  
night busy reading the news. I feel  
as though my life course was almost  
run some very peculiar feelings in my  
head and about my short ribs.

Wea. <sup>snow</sup> fair THURSDAY 29 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh  
Arose about seven o'clock and took  
breakfast with family except Alice  
who was still in bed. Feeling  
considerably under the weather I spent  
the day about the house, mostly reading.  
I did a little repairing on an arm  
willow chair. I felt somewhat inclined  
to chill when I went out doors. Mrs.  
Steel and her daughter called in the  
afternoon and at night Gill and  
two girls Grace and Alice went to a  
year party at Wilkins' Mt. Washington

fair winter mild  
Wea. FRI. MARCH 1, 1912 Ther.

938<sup>19</sup> Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh  
Arose between six and seven  
o'clock and took breakfast with the  
family except Alice who was still in  
bed. I spent most of the day reading  
although part of the time I found it  
necessary to rub my hands and feet  
which became numb through lack of  
proper circulation of blood. I did not  
feel that I was in proper condition to  
go out to work at anything outside  
Gill. Grace attended concert of Apollo Club.  
Using tickets presented by Ross and Mrs. Rawstone

Wea. <sup>mild</sup> fair SATURDAY 2 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh  
Slept until after seven o'clock and  
spent the entire day at home most of  
the time reading. Was not feeling as  
though I were of much account for any  
word of service, my mental capacity being  
considerably affected by nasal catarrh.  
A load of coal was put into our cellar  
in the afternoon. Our children were at  
home most of the afternoon and evening.  
They did not attend choir rehearsal at  
night. Unusual affair to have all at home  
until bed time. Feeling better all day.



<sup>Snow</sup>  
Wea. SUN. MARCH 3, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about seven O'clock. Helen had risen  
about six to receive milk which did not  
come at promised time. Gill attended some  
meeting in city in forenoon and he and  
Alice went to Mount Washington at night.  
Grace & Alice spent forenoon in bed. Mag.  
Provines went to Mt. Washington to visit and  
finding we had moved she came and spent  
the night with us. I spent most of the day  
reading. Did not consider my health good  
enough to venture out to church. Did not  
suffer much pain. Some numbness & chilliness.

<sup>Snow on ground</sup>  
Wea. fair MONDAY 4 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Margaret Provines took breakfast with  
us and went with Gill and Grace on  
train when they went to work. I spent  
some time before breakfast sweeping  
snow off the walks about the house and  
to the train. Helped Helen to do a  
washing and did some tinkering with  
hammer handles &c. I felt better during  
the day than I had been feeling for some  
time. Mrs McClintock the lady from whom  
we rented the house, made us a short visit  
the afternoon. She is quite an interesting  
latter rendering it doubtful. Other

<sup>fair</sup>  
Wea. TUES. MARCH 5, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about seven O'clock and swept some  
snow off the walks. Spent part of forenoon  
tinkering an old clock but failed to get  
it to run. Spent part of afternoon helping  
Alice to iron. About three O'clock Gill  
came home and announced that he had  
procured new employment as traveling sales-  
man for a Coshocton American Oil & Lumber Company.  
He went back into the city again at  
night. Grace did not come home but went  
to spend the night with one of her lady acquaintances.  
I felt better than for some days past.

Wea. fair WEDNESDAY 6 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about seven O'clock and took break-  
fast with Helen and Gill, Grace being  
in town with an associate and Alice in  
bed. Spent most of forenoon walking  
about the house, reading &c. Spent some  
time putting handle in a hammer and  
I had it about completed but the  
hammer and broke it. Grace, Gill,  
Alice were all at home at  
night - an unusual circumstance. Gill  
received word concerning his new engagement  
rendering it doubtful. Other



<sup>fair warm</sup>  
Wea. THUR. MARCH 7, 1912 Ther.

938 <sup>fair warm</sup> ~~Timberland Ave.~~ Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about seven o'clock feeling about  
as usual. Head uncomfortably dull, and  
body chilling when out doors. Did not  
attempt to prune vines although the weather  
was favorable. Gill was at home in fore-  
noon and we tinkered up one of the old  
clocks and got it started to run some.  
Gracie's piano was brought in dragged  
on a low truck over washed road. Varnish  
mared - out of tune. At six in the evening  
Fred Cutter came home with Grace. Game of  
Cards such as I have seen before. Finch

Wea. wet FRIDAY 8 Ther.

938  
Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about usual time and took  
breakfast with Helen, Gill and Grace.  
Shortly after breakfast was over two men  
of the Company who moved the piano came  
and made repairs of damage done in moving  
and polished the instrument. I did but  
little work during day. My head consider-  
ably out of order and body badly chilled.  
Spent some time reading, would like to  
have written some letters but feared to trust  
my head. Lottie & Bertha Rawsthorne came  
with Gill and Grace in the evening. With us over

<sup>snow</sup>  
Wea. SAT. MARCH 9, 1912 Ther.

938 <sup>snow</sup> ~~Timberland Ave.~~ Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose at 6 1/2 o'clock and took breakfast  
with family and Miss Lottie Rawsthorne who  
went to her work with Grace and Gill. I spent  
most of forenoon walking about house for exercise  
bathed myself and changed my clothing on in the  
afternoon Gill took me to the city to see Doctor  
Chesman who treated me for Cataract in the  
head and pronounced me better than when he  
had seen me two weeks ago. At night Mrs.  
Carothers and Miss Rose called and  
spent the evening very pleasantly and Bertha  
Rawsthorne was with us over night.

Wea. fair SUNDAY 10 Ther.

938  
Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about seven o'clock and took break-  
fast with my family and with Bertha Raw-  
sthorne who had been with us over night and <sup>spoke</sup> ~~with~~  
with Gill and Grace when they went to church  
on Mt. Washington. I spent the day at home  
with Helen and Alice, principally reading, and  
walking the floor for exercise for my health. When  
Grace and Gill returned about three o'clock they brought  
with them quite a number of Methodist-Protestant papers  
sent to me by Mrs. Waters of our church. I had some  
very queer bodily sensations during the day but  
no severe bodily pain. Mind affected by ~~it~~



Wear <sup>fair</sup> MON. MARCH 11, 1912 Ther. <sup>snow</sup>

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa  
Slept until seven o'clock but was up  
in time to eat breakfast with Gill and  
Grace before they started to their work. I spent  
most of the day helping Helen to do the  
week's washing. Grace and Alice went  
in evening to Wilkesburg hospital to visit  
a lady friend Frances Linduff recently opera-  
ted upon for appendicitis and found her  
getting along splendidly. They got home about  
half past nine. Gill hunting employment during  
the day unsuccessful. Went to his "Salomans school"  
at night. I now squall in evening.

Wea. <sup>wet</sup> TUESDAY 12 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa  
Arose a little before seven with very  
unpleasant feeling in my head which lasted  
nearly all day. Spent most of forenoon  
reading newspapers and spent afternoon  
helping Alice to iron. Fred Hanlin  
came shortly after we had supper and spent  
the evening with us. I felt as though I were  
no company for any visitors on account of  
my having. My mind also affected so that  
I could not remember names. Our young folks  
all at home. Gill was just starting on a visit  
Mt Washington but met Fred and came back

Wear <sup>fair</sup> WED. MARCH 13, 1912 Ther. <sup>Sunshine</sup>

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Slept unusually late. Folks were almost  
through with their breakfast when I got out.  
I spent the forenoon leisurely about the  
house and in afternoon wrote two letters to  
my sister Mary at East Liverpool and to Mar-  
getta & Melvin Hanlin Sta. respectively. After  
supper Gill and I went to a school house about  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile away and registered as voters.  
When we returned Gill and Alice started  
to Mount Washington to visit Jo. Connor and  
his wife. Rev. Sanders visited us in afternoon. I  
could understand or hear all he said just in his

Wea. <sup>fair</sup> THURSDAY 14 Ther. <sup>Warm</sup>

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about half past six and took breakfast with  
the family. Gill was out of employment and spent  
the day at home. He and I pruned our grapevines  
and those belonging to the Steele homestead  
and we found them all in such a mal that  
it was difficult to determine what to cut out.  
Grace and Alice went in the evening to the  
hospital to visit a lady friend Frances  
Linduff recently operated on for appendicitis and  
found her still improving. I felt very un-  
comfortable most of day - by times shaking like  
an aspen leaf - Cherrine in over pink.

Common sense of voice which was clear sharp.



Mostly Wet Wea. FRI. MARCH 15, 1912 Ther.

938  
938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.

Gill and found it necessary to give up our intention to go out to the Connor farm to prune grape vines when we found it raining in the morning. Gill spent the day in the city and I spent it at home mostly reading. My health was not good and I was not feeling strong but not nearly so tremulous as I had been yesterday.

Young people all at home at night. I spent the evening reading of the Court trial of our Dr. McFarland charged with having performed a criminal surgical operation on Mrs. Elsie Coe.

Wear Fair SATURDAY 16 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.

Arose at usual time in the morning and Gill and I went out to "the Connor farm" and pruned the vines on the grape arbor, which we found in very bad condition; not having been pruned sufficiently it was matted so that the fruit would necessarily be small. We got through about three o'clock. Mrs. Jo. Connor was there to entertain. At night our young folks were on our front walk going to Mr. Steele's and met the two Steele girls <sup>no</sup> to visit us. We had a very pleasant visit. They said they had seventeen chickens <sup>no</sup> stolen, and as was customary, the neighbors blamed the Connor family, the Melvins, for the theft. Had good fun with

Fair, Springlike Wea. SUN. MARCH 17, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.

Gill proposed to accompany me to Fair Haven to hear Rev. Saunders preach, but I did not feel as though it would be prudent for me to go to church, therefore spent the day at home mostly reading. Gill went to Mount Washington to church, the girls remaining at home. Mr. Fred Shallreed called in the afternoon and the young folks took a walk. After tea they went with him to car between eight and nine o'clock when he started to Washington Pa. He was agent for his father's carriage firm, out traveling selling biggies.

Wear Fair MONDAY 18 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh

Spent most of the day helping Helen to do a washing. We got through a little before four o'clock. I did not feel very well during the day; my head seemed to be badly out of order and my mind affected. Grace told me when she came home that she had attended Monday service where a Bishop spoke on the Spirit or the Holy Ghost. Said something about "He and I" not being applicable. I should like to have heard him for it is a question with me why spirit in some places in bible is written with (small s) when it seems to apply to Holy Spirit.



Very fair until evening. rain  
Wea. TUES. MARCH 19, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Helped Alice to do some ironing, and  
in the afternoon I tamped some rough  
ground in our dooryard to smooth it  
down, and dug a hole and planted a  
post to fasten the line to. Shortly  
Peter Gill and Grace got home from work.  
Jo. Connor and his wife came. Shortly  
after supper Jo and Gill went out to  
City perhaps. Did not know Jo's intention  
for the night. I had been quite uncomfort-  
able during the day - my mind being af-  
fected by catarrh.

Wea. fair WEDNESDAY 20 rain Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Mrs Jo. Connor took breakfast with us  
having been with us over night. I spent  
the day tinkering about the house  
and shop. I found a pasteboard box in  
the shop and in it the watch I had  
bought the day I was twenty one years  
old, and some other things that had been  
missing. I repaired the handle in a  
tack hammer for a rivet hammer and  
repaired frame of glasses for everyday wear.  
My mind not in good case on account of  
catarrh. Had glass of buttermilk at night from

Over  
Wea. THUR. MARCH 21, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
Gill and I spent most of the forenoon  
repairing spouting to carry water into the cistern,  
then we prepared a narrow iron plate and Gill  
put it on a broken arm of the pipe using glue  
to close the crevice. I spent some time cleaning  
up our shop and chicken house and made things  
look much better. In the evening Miss Gretta Jordan  
came home with Grace when she came from work,  
and Charles D. Melvin came with Gill. And they  
were with us over night. We did not get to bed  
until midnight. Charlie had been holding a  
conference with a Mr. Slatman concerning a new undertaking.  
Wea. Light snow squalls FRIDAY 22 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Miss Gretta Jordan and Chas. D. Melvin took break-  
fast with us having been with us over night. Grace  
and Gretta went on 9:34 train to work and Gill went  
with Charley on street car about an hour later. I  
spent some time working with the old clock trying to  
get it to strike correctly but did not succeed  
very well. I spent most of the day about the house.  
Read considerably in the newspapers. All at home  
at night. Grace told me that a lady friend & neighbor of  
hers had told her that three of our near neighbors had been  
soldiers and had learned that I had been in the army and  
Mr. Bachelor (being paralytic) was anxious to see me. His con-



Wear <sup>fair</sup> SAT. MARCH 23, 1912 Ther. <sup>bet.</sup>

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.

Spent the fore part of the day about the house not engaged in any very special business. In the afternoon Gill went with me to see Dr. Cheeseman who was treating me for nasal catarrh. He seemed to think that my health was improving and gave direction for me to continue taking the tablets and pills and discontinued the kidney medicine. The misses Hazel and Freda Waters took supper with us and our girls went with them to Mount Washington to visit a lady friend. Gill went back into town with them. Raining at night.

Wear <sup>Wet</sup> SUNDAY 24 Ther. <sup>wet</sup>

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.

Arose about half past seven and Helen and I ate breakfast together, the rest of the family being still in bed having been out quite late last night and slept until the middle of the day to make up for lost time. I felt as though my health was somewhat improved, my nose not giving me so much trouble on account of catarrh. I spent most of the day reading but found it very difficult to keep awake. It was eleven o'clock last night when Helen & I retired. Our young folks spent the day and evening at home with us. Weather foul.

Wear <sup>fair. Warm</sup> MON. MARCH 25, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.

Spent most of the day helping Helen to do the socks washing. My mind was considerably distracted in the evening. I spent some time searching among my old letters for one from Charles H. Patterson, my old roommate of Adrian College and finally found one dated at Chicago Sept. 23, 1911, supposed to be the last received from him. Thought of writing to him but gave it up. Received an invitation from Stewart Hanlin and his wife "Cal" to visit them tomorrow afternoon (our whole family) at their new home near Mt. Lebanon Church. Gill spent evening with his "salesmans club" in the city. Girls at home.

Wear <sup>fair</sup> TUESDAY 26 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.

Spent the forenoon about the house not feeling very well either in body or mind on account of my nasal catarrh for which I was doctoring. Rec'd a good letter from Etta Morrison of Eldersville, and one from Clyde E. Melvin from my old home near the same place. In the afternoon Helen Abie and I went with Gill out to Beechview on the street-car to visit my brother-in-law, Stewart J. Hanlin and family and Grace followed us when she quit work at the office and we had a splendid good time. Got home a little after eleven o'clock. Rheumatism in my left foot.



Wear <sup>fair</sup> WED. MARCH 27, 1912 Ther. <sup>Light rain</sup>

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh  
Spent the day about the house most of the time reading. Had a pain in my left knee which was not comfortable by any means but the pain almost ceased at night. Our young people were all at home at night. Grace informed me in the evening that I might expect to see my sister Mary next Sabbath afternoon as her son-in-law Ed Weaver had telephoned to her (Grace) that he expected to come with Mary at that time.

Wear <sup>foggy</sup> THURSDAY 28 Wet Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
I woke from my slumbers about six o'clock in the morning and rose to take breakfast with my family. I felt quite uncomfortable during the day on account of my mind being out of order the effect of cataract. We had with us at dinner a young man named Gus. Shoenburger, who was tuning our piano. He seemed to be very interesting company. Had a load of coal put into our cellar. Alice went to Mt Washington to spend the night at Robt Rawsthorne's, my hands had pained as if spells which I had been suffering in time past.

Wear Wet FRI. MARCH 29, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Was very cloudy and wet nearly all day and spent most of the day in the house reading in the Wesleyan Methodist and other papers, and took an all-over bath in a washing tub in the kitchen, the first all-over bath I had had since we came to Reflectorville. Sometime late in the afternoon Alice returned from Mount Washington and brought Miss Esther Rawsthorne with her to visit until Sunday. I was feeling quite weak and uncomfortable, and my hearing was more imperfect than common. Our young folks were all at home with us at night and also Esther Rawsthorne adding to the life.

Wear <sup>fair</sup> SATURDAY 30 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Spent the forenoon in the house reading. The weather being fine I got out afternoon although my limbs were exceedingly trembly and my head in very uncomfortable case from cataract. In the afternoon the sun came out beautifully and I got out and gathered the dead stuff off our garden and burned it with the prunings of the grapevines. Bill was out during most of day seeking employment and when he came home announced that he had arranged with the Oil Company to travel as salesman. I spent the evening at home reading in the Burgettstown Enterprise and his...



Weather exceptionally fair all day.

Wea. SUN. MARCH 31, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.

I slept until seven O'clock. Gill and Alice took either Hawthorne with them when they went to Church on Mount Washington and they came home at noon. About three O'clock Gill and I met my sister Mary and Ed Weaver at the car line. Ed spent the afternoon with us and left when Alice and Gill went to church again on the Mount. Mary still with us at night and we were enjoying her visit exceedingly. The day was an exceptional for the time of year clear and warm. My general health some better.

Wea. Cloudy MON. APRIL 1 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.

Spent most of the day helping with the books washing. We got through between three and four O'clock. My sister Mary Stephenson was visiting with us and we were having a very enjoyable time. My health was not good and my mind was considerably out of order with Catarrh but we had a very pleasant evening at home with Mary, Helen and the two girls at home. Gill spent his first day in the employ of The Gasoline Supply Co. of Pittsburgh, and at night attended meeting of Salesman School in the city. Day warm and somewhat cloudy.

Wea. <sup>raw</sup> TUES. APRIL 2, 1912 Ther. Snow

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.

My sister Mary visiting with me during the day. Gill and Grace away at their daily employment. I spent the day about the house reading part of the time although it was thought better on account of my mental derangement that I should not apply my mind closely to reading. In the evening Gill's large tool chest was put off train perhaps twenty or thirty rods from our house and Grace and I carried it and put it in cellar. Gill did not come home to supper; remained in city to attend some meeting. While we were eating supper it commenced snowing and was still snowing at almost nine O'clock.

Wea. fair WEDNESDAY 3 Ther.

Timberland Ave. 938. Pittsburgh Pa.

My sister Mary spent most of the day with us and we enjoyed her company very much. Alice went with her in the afternoon to see her on the car going with her daughter Etta Weaver to Oakdale. Gill spent the day in his new business with the Gasoline Supply Co. in the city. I felt uncomfortable on account of my mental incapacity. At night the young Mr. Bachelor and his wife - our near neighbors - made their first call on us and we had a very pleasant visit. Gill got home some time before they left. Mr. Bachelor an M. J. ...



Very fair  
Wea. THUR. APRIL 4, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose at usual time and about the middle  
of the forenoon Helen went with me on the  
street car; we went to the courthouse where  
I made out my voucher for pension for forty-  
five dollars for three months last past. Got  
home by the middle of the day and in the  
afternoon I took some sod off the garden  
and put it on a little patch near the steps  
in front of porch. Read in the Wesleyan  
Methodist at night. Gill at meeting of Salesman  
Committee Alice and Grace went to church on Mt.  
Washington. My mind seemingly better during day.  
Wea. Very fair FRIDAY 5 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about usual time feeling about as I  
had been feeling for some time past. In fore-  
noon I wrote a letter to Clyde V. Melin in answer  
to one received from him some days ago. Spent most  
of the afternoon cleaning old rubbish off our  
garden and burning it and taking some  
sod off the garden and putting it on a little  
plot near our front steps. I enjoyed the outdoor  
exercise very much and the weather seemed to indicate  
that we might soon shade the ground and plant garden  
seeds. Our young folks all at home at night and also  
a young man named Gilbert Sharp Collins.

Very fair  
Wea. SAT. APRIL 6, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
I spent most of the forenoon cleaning off our  
garden removing bunches of growing grass and flailing  
it where we wanted grass to grow. In the fore-  
noon I shaded up some ground to put in onions,  
but did not get any planted as it was the appoin-  
ted time for me to go to see the Doctor from  
whom I was taking treatments. Alice spent with  
me to town and ~~after dinner~~ Grace who took me to Doctor's  
office. Doctor thought my health improving. In the  
evening Mitchell Barothers came in and stayed  
until about ten o'clock and the evening seemed  
to be spent very pleasantly. Our young folks at home.  
Wea. Stormy SUNDAY 7 Ther. Rain & snow

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Slept until seven o'clock in the morning,  
and on rising found it raining. Did not any  
of our family attend church during the day.  
Mrs Mary Allen of Renardale visited us during  
the day and when she left in the evening Gill  
went with her on his way to Mount Washington to  
attend church. I wrote a letter in the evening,  
to Ethel Morrison of Eldersville and Helen wrote  
some to her sister Nan to put in with it. Had  
one of my peculiar spells while writing in my diary  
at night but it seemed to be soon over and I pro-  
ceeded with my writing. M. L. L. L.



Squally Snow falling most of day.  
Wea. MON. APRIL 8, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa  
Arose a little after six, and found snow  
falling. Was quite squally most of the day  
but came off clear and fine in the evening.  
Helen and I did a washing during the day.  
I was suffering with pain in the small of  
my back but was still able to run the wash-  
ing machine. Had some very peculiar feelings  
caused by Catarrh in my head. Spent the  
evening reading the Prohibition Paper, The  
Vindicator, published in Franklin Pa. Enjoyed  
the evening's reading more than common. My mind  
seemingly better than it had been for some time.  
Wea. fair TUESDAY 9 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose at six feeling considerably under the  
weather and spent most of forenoon in the house  
with cold hands and feet and feeling chilly. In the  
afternoon I spaded up a bed in the garden.  
Did not feel very strong. Back weak and some-  
what nervous. In the evening Grace and Alice  
went to Robt. Rawsthorne on Mount Washington to  
stay with the children over night, while their old  
people were away attending the wedding of their  
niece, Walter and Esther Rawsthorne and us  
some Easter Cards. Gill went into city at night to hear  
Ex President, Ed. Roosevelt and Hatfield for President speak.

WED. APRIL 10, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about six O'clock with very uncomfortable  
feelings in my head and back. I spent the  
day working in the garden preparing the  
ground in forenoon to receive the seed and  
in afternoon Helen and I planted onions  
lettuce, beets and radishes and I spaded a  
bed to be used for peas. At different times  
during the day my head was affected with spells  
such as I had been suffering for years past but was  
not rendered entirely unconscious. Gill and Alice  
were at home at night. Grace at Women's Missionary  
meeting on Mount Washington.  
Wea. fair THURSDAY 11 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose at usual time not feeling very well. My  
head out of order. Spent forenoon about the  
premises planning how to repair the fence so  
as to keep chickens in their yard and in the after-  
noon I made and hung a gate at the corner of the  
building. Mrs. J. O. Corner called on us in the after-  
noon and we had a very pleasant call, which I ap-  
preciated. I felt better in the afternoon than common  
although I had two or three of my spells as the  
effect of Catarrh. Took chance to bathe my feet  
in warm water before retiring.



Forenoon fair

Wea. FRI. APRIL 12, 1912 Ther. Rain

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.

Arose about usual time feeling pretty well. Spent the forenoon doing little work about the garden and in the afternoon prepared a bed to be planted in peas but did not get it marked out. Alice went into town in the evening expecting to meet Grace and for some cause unknown to me they did not get home until much later than usual and I began to feel quite unwell. Robert Shoul and his wife came and took supper with us and spent the evening very pleasantly until about half past ten o'clock.

Rained from about five o'clock in the evening

Wea. Sat. SATURDAY 13 fair Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.

Arose a few minutes after six o'clock, not feeling very well and the forenoon being damp cloudy and foggy, I spent it mostly in the house reading and sleeping on my chair. I spent some time in the afternoon getting branches of a Rambler Rose Bush out of wire fence soon to be taken down.

Repaired the broken back of a kitchen chair. We were expecting Charlie to come some time during the day on his way home from Uniontown, where he was on business. He and Geo. Lloyd a business partner came a little after dark, and started for Youngstown on street car leaving Reflecterville at 20 minutes to eleven p.m.

Showery

Wea. SUN. APRIL 14, 1912 Ther. fair

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.

Arose a few minutes after seven o'clock and on account of my ill health and dullness of hearing I did not make any effort to attend church. Gill attended on Mt. Washington. Grace and Alice spent the forenoon in bed. Gill and I walked out to Brookline in afternoon. Roped up one deep hollow and down another in suburbs of the city. Family all at home at night although weather was more favorable than during the day. I did not have any very serious spells of paralytic feeling during the day although I did not feel very comfortable. My head out of order and my mind affected somewhat.

Wea. Mon MONDAY 15 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.

Awoke when the clock struck six and arose at the usual time with a lame back which kept lame all day and I suffered two spells of partial unconsciousness, all seemingly in my head. Helped Helen to do a washing and she was suffering with a severe headache. I drilled a hole in an iron plate for rod tamper. Grace and Alice called on their friend Frances Linduff who had recently been discharged from hospital but still suffering with rheumatism. Gill attending his night school as student of salesmanship. School at G. M. C. I kept feeling uncomfortable at 9 p.m.



Wear <sup>Wear</sup> TUES. APRIL 16, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.

Up a few minutes before six, not feeling very well. Appearance of pain. Prepared some ground hogs breakfast for seeds and planted some immediately after. I spent some time removing plantains from garden. Did some folding in afternoon, the hardest work done since coming to the place. Children all at home at night and Gill put up the porch swing. Gill and Grace furnished us with some music vocal and instrumental.

Papers gave account of sinking of Ocean vessel Titanic on first trip. 1335 passengers <sup>and crew</sup> drowned. 885 saved. Vessel said to cost \$10,000,000. Biggest ship in world.

Wear <sup>Wear</sup> WEDNESDAY 17 Wet Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.

When I arose about six in the morning I had quite an uncomfortable feeling in my head and as the weather was unfavorable I did not undertake any very heavy work. Dug some plantains out of the chalk at end of house. Made two shallow boxes out of one to sprout seeds in. Made some repairs on props for the clothes line. Light work seemed to suit the condition of my health. Young folks all at home at night. Thunder showers between dark and bedtime. My head feeling much more comfortable than in the forenoon. Did not have but <sup>but light</sup> ~~an~~ <sup>an</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~con~~ <sup>con</sup> ~~some~~ <sup>some</sup> ~~spell~~ <sup>spell</sup> during the day.

Cloudy

Wear THUR. APRIL 18, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.

Being unwell the clock stopped about five o'clock and did not awaken me at six and I lay in bed until half past six. Felt better during day than had been feeling for some time. Spent part of the day cleaning the hen house and wash room which former occupants had used for chicken house. Found two small rocking chairs on wash room loft and made some repairs on a rocker of one of them. Replaced some sod. Did not undertake any very heavy work during day. Had on very brief spell of brain trouble unknown to members of the family.

Wear <sup>Wear</sup> FRIDAY 19 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.

Slept about half an hour later than usual but ate breakfast with the family as usual and spent the day about the premises repairing some chicken wire fence and some small folding rocking chairs found on loft of chicken house. The weather was quite cool and cloudy. Gill spent the evening at home; Alice and Grace called on our next neighbors Batchelors and spent the evening there. I felt better during the day than common. Did not have any symptoms of my usual spells of unconsciousness or nervousness or account of trouble in my head arising from Saturday.

Alice made several small repairs on wash room chairs and some small folding chairs.



First  
Wea. <sup>fair</sup> SAT. APRIL 20, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose a few minutes before six feeling pretty comfortable and spent the forenoon trying to improve the appearance of our front yard by leveling up and sodding a bed that had been used for flowers. In afternoon Grace went with me to see Dr. Cheeseman who treated my nostrils for Catarrh. At night Gill and Alice attended Choir practice on Mt. Washington, Grace remained at home. Our two neighbors, the steel girls called and spent the evening with us and left just shortly before Gill and Alice got home. I could not enjoy company on account of deafness.

Thurs Wea. fair SUNDAY 21 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa  
Slept until seven o'clock; Arose feeling tolerably comfortable. Gill and Alice attended church on Mt. Washington and took dinner at Robt. Rawsthornes. Brought home with them some papers for me presented by the Waters family and I spent the evening reading about Adrian College. While I was walking the floor in the forenoon for healthful exercise, my wife informed me that such walking was very annoying to the whole family and especially to Alice who said that it made her so nervous that she could scarcely stand it. I resolved desist. Although it was to me both enjoyable and profitable on many occasions when other exercise could not well be engaged in.

Shower  
Wea. MON. APRIL 22, 1912 Ther. Rain. hail.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose at usual time. Spent some time in the morning hoeing weeds off the unshaded garden and shaded up the flower bed on top of the cistern. Helped Helen to do the usual week washing. Shower of rain in morning. Put clothes out to dry afternoon and hurried them in in evening to avoid shower of rain and hail. Grace and Alice at home at night. Gill attended Banquet at the Fort Pitt Hotel given by the Class of students of Salesmanship. I felt tolerably well during day. No symptoms of unconscious spells, although I realized that my mental faculties were very seriously affected.

Wea. <sup>fair</sup> TUESDAY 23 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose a few minutes after six feeling better than common with the exception that my eyes felt as though they were injured in some way, which feeling lasted most of forenoon. Spent the day mostly in the garden and among the flowers, preparing beds and doing some sodding. Dug the ground about our rhubarb. In the evening when the train came out from town on which Gill and Grace came home, sent a Coop containing ten hens and a rooster sent to us from Reverdale, Hens \$1.00 per head and \$2.00 for the rooster. I felt unusually well during the day. All at home at night.



<sup>Showery</sup>  
Wea. WED. APRIL 24, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose at six feeling tolerably comfortable.  
Spent the day in various employments. Put a  
hinge on the kitchen table. Carried four buckets  
of sand from the side of street where it had been  
thrown from a stalled team wagon. Our family  
all at home at night and Gill trimmed my hair  
and beard. Our hens received yesterday, laid  
three eggs first day in our possession, and shut  
up in henhouse for want of fenced off lot out of  
doors. Papers still filled up with news concerning  
the late terrible disaster at sea in which the Titanic  
on its first trip was sunk and hundreds of lives lost.

<sup>Frost</sup>  
Wea. THURSDAY 25 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa. Reflectonville  
Arose at usual time feeling as well as common.  
Spent most of the forenoon in the shop sharpening  
the knives of the lawn mower and the toe shears  
and the shears for cutting tin, and spent some  
time cutting off bunches of high grass in the yard.  
In the afternoon Stewart and Cal. Haulin with  
their daughter-in-law and Lois their grand  
daughter came and spent the evening with us  
until almost nine o'clock. The little girl very  
smart, winning and entertaining although not  
yet old enough to talk. Our family all at home  
at night. I felt tolerably well during the day.

<sup>Showery</sup>  
Cool Wea. FRI. APRIL 26, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Slept until almost 7 o'clock. My back feeling  
lame. Spent the day about the house and garden.  
Between showers I did some loosening of the ground  
about the onions and lettuce and took some sod  
off the alley back of our lot and placed it on  
an upraised and cement-walled plot between  
the back porch and the wash-house. Rained a  
greater portion of the day and still not much water  
fell. I had some indication of one of my spells but  
it passed off very lightly. Helen was not feeling  
well during the day. All our family at home at  
night. Bad weather for announced union Sabbath school  
parade.

Wea. SATURDAY 27 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa. 19<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Arose about usual time feeling about as usual  
and spent the day doing chores. Put up a piece  
of brass tubing for a towel roller. Did some  
sodding of dove yard. Let our chickens out  
of house for first time into yard enclosure  
and they showed no signs of wanting to get  
out. At night Gill attended choir practice  
at M. P. Church Mt. Washington and the girls  
attended a meeting of their Yachting Club at  
some private residence on the Mount. They atten-  
ded more especially because they had not been at  
that residence on former similar occasions.

of being partial.



Cool Wea. <sup>Rain</sup> SUN. APRIL 28, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa

Slept until seven. Arose with feelings of impaired health. Gill called at drugstore to get me some medicine but found store locked. Grace and Alice did not attend church in forenoon. Gilbert Sharp called and took supper with us in the evening and he went with Alice to church at night. Gill also went to church. We had some asparagus from our own garden soup for supper. I had two or three light spells during the day and evening. Lasted but for a few minutes. Let our chickens out in yard, they got out to alley but did not cause any serious trouble.

Wea. Wet MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> Wet Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.

Awake before six and found rain falling. Was not a fit day for out door work and I helped my wife do the washing and after it was completed I put up a small collapsible rack on which to dry dishcloths.

I had symptoms of two or three spells of convulsions (as the doctor, Cheesman, called them) during the day but they did not amount to much and I was able to go all the time.

Our family all at home at night and no callers at eight o'clock when I wrote.

Cool Cloudy - Wea. TUES. APRIL 30, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa. 19<sup>th</sup> Grad

Suffered one of my spells in the night and had my hands and arms puffed. When I woke in the morning was not feeling well and did not undertake to do much during the day. Got the chickens out in afternoon and hosed them in grape orchard. Cleaned out the chicken house. Was threatened at different times with spells which Dr. Cheesman called convulsions. Weather was so cool that I wore my overcoat while watching the chickens in afternoon. Family all at home at night. Spent part of my time reading and part of it sleeping in my chair. My head not right.

Wea. fair WED. MAY 1 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.

Arose at usual time. Mercury down almost to freezing point but fog and mist soon cleared away. I spent the day mostly clearing out the dead trash from the rose bushes, which had been winter killed. Had some trouble keeping our chickens in the lot as the wire fence was in bad condition. Had some peculiar experience concerning my health with light spells of convulsions which lasted but for a short time. Young folks visited at home. Keis at Castle Shannon at night. I had a spell about nine o'clock. Head not right.



Wea. fair THUR. MAY 2, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa. 19 ward  
Arose at six and breakfasted as usual with  
my wife Helen, my daughter Grace and son Till.  
Spent most of forenoon looking after and atten-  
ding the chickens. Did some spading in the garden  
beside hoing onions, beets, lettuce and peas and  
cultivating some flowerbeds. Somebodys dairy-  
quime cows came to our place and I turned  
them back to prevent mischief. I had very pecu-  
liar feelings during day. Could hardly be called  
"spells" or "spasms" although they were of that nature.  
Miss Sutton came home with Grace in the evening  
and spent the night with us. Family all at home.

Wea. very fair FRIDAY 3 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose a few minutes after six feeling quite ner-  
vous and trembly, but got to feel better soon  
after breakfast when I got out to herd the  
chickens which had gotten out of their pen and  
were likely to mix with neighbors and possibly cause  
trouble. I spent some time extracting the dandelions from  
our front yard which made us a nice mess of greens for  
supper. I spent part of afternoon spading our garden.  
Rev. Wm A. Crawford visited us in the afternoon per-  
haps two hours. In the evening the girls were out  
gathering Blue violets with two of our near neighbor  
ladies who called at our place and left their gatherings

Wea. fair SAT. MAY 4, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about usual time feeling tolerably well. Let our  
chickens out of their enclosure on to the common and spent  
some time watching them to prevent their getting together with  
those of our neighbors. Dug some weeds off some ground which  
I proposed to plant with potatoes. Prepared some ground in  
the garden for onions and some other things. In the after-  
noon Till went with me to the Dr's (Cheseman's) office in  
the City where I was treated for nasal Catarrh. The  
Misses Lottie Rawthorne and Crop took supper with us  
and carried home with them a very large bunch of Blue  
violets gathered in woods near our place. Misses R. Crothers  
visited with us and helped Till gather grass off our lawn.

Wea. fair SUNDAY 5 Ther. threatening rain

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Slept until half past six and our girls slept most  
of forenoon. I spent most of the day reading and  
felt pretty comfortable most of the time although I  
had some peculiar feelings, caused perhaps by nasal  
Catarrh. Our young folks took a walk in the evening  
and gathered quite a large bunch of Blue violets, of  
which there was quite an abundant supply on  
the Commons near our residence. The young folks  
went to Mount Washington at night to attend  
Church. Clouds gathered in the evening and a little  
rain fell before we retired.



Cloudy Rain  
Wea. MON. MAY 6, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose at usual time, feeling tolerably well.  
Spent forenoon working in garden, shading  
and preparing ground for planting and helped  
Helen to plant some peas and beans and she  
planted some cucumbers. In the afternoon  
I helped her to do a washing, but pain  
prevented me from putting it out to dry.  
At night read the "Indicator" our Pro-  
hibition paper. Our girls were at home  
at night, but Gill was in town. Grace pre-  
pared a box of flowers, Lilacs and Blue violets  
to send to Youngstown to her brother Charley.

Wea. Wet TUESDAY 7 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose a few minutes after six as usual  
and was able to be about and do chores during  
the day. Mended a couple of umbrellas and  
trimmed some grass off the edges of the lawn.  
I had peculiar feelings during the day, a  
peculiar feeling in my head and by times  
almost fell off my feet. Ground was too wet to  
do anything in the garden. The postman brought  
a letter for Grace from D. in Youngstown Ohio.  
Our youngsters all at home at night. I spent  
more time reading the daily paper at night than  
commonly. My eyes not in good condition

Rain  
Fair Wea. WED. MAY 8, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about usual time and took breakfast  
with family as usual. Spent most of the day  
clearing weeds off the vacant alley back of our  
lot and shading it up to plant potatoes and sweet  
corn. Quite a heavy rain with thunder and light-  
ning in afternoon. I felt tolerably well during  
the day but had some very uncomfortable  
feelings something of the nature of what Dr. Chase man  
Crawdions. Broke my shade while at work in the  
afternoon. Two young people, a brother and sister named  
Blair called on our young people at night.  
Our young people all at home

Wea. Windy THURSDAY 9 fair Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
Nothing unusual in the morning. Gill and Grace  
went to their work on the train from Reflector-  
ville at 7-34. I spent most of the forenoon  
trimming out the honeysuckle vines which the  
winter had killed, and in the afternoon I used  
the hoe digging off the weeds of the alley back of  
our lot, which I was preparing to shade up and  
plant in potatoes and sweet-corn. In the evening  
Gill and I measured our lot and found it 48 ft.  
wide front, 68 ft wide in rear and 121 ft long.  
Mr Steel and some other man were making some arrange-  
ments about putting up a new wire fence around the



Wea. <sup>Fri</sup> FRI. MAY 10, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Avenue, Pittsburgh Pa  
Arose at usual time and while we were  
at breakfast Mr Blair came and com-  
menced taking down the wire fence about our  
door yard and spent the day setting posts to  
put up a new fence. Put posts 42 inches in the  
ground. I spent most of the day spading  
potato ground in the vacant alley, and pre-  
paring ground in the garden for the reception  
of seeds. At night Gill and Grace made a  
call at the Blair Residence on our street and  
Alice was at home entertaining Gilbert Sharp.  
I felt pretty well during the day. <sup>Letter from Mary</sup> Had a letter from Mary.

Wea. <sup>Sat</sup> SATURDAY 11 Rain Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Spent part of forenoon spading in unused  
alley back of lot and in afternoon planted al-  
most a half bushel of potatoes there. Helen spent  
most of the day out of doors hoeing & and  
we got the garden in good shape. Grace and  
Alice called in to see our sick neighbor, Mrs  
Bachelor, in afternoon. Rained in the evening  
and at 7-25 there was a rainbow very  
visible, and I was reminded that once when I  
was a boy I saw a rainbow by moonlight as father  
and I were taking load of lumber from sawmill.  
It was a very pretty sight not often seen.

Cloudy  
Wea. SUN. MAY 12, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa  
Slept until half past six. Spent the day at  
home, my dull hearing and state of health pre-  
venting me from attending church. Spent most  
of the day reading. Herded the chickens a short  
time out on grass. Grace remained at home  
with her mother and me. Gill attended church  
at usual place on Mt Washington. Alice went  
with Gilbert Sharp to Washington and visited  
Alice's friend Mrs Mansfield who was formerly Tom's  
sister. Grace and Gill at home at night and  
improved the time at the organ and singing,  
making time pass very pleasantly.  
Cool Wea. Cloudy MONDAY 13 damp Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose at usual time and took breakfast  
with the family before Gill and Grace started to  
their work at 7-34 on train. Helped Helen to  
do the washing during the day. Gill came home  
at noon and took dinner with us and got his over-  
coat which he wore all afternoon. I spaded a  
little bit of ground in the vacant alley and finished  
planting the half bushel of potatoes Gill provided.  
Read some in a book entitled "Thirty Years in Hell"  
written by a former priest, who had left the Catholic  
Church and was diligently showing up the evils of the insti-  
tution. It was a very interesting book.



<sup>Shower</sup>  
Wea. TUES. MAY 14, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about half past five and found mercury  
almost down to freezing point. Spent part of  
the day sharpening scythe and grape sickle  
and cutting the grass from among our  
grape vines. Spent some time reading  
the book entitled "Thirty Years in Hell" and  
found it very interesting, - showing Calvaryism  
up in bad light. Mr. Blair was busy during  
the day setting fence posts about our door  
yard. Our young folks all at home at  
night. I felt tolerably well during day. Notice in  
paper President had signed bill increasing pensions.

<sup>Free</sup>  
Wea. fair WEDNESDAY 15 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose at six and discovered a horse on  
the Rail Road trestle and unable to get  
off. Helen and Grace had heard the noise of  
its struggling, between two and three o'clock but  
did not know what it was. Had two legs broken and  
died about half past seven and wreck train took  
it away. I felt unusually strong and spent  
most of the day spading the unused alley  
preparatory to planting it in garden truck.  
Mr Blair setting posts for yard fence. Our  
young folks all at home at night.

<sup>Wet</sup> <sup>Fair</sup>  
Wea. THUR. MAY 16, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose at six and found it raining. Spent  
most of the forenoon finishing reading the book  
entitled "Thirty Years in Hell". In afternoon  
I put up some old wire fence about the  
Alley which I had been spading and had  
planted some potatoes. The old wire  
fence was badly rusted and very tender.  
A shower drove me in a hill before  
getting time. Mr. Blair busy during  
part of day setting fence posts about our lot.  
Our young folks all at home at night.  
I felt pretty well during the day.  
Wea. Cloudy FRIDAY 17 Damp Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose at usual time and spent most of the  
forenoon trimming the grass off of part of  
our door yard and in the afternoon I  
finished spading our Alley patch and  
leveled the lumps down with the hoe and  
made it ready for the rake. The old wire  
fence serving as a notice "to Treeparing"  
and not fit for much more. This being the  
Birth day of our Grace and also of Bertha  
Rawstone, Bertha and Esther came in the  
evening with Gell and Grace from town bringing  
presents for Grace and intending to stay until about



frost Wea <sup>fair</sup> SAT. MAY 18, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose at usual time and breakfasted  
with my wife, Grace and Gill and  
they went to their usual employment at  
usual time. Bertha and Esther Rawsthorne  
took breakfast with Alice and spent the  
day with us seemingly enjoying their  
visit very much. I spent some time  
putting up supports for peas both  
peas to be eaten and flowering peas. Hoed  
some in the garden and gathered up some  
bark and chips, the dressings of the  
posts being set about the yard by Mr Blair.  
Charles and Tilo came after I had relished for the mail.  
Wea. <sup>fair</sup> SUNDAY 19 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about six o'clock and learned  
that Charley and Tilo had come last night  
after I had gone to bed. Charley and Gill went  
with the two Rawsthorne girls to their home  
in Mt. Washington about noon and the boys were  
back in time for dinner about three and  
Char and Tilo left about six. Char going  
home Tilo to her sisters Gill, Grace and  
Alice went with them to street car then  
gathered some violets. Gilbert Sharp came  
about sunset, presumably to call on  
Alice. I did not feel very well during day.

Wea <sup>fair</sup> <sup>awarm</sup> MON. MAY 20, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose a little earlier than usual and helped  
to do the washing and spent some  
time preparing ground for planting corn  
beans etc. And in the evening when Gill  
got home from his work he helped me to  
mark out some of the ground and we  
planted some sweet corn and some  
beans. Mr Bachelor got a blank ap-  
plication for Pension for me for increase  
under act of May 11<sup>th</sup> 1912. Mr Blair was  
not on his job all afternoon setting posts.  
Weather warmer than it had been recently.

Wea. <sup>fair</sup> TUESDAY 21 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Did not feel well during the day and  
the sun being unusually warm I  
thought best to keep in house most of the  
time and made out my application for  
increase of pension under act of Congress  
of May 11<sup>th</sup> 1912. Found my diary very  
servicable in looking up dates of moving  
from place to place since discharge.  
Made a gate of old wire on frame to close  
entrance to alley patch. Mr Blair digging  
post holes for line fence between our stall  
and Walters'. Walters ducting to button dirt to his



Wea. WED. MAY 22, 1912 Ther.

<sup>Fair Warm</sup>  
938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose at usual time and Alice went  
with me to Court House in forenoon where  
I put in my application for increase of  
pension under Act of May 11 "1912 which in-  
creased my pension from \$15 per month to \$24 per  
month. Spent most of afternoon putting a  
screen door in the back door of our  
kitchen. It was supposed that the former  
tenants took the screens that belonged there.  
Our young folks all at home at night.  
I felt pretty well all day until late in  
the evening when my head became uncomfortable.

Wea. fair THURSDAY 23 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Slept half an hour later than usual in  
the morning. Spent most of the day tinker-  
ing. Put the fly screen in the front door  
and put a hinge on a door the entrance  
to place under the shop and chicken house.  
In the evening I stirred the ground between  
the potato rows which had been badly tram-  
pled while Mr. Blair was setting fence posts.  
He set the last post today and put on some braces.  
Gill at home at night. Girls went to Mt.  
Washington to attend their club meeting.  
Did not feel very well during day.

Rained a few drops about one p.m.  
Wea. FRI. MAY 24, 1912 Ther.

<sup>Fair</sup>  
938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about six o'clock and spent  
the day about home. Gill ate breakfast  
early and went to Washington on business.  
I shaded up some ground in the garden  
and prepared it to receive some plants.  
Were expecting rain, a few drops fell  
about one o'clock but not enough to sam-  
per the ground. Mr. Blair was putting  
wire on the fence about the lot and I  
helped him home. Family all at home  
at night. I felt better during day than  
for some days past.

Wea. fair SATURDAY 25 dry Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose at six and spent the forenoon  
doing chores about the house. Put strings  
up for sweet peas to vine upon. In the  
afternoon Alice went with me to see Dr.  
Cheeseman. He pronounced my nose very  
much better - almost healed up. Helped Helen  
to plant some Lima beans, and broke the  
crust over a row of potatoes trampled in setting  
fence posts and putting on wire. Grace learned  
during day of Mr. Culler's death. Died very suddenly.  
Gill and Alice attended choir rehearsal at  
night. Grace at home at night.



938  
Cool  
Wea. fair SUN. MAY 26, 1912 Ther.

938, Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Did not rise until seven in the morning. Spent the entire day at home, my hearing being so bad that I could not hear preaching if I should go to church. Bill and Alice went to church in forenoon. Came home to dinner and Bill and Grace went back to Mt. Washington at night expecting to call at the Cutter mansion. Mr. Cutter a corpse at undertakers rooms to be buried tomorrow. Weather quite cool both morning and evening. Had gas lit in morning for heat in dining room.

Wea. fair MONDAY 27 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Slept until almost seven o'clock. Helped Helen with the washing, carried water from cistern, ran the washing machine, turned spring, put out line etc. We got through about four o'clock and clothes dry before night. I spent some time putting some extra wire on new fence to keep chickens in their place, and spent the evening sprinkling the garden and flowers. Young folks all at home at night. Alice attended funeral of Mr. Cutter in afternoon on Mount Washington at Cutter residence.

938  
Wea. fair TUES. MAY 28, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Helen rested very imperfectly during the night, but got up about the usual time and put the breakfast party on the table and feeling quite sick she woke the girls and then returned to bed where she spent the day feeling very feverish. She took salts and when they started she got some relief and took a little nourishment in the evening. I spent part of the day reinforcing the lower part of our new fence to keep our chickens inside our lot. Watered the garden in the evening. Alice gave a man and boy a lunch in forenoon. Young folks all at home at night.

Wea. fair WEDNESDAY 29 Ther. Rain.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose at usual time, but Helen, who usually was first up, being sick, was still in bed and sleeping. I woke the girls who prepared breakfast. Helen was in bed during forenoon, but got out afternoon and helped attend to the chickens and turned out some bees in the garden. I finished reinforcing the new fence and turned the poultry into larger room. Rained heavily in the afternoon and in the evening. Bill and the girls trimmed the grass of the front yard unknown to me until they had the grub called to the lot.



Cloudy Afternoon fair  
Wea. THUR. MAY 30, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
Being "Decoration Day" and considered  
a holiday our young folks were not at  
work. Gill and I attended Decoration  
exercises at South Side Cemetery but was  
too late getting there to witness the parade,  
and my hearing was so very imperfect on  
account of nasal Catarrh that I got no  
good of the addresses. The turnout was good  
considering the appearance of the weather.  
Gill, Grace and Alice went to Mt. Lebanon to  
picnic in afternoon. Helen thinned out beats and  
set out plants. I repaired some wire fence.

Wea. fair FRIDAY 31 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose a few minutes before six o'clock  
and found mercury down to 37° above zero.  
Spent most of the forenoon completing the  
rebuilt old wire fence about our alley lot.  
In afternoon I spent some time pre-  
paring a coop for some little chicks  
expected to hatch soon. My left eye  
was very much bloodshot all day, but  
Grace and Alice talked with Dr. Ches-  
man about it and he did not seem to  
think it a matter of much importance.  
Young folks all home at night.

Wea. fair SAT. JUNE 1, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose a few minutes after six. Spent  
most of the forenoon gathering up wire  
netting and material to use in repairing fence  
about our enclosure for little chickens, expecting  
some to hatch soon; spent part of afternoon  
at same work. In the evening helped Helen  
to spray the rose bushes which were infested  
with Rose bugs. Gill went to Youngstown  
in afternoon to attend a meeting with Charles  
P. Melvin and Geo. Lloyd concerning Foundry Busi-  
ness. Grace and Alice went to Mount Washington  
to attend social party with some young friends.

Wea. light SUNDAY 2 Showers Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose a few minutes after seven o'clock.  
Helen, as usual was out before me. Gill  
was in Youngstown Ohio. The girls having  
been out very late last night, slept late.  
My inability to hear prevented me from at-  
tending church. Spent some time reading in  
the Bible and in different papers. My neighbors  
Batchelors put in time trimming about their  
door yard. Was cloudy most of day but the  
showers were light. Gill got home between  
ten and eleven o'clock, and reported his  
brothers folks all pretty well.



Cloudy. Afternoon fair  
Wea. MON. JUNE 3, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburg Pa.  
Arose at usual time and helped Helen to do the usual week's washing which was quickly dried. I also made a frame for a door for a coop to keep young chickens in and in the evening Helen and I set out about a dozen tomato plants procured from a neighbor gardener. They were not very thrifty. I felt very uncomfortable all day on account of my diseased head. Found my mind becoming more and more affected.

Wea. fair TUESDAY 4 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburg Pa.  
Arose at usual time and Gill and Grace went to their usual employment at the usual time. I spent most of the day building receptacles for hens (with little chicks) places for them to stay in overnight. Remodelling storeboxes and putting wire netting fronts on them for doors and ventilation. I got the third one ready for the hinges on the door. Helen took a hen and fourteen young chicks of nest. Young folks called at neighbor Blacks at night. There was end rain some during the day, but no rain.

fair  
Wea. WED. JUNE 5, 1912 Ther. Cool

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburg Pa.  
Arose at usual time and took breakfast with family as usual and Gill and Grace went to work as usual on train at 7-34. I spent the day mostly in shop making chicken coop and in lot of hoeing potatoes, corn, tomatoes, beans etc. Mr. Blair put gates on our yard fence and I graded and paved the approach to the one near kitchen. Grace and Alice went in evening to call on the Jordan's at their country home. I did not feel well during day. Had a spell of unconsciousness a short time.

Wea. changeable THURSDAY 6 Ther. light showers

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburg Pa.  
Arose at usual time and took breakfast with my wife and Gill and Grace before they went to their usual employment. I tried to stop some holes under our new fence but did not succeed well with stones. Worked some on coops for the housing of little chicks. Christian Endeavor Convention in session in Rev. Richter's Church in and delegates were expected from Bethel & Eldersville and Gill and Alice attended at night expecting to meet them. Etta Monech and Eva Kidd were there but having a room assigned them near the church chose to remain in the city.

and Alice had to find the right track



Wea. fair FRI. JUNE 7, 1912 Ther. <sup>col</sup>

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose at usual time and learned that  
the lady delegates from Eldersville & Bethel  
at C. S. Conventions did not come home with  
Gill and Alice last night. I spent almost  
the entire day preparing entertainment  
for our young chicks which were hatching.  
Fourteen off the nest and fifteen more  
ready to be taken off. Prepared five coops  
one for each hen we had set, and put up  
wire pens - separate apartments. Our young boys  
went to Mount Washington at night to call  
on the Helms family. Evening clear & cool.

Wea. fair SATURDAY 8 Frost Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Slept until almost half past six o'clock  
and found on waking, a white frost which  
killed beans and other vegetables. I spent  
the day tinkering about the enclosures for  
chickens, closing the fence, using wire netting.  
By the evening when Gill and Grace came  
home from work Miss Amanda Cassidy,  
Miss Lottai Rawsthorne and Miss  
Evans came home with them and took  
supper. Miss Cassidy remained over night.  
Gill, Grace and Alice with the other  
two ladies went to Mt. Washington to choir rehearsal.

Wea. fair SUN. JUNE 9, 1912 Ther. Cool.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Grace and Alice attended church at  
Mount Washington in forenoon and remained  
over for evening service. Gill remained at home  
during the day. Amanda Cassidy was with us  
during the day and night. Although my hearing  
was very dull I made out to talk some with her  
on Scripture subjects, principally on the Spirit  
as spelled in Scripture with the Capital "S" and  
with the small "s". She attended service at  
a small mission chapel at Smith's Station.  
Had fire in dining room most of the day.  
Helen put two flocks of chickens, 24 with one hen.

Wea. fair MONDAY 10 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Amanda Cassidy took breakfast with  
us and left about ten o'clock having been  
with us since Saturday evening. Helen and  
I did a washing during the day although  
we were late getting at it. Used the suds  
and rinse water about the plants in the  
garden. Gill and Alice made a call  
at the grocery store at Smith's Station and  
brought some ice cream home with them  
in the evening. My head had some very pe-  
culiar feelings during the day. My hearing better  
and then cold at night.



Wear Fair WEDNES. JUNE 11, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa  
Spent most of the day preparing accommodations for the chickens so as to keep them separate. Young folks had an appointment for a gathering here in the evening. David Lloyd came and took supper with us. Mrs. Wilkins and her two daughters. Miss Bess Brose. Mitchell R Brothers Mr. Turner and Gilbert Sharp. They had considerable fun and some pretty fair music. Miss Wilkins played the piano. They left a little after eleven o'clock escorted to car by our youngsters.

Wear Cloudy WEDNESDAY 12 Ther showers

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.

Arose a few minutes after six and took breakfast with family as usual. Spent part of the forenoon helping Helen to do some replanting of beans and sweet corn killed by the frost on the morning of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst; then spent the remainder of the day tinkering with wire fence divisions of lots to keep little chicks in. Gill intended to bring wire netting but he was unusually late getting home and I did not see the wire. Had some very queer feelings in my head during the day. My hearing better than common.

Wear Fair THUR. JUNE 13, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose at usual time and found Gill just through with his breakfast and ready to go on the early train, his business being in Wilkesbore, and he did not get home until sundown in the evening. I spent most of the day tinkering about the chickens enclosures and did not get through Gill having failed to secure the wire netting. Helped Helen in the evening to sprinkle the garden which was suffering for want of rain. Did not feel as well as usual in the evening; pain in bowels.

Wear Fair FRIDAY 14 Ther. Windy

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose at usual time and found wind blowing from North East and it continued to blow from the same point nearly all day without bringing the clouds or rain to us. Hoed our potatoes and corn and beans, and in the evening helped Helen to do some sprinkling on the garden. I suffered two peculiar spells in my head during the day, both of short duration but causing very uncomfortable feelings. Gill was not yet home from Wilkesbore at nine o'clock at night.



Wea. <sup>fair</sup> SAT. JUNE 15, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.

On waking in the morning I found my shirt-collar unfastened and understood that I had suffered another of my unconscious spells in the night and my wife had opened my collar to relieve my troubled breathing. Wind continued to blow all day as it did yesterday until sundown when it became calm. Rained some in forenoon. Mrs. Annie Mansfield and her step daughter who had been with us over night were with us until evening and the young ladies with whom I was not acquainted called in until bed time. Till still not home from his work. I did not feel well during the day.

Wea. Cloudy SUNDAY 16 <sup>rain</sup> Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.

Having been up late last night I remained in bed until seven o'clock. Had very peculiar feelings during the day. None of our family attending church. My head badly out of order and my hearing very dull. Read several chapters in the New Testament and had peculiar feelings on account of my nasal affliction. Considerable rain fell at different times during the day and evening and still cloudy when night came.

<sup>Changeable</sup>  
Wea. MON. JUNE 17, 1912 Ther. <sup>Cloudy</sup>

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.

Arose about six o'clock having very peculiar feelings on account of my nasal Catarrh and my mind seemed to be considerably affected during the day and my ears were also badly affected but somewhat relieved by use of tweezers removing wax. Spent some time cutting & repairing grass in front yard and turning loam off potato patch. Felt quite weak and tremble at night but spent most of the evening reading The Indicator (Prohibition Paper) Till at home during evening. Girls out calling on neighbors.

Wea. <sup>partly Cloudy</sup> TUESDAY 18 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa. At waking time I had been accustomed to place my ear near the pendulum of clock in dark to learn if it was still ticking, but when I awoke this morning in bed I heard distinctly the clock ticking. Toward evening my ears were again obstructed. Grace took my watch to jeweler and had it regulated. She took my gold framed glasses to have frame mended. I spent most of day helping Helen to do a washing. Till about five o'clock. Till Grace and Alice went in the evening to call on Stewart and Call Hanlin at their home at Dormont. Fred Hanlin coming to Stoutsville with his family and going into bank.



Mostly fair      Threatening rain  
Wea. WED. JUNE 19, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose a few minutes after six feeling quite  
uncomfortable as the effect of nasal catarrh.  
Spent most of the day arranging coops and  
enclosures for the accommodation of four hens  
and forty six little chicks. Although not  
feeling well, I succeeded pretty fairly and the  
flocks occupied their places at night. In the  
evening Jo. Connor and his wife came to call on  
us and I could not recall Jo's name <sup>independently</sup> it was a  
very enjoyable visit. Miss Blair also spent the  
evening with our young folks and it was well  
nigh midnight when we got to bed.

Wea. fair THURSDAY 20 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa. 19<sup>th</sup> and  
Slept later than commonly and had  
very unpleasant and uncommon feelings  
in my head during the day. Spent quite a  
considerable portion of the day caring for the  
hens and chickens and keeping them out of  
mischiefs. I also hoed some in our garden  
and potato patch. Our girls went to Mt.  
Washington at night to attend a meeting of  
their Young Women's Club. Gill spent the  
evening at home. Our potato patch consider-  
ably washed, and rows being close together it was  
difficult to do a good job of hoeing.

Light showers  
Wea. FRI. JUNE 21, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Still in poor health, with head consider-  
ably out of fix and hearing very dull I spent  
most of the forenoon doing little chores princi-  
pally watching the chickens and keeping them  
out of mischief, but two of the old ones got into  
neighbor Ratchelor's dooryard. In the afternoon  
I put carpet seats on two small rocking chairs.  
In the evening Alice made a call at neighbor  
Blair's Grace and Gill spent the evening at  
home. I felt quite weak and my mind not  
in good case on account of nasal catarrh. Alice  
called on Dr. Cheeseman in the afternoon.

Wea. <sup>morning</sup> SATURDAY 22 light shower.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Awoke in the morning to find my head not in  
good case. In the afternoon Alice and I  
went into the city and called upon Dr. Cheeseman  
who examined my nose and called to his assistance  
another physician and they extracted some polypus  
from my nose causing considerable bloodshed but  
not very much pain. Nose bled after I came  
home. Grace went out to Hickory with Fred.  
Smallerreed in the afternoon and Gill and  
Alice went to Mt. Washington at night to attend choir  
practice. I did but little work during the day. Succeeded  
in getting an allowance bath. Hearing not good.



light shower  
Wear <sup>fair</sup> SUN. JUNE 23, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Slept until almost seven o'clock. There did not  
any of our folks attend church in forenoon.  
Gill and I took a walk into the woods and  
among the hills and hollows. Mr & Mrs Regan (who  
was Annie Campbell before marriage) with their son  
Vance spent the afternoon and evening with us.  
Mrs. Jo. Connor also here for supper. All went home  
on car 20 min. to ten. Gill went to Mt. Washington  
to church at night. I was not feeling well although  
my hearing seemed better than common. Feeling  
the loss of my hearing very much on account of missing  
attendance at church. Light shower at night.

Wear <sup>fair</sup> MONDAY 24 Cloudy evening Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Spent most of the day helping to do  
a washing and just about the time  
we got through our young folks came  
home and Mrs. Virginia Smith (my  
niece) with them. She had recently re-  
turned from California. Spent the night  
with us. Evening cool and cloudy. I did  
a little work mending Gill's umbrella.  
Medicine received Saturday having good  
effect. Evening air cool and I felt  
chilly on the porch and moved to  
warmer quarters. Threatening rain.

shower  
Wear <sup>fair</sup> TUES. JUNE 25, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Virginia Smith took breakfast with  
us and went with Gill and Grace  
when they went to work. I spent part of the  
day clearing the grass off the front yard  
where Gill had used the lawn mower. I also  
mended Gill's umbrella and put a cord  
on the striking weight of the clock in the  
kitchen and did not get it to strike  
at the proper time. Hoed the tomatoes in  
the garden. Did not feel well in after-  
noon. My head out of order. Rained some  
late in the evening. Young folks home at night.

Wear <sup>fair</sup> WEDNESDAY 26 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose at usual time and took breakfast  
with the family. Grace did not attempt  
to go to her usual employment during the day.  
I spent part of the time hoeing our corn and  
beans and mowed the grass and weeds from  
under the clothes line and made a covering  
for our brass kettle. Felt as though I were  
of very little account. Our young folks at  
home at night. Talking about a private pic-  
nic near home on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July only about a  
week from tomorrow. Only a few special friends  
expected to be in attendance.



Slightly Cloudy

Wea. THUR. JUNE 27, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Spent the day doing chores about the house and helped Helen to wash some blankets and succeeded in getting them dried. and in the evening I helped Gill to re-hang the porch swing and turned it to front to the street. Mrs. Jo. Connor came in the evening to inspect our neighbor Batchelor's house which was for rent. Old soldier Batchelor gone to his daughters to spend the summer. No very warm weather this season yet. Still sleeping under our winter blankets. Gill had a letter from Charley of Youngstown.

Wea. light Shower FRIDAY 28 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose at usual time. Gill and Grace went on train as usual at 7-34.  
I spent the day mostly about the house. Put up some holes to some peasons and got out a book for a Cook to put a hen in to break her of setting.  
Bessie Brose and Allie Wilkin called in the evening. I did not feel well during the day. My back and head both out of order. Had a very nice shower of rain but not very heavy. Some thunder and lightning. Weather not very warm.

Wea. <sup>fair</sup> SAT. JUNE 29, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Spent the forenoon at home doing chores such as did not require much strength or activity and in the afternoon Alice went with me and we visited Dr. Cheeseman and he examined my nose and head and gave me a change of medicine. His remarks were all of an encouraging nature concerning my affliction. Gill and Alice went to Mount Washington at night to attend Choir practice. I felt as though I had been of very little account recently, not feeling as though it were safe for me to attempt to go to the city alone. Have not written any letters recently.

Wea. fair SUNDAY 30 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Slept until seven in the morning. Gill and Grace went to Mount Washington to church and took dinner at Robt. Sproull's and came home and met Jo. Connor and his wife who came to look at the Batchelor House, next door to us which they concluded to rent at the 1st of August. Gill and Alice went to church at night. Mrs. Bachelor sat on our porch steps a short time and talked about sunset. Did not seem much like Sunday to me. My hearing very dull in the evening especially. Not much conversation with any person on any thing during the day.



Wear fair MON. JULY 1, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Spent the day about home. Helped Helen  
to do a washing and we got through with it  
about four o'clock and got the clothes all  
dried. I cleaned up the fly screens and  
Gill adjusted them in the windows in  
the evening. Grace was not feeling well  
in the evening, suffering with headache.  
Gill spent part of the evening brightening  
up his summer hat. Had but little summer  
weather yet. Grace received a letter from  
Flo. at Mountstown. All tolerably well. I did  
not feel well during the day. ~~Wear~~ ~~fair~~ ~~Ther.~~

Wear fair TUESDAY 2 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Assisted Helen during the day washing  
bed clothes. And I did not feel strong enough  
to make much of a hand at the work.  
My back was quite weak. Grace rec'd  
a long letter from Cousin Henry A.  
Melvin, Judge of Supreme Court, California.  
Young people spent the evening at home  
Gill helping his mother to care for the  
young chicks, which were troubled with  
lice. My hearing was very dull all day  
and made me very uncomfortable.

Wear fair WED. JULY 3, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
Slept later than usual and did not  
feel strong enough to do much work during  
the day. Put out the clothes line and dusted  
the carpet of the diningroom and parlor.  
Repaired the arm on an old armrock  
for the porch. Spent most of the afternoon  
in chair feeling as though I might have  
chill. Chilliness left after supper. Miss Sue  
Wells came in the evening intending to  
spend the 4<sup>th</sup> with us. Clouded up in  
the evening and rained a light shower.  
Continuing lightning between nine and ten o'clock.

Wear fair THURSDAY 4 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
Spent the day at home with a number of young  
folks who came in for Picnic with our family, some  
of them all day and some only in afternoon & evening. Miss  
Sue Wells, Bessie Bruce, Edith Page, Ethel Blair, Olive  
Wilkin, another lady, name unknown, Fred Cutler,  
David Lloyd and Mitchel R. Carothers, all seemed  
to enjoy a good time and left between ten and  
eleven o'clock. Sue with us over night. My back did  
not hurt so much as it did yesterday. Quite a  
display of fireworks at night. Gill and Sue went  
into town to witness it. I treated pain some but  
there was no break in the rain.

light shower  
Miss Sue present



Wea. <sup>fair</sup> FRI. JULY 5, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose with my head considerably out  
of order and did not feel well all  
day although I made out to arrange  
a storebox for a prison for clucking  
hens. Mrs Waters and her daughter  
Hazel made us a call in the afternoon  
to call on Miss Sue Wells who was still  
with us at night. Gill applied some  
Iodine to my back in the evening which did  
not seem to have much effect. I feared  
my kidneys were needing attention.  
Gill brought in ice cream and cakes.

Wea. <sup>fair</sup> SATURDAY 6 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about usual time and Sue  
Wells took breakfast with us and spent  
the day with us. I was not feeling  
well enough to accomplish much  
about the garden or among  
the chickens. Gill brought some  
ice cream in the evening and  
we enjoyed it before bed time.  
I found it pleasant to retire  
before the other members of family  
retired at night. Rested blissfully  
well.

Wea. <sup>fair</sup> SUN. JULY 7, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Slept until after six o'clock.  
No persons attending church from our  
place in forenoon and in the  
afternoon Gill went with Miss  
Sue Wells to see her on her brain for  
her. Grace and Alice went to  
Mount Washington to attend evening  
service. I felt much out of place not being  
able to attend church. Spent some time  
reading papers Mrs Waters brought. Esther  
Rawthorne came home with Alice  
and Grace after church.

Wea. <sup>fair</sup> MONDAY 8 Ther. hot

938. Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Spent the day feeling very uncom-  
fortable but helped to do the  
house washing as usual and got  
it out and dried. Esther Raw-  
thorn with us and she with Grace  
and Gill called at Steels in the  
evening and Gill and I got some  
bean poles in the brush across the  
street from our place. I had one of  
my peculiar spells at supper time sent  
Birthday Card to Jilo at Youngtown.



Wear <sup>fair</sup> TUES. JULY 9, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa  
Spent part of the day cutting rods or  
poles for beans and putting them place,  
and also hoeing the corn, beans and  
potatoes in the alley lot. Was out feeling  
well all day and in the evening had  
a spell for which I did not know  
a cause although I had suffered similarly  
before. It soon paked off. Crystal dropped  
from my watch and it stopped. Young  
folks all at home at night. Esther  
Rawsthorne still with us. Only a  
few drops of our expected shower came.

Wear Rain WEDNESDAY 10 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburg Pa  
Arose a little before six feeling very  
uncomfortable about my head and mental  
faculties. Had two or three peculiar spells  
during the day indicative of unground  
mind and body. Mended a roller of a  
clothes wringer. Gill got my Consol Check  
for \$45.00 cashed. He and Alice with  
Esther Rawsthorne went to an ice cream  
saloon at Smith's Station at night.

Grace did not come home at usual time  
Went to spend the night with some  
lady friend somewhere in city.

Rain

Wear THUR. JULY 11, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa  
At my usual time of rising from my bed  
I felt indications of 'spells' of unhealthy action  
and was very feeble during the day and expe-  
rienced different spells such as I could not  
name or describe affecting my head mind  
and body and made me feel very uncom-  
fortable. Gill went to Mount Washington  
at night to attend a festival for raising  
money for our church. Esther Rawsthorne  
staid with us. Heavy thunder shower with  
very high wind which cooled the atmos-  
phere and made it more pleasant.

Wear fair FRIDAY 12 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa  
Spent the day mostly burning  
extra sprouts off of grape vines and  
pulling weeds from under the grapes  
to prevent mould. I was not feeling  
well during day but did not suffer as  
much from my spells of unconscious-  
ness as I had for some days past.  
Young folks went to Mt Washington  
at night to some ~~part~~ of a gathering  
there and took Esther Rawsthorne with  
them. Spent evening reading in the  
Vindicator. But after dinner & Bed.



Wear <sup>fair</sup> SAT. JULY 13, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa  
Feeling weak and worthless I spent most of the time during the day almost in idleness. I carried off some weeds from the garden and spent some time reading some old letters received from one of my old school mates - College Chum and Army Comrade W. Bruce and took great delight in them. In the afternoon Grace went with me to see the doctor I did not think he was doing me much good. Gill went to Youngstown on business with his new family. Grace and Alice attended choir practice. Not Easter.

Wear <sup>threatening rain</sup> SUNDAY 14 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa  
I slept until seven o'clock and the girls slept until the middle of the day. Did not any of us go to church in forenoon of course. Grace and Alice went to Mount Washington at night. I helped Helen to hull the peas for dinner. Spent most of the time reading. Gill was at Youngstown and expecting to be back in ~~Timberland~~ church at Mt. Washington. I did not have any of my usual spells during the day. Helen baked well dried <sup>egg</sup> ~~two~~ well flud light cakes

Wear <sup>fair</sup> MON. JULY 15, 1912 Ther. <sup>threatening rain</sup>

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa  
Arose at usual time. Helped to do the washing as usual during the day. Got the clothes dry without rain though threatening. Mitchell Carothers took supper and spent the evening with us. Mr. Roll Rawsthorne jr and his wife spent the evening with us also. My neighbor Walters was cutting some of his meadow adjoining our property. Mowing with a scythe and I mowed two short swaths. Seemed much like olden times. I did not feel strong during day but did not have any bad spells. Company left about 10-30.

Wear <sup>threatening rain</sup> TUESDAY 16 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Spent part of the day clearing of the ground in the garden where our peas grew, and shading it up for cabbage. Commenced writing a letter to my sister Mary. Pulled some weeds about the dooryard and when Gill came home in the evening he ran the lawn mower over it and we raked it over making it look much better. Ethel Blair called in at night and we did not get to bed until eleven o'clock. Was still threatening rain when we retired. Weather somewhat cooler than for some time.



Light showers

Wea. WED. JULY 17, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburg Pa  
Finished writing my letter to my  
sister Mary and wrote to The  
Wesleyan Methodist and enclosed two  
dollars for subscription and gave the  
two letters to our postman. Helped Helen  
to set out 27 cabbage plants and got bushes  
to cover them. Helen went into town and  
with the girls got herself new bonnet or  
hat and everyday dress. I was at home  
alone. Gill and Alice went at night to  
call on Jo. Connor and wife who were preparing  
to move into house next to us.

Wea. rain THURSDAY 18 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave, Pittsburg Pa

Spent some time in the garden doing  
out-peds and training bean vines. Helen  
received a letter from Maggi Riddle stating that  
her mother's health was very bad. Neither she or  
Anne could leave her for any length of time.

We had quite a heavy rain in the  
evening. Gill trimmed my hair after  
night. My health seemed somewhat pecu-  
liar during the day and had peculiar feeling  
in the evening. Having fear of losing the  
proper use of my reasoning. Still taking  
medicine prescribed by Dr. Cheeseman.

<sup>fair</sup>  
Wea. FRI. JULY 19, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburg Pa.  
Spent part of the forenoon pulling out  
weeds about the edges of our door yard and  
about the middle of the forenoon Jennie Thorley,  
Mary and Gladys Allen came. And a little after  
the middle of the afternoon Mr. Earl Allen came  
and we had a very enjoyable visit. They seemed to  
take great interest in looking at my valise full of pocket  
diaries. They left for home about half past eight o'clock  
and our young folks went to help Jo. Connor and wife pack  
their goods for moving. Their piano brought in this after-  
noon to house next to us. Very bad road to move over.  
I felt better than common most of the day.

Wea. cloudy SATURDAY 20 Ther. Shower

938 Timberland Ave, Pittsburg Pa

Spent most of the day trying to rid out  
the weeds and grass about the walks and  
the asparagus bed. Put up some wire sup-  
ports to place our hats on in the kitchen.

Morning was cool and cloudy and I  
felt quite uncomfortable most of forenoon  
but felt much better in the afternoon.

Our young folks went to Mount Washington  
at night to help Jo. Connor and wife prepare  
for moving. Heard opening speech of National Pro-  
hibition Convention at Atlantic City, by Clinton H  
Howard, a most magnificent address.



<sup>Over</sup>  
Wea. SUN. JULY 21, 1912 Ther. <sup>flood</sup>

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Weather being unfavorable there did not any of our family attend Church either morning or evening. After a very hard rain during the day, Saw Mill Run got into such a flood stage that people gathered onto its banks to see it. We all went down except Helen and watched it for a time. Some residents pointed out where it had been very much higher in 1875. I searched in my diary but could find no account of that flood. I felt more comfortable in afternoon than forenoon.

Wea. <sup>fair</sup> MONDAY 22 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Did our washing as usual. Forenoon, clouds were somewhat threatening but clothes were all dry before 11 o'clock. I felt better during the day than I had felt quite a while back, and was busy all day. Repaired the washed out walk at corner of our lot and filled up and sodded some places where water was getting into our cellar. Gill and Alice went to Mount Washington to help Connor's prepare for moving on Thursday.

<sup>fair</sup>  
Wea. TUES. JULY 23, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Spent most of the day clearing out a thicket of brush and briars on the lower end of lot next to us which was very unwholesome. Made great improvements. Put covering over cellar window to keep rain out of cellar. Helen rec'd card from Colorado. Her sister Mrs Riddle still living but very low and in a stupor. Gill and Alice at home but Grace did not come home at usual time in evening. Helen seemingly very tired but unwilling to retire early. Sat on front porch.

Wea. <sup>wet</sup> WEDNESDAY 24 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
The weather being exceedingly wet I was obliged to spend most of my time in the house. Helen wrote a letter to Maggie Riddle at Fort Collins Colorado in answer to one received a few days ago concerning Elizabeth Riddle's sickness. The first letter my wife had written for many a month. Mitchell R. Carothers gave Grace some second hand letters rec'd by his mother on Nan Morrison concerning the dangerous illness of Mrs Riddle. Young folks went to Connor's again at night. Solon & Co. to the



Wed. <sup>fair</sup> THUR. JULY 25, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa  
Spent the forenoon filling up a  
wash near our front gate and turning  
the water off. And filled up some  
smaller holes at cellar wall. In the  
afternoon Jo Connor's moving arrived at  
next house on our street and they had  
trouble getting up the hill. Had to put  
three spars to each wagon first two  
loads and two spars to last small load.  
I spent part of afternoon pulling carrots  
and daisies out of their yard grown  
all over with them. ~~And dinner & supper~~  
Mostly Wea <sup>fair</sup> FRIDAY 26 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa  
Spent most of the day pulling weeds  
daisies and carrots out of the ~~patent~~  
lawn rented by the Connors. When  
a cloud came up and appearance of  
rain I helped Mr Walters to cook up  
some hay that he had cut last Monday  
which had been badly soaked. The three  
Connors and Mr. R. Carothers were with  
us for supper. Our young folks with  
Mr. R. Carothers and Miss Blair went  
to Castle Shannon to attend a Church  
Festival. Weather fair at night.

Wed. <sup>fair</sup> SAT. JULY 27, 1912 Ther. <sup>Cool</sup>

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa  
When the dew went off went to work  
and finished pulling the daisies and carrots  
out of Connors yard. Took it easy in the  
afternoon. In the evening Mrs Steel and  
her three daughters and some came over to  
see the yard; one of the ladies Mrs McCulloch  
had lived here and planted the flowers.  
They seemed much pleased with the appearance  
of things. Our young folks went to choir prac-  
tice! Car did not stop for them and they  
were half hour late. Jo Connor absent from  
home and Alice spent the night with his wife  
Wea. <sup>fair</sup> SUNDAY 28 Ther. <sup>Cool</sup>

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa  
Slept until almost seven o'clock. Spent  
the entire day at home feeling miserable  
nearly all the time! Our young folks  
attended preaching service on Mount  
Washington at 10-45, came home  
for dinner and returned again  
for night service. Weather was cool  
and cloudy in afternoon but no rain.  
Could not enjoy reading very much  
on account of colds affecting my per-  
ceptive powers. Felt sick most of time  
during day but did not have occasion to vomit



cloudy, light shower  
Wea. MON. JULY 29, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
We did our washing during the day.  
Forenoon was cloudy and we did not  
expect to get clothes dry, but fared up  
in afternoon and we got them all dry.  
Maggie Proynes came in the evening  
and spent the night with us. Robert  
Hawthorne jr and his daughter Lottie  
took supper and spent the evening with  
us and we had a delightful time.  
Had some splendid music. Lottie  
played the piano, Gill Grace and Alice  
sang. Weather very clear at night.

Wea. fair TUESDAY 30 Ther.

back and did not work until chest was

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Helped my wife to get water ready to  
finish washing and put up the line.  
Hoed our cabbage and spaded up the  
ground where some bean vines were  
taken out of, proposing to replant as  
soon as seed could be got. In the after-  
noon I became very weak and staggy  
and had a high fever on me. Helen  
put me in a sweet tub night. My mind so  
out of order that I did not remember having bathed  
my feet. Helen and Gill were up rubbing  
and working with me in the night.

Cloudy, rain  
Wea. WED. JULY 31, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
Gill woke me up just before he started to  
work. He wanted to take bottle to drugstore to  
get filled and wanted to be sure of right  
bottle. Alice went to town with him  
and had medicine here before nine o'clock.  
Gill took a good sponge bath just when  
I got up in morning. My clothing quite  
wet with sweat. Felt very weak all day  
and my limbs almost refusing to carry me.  
Gill came home for dinner on his  
business route selling machine oil. Young  
folks all at home at night.

Wea. fair THUR. AUG. 1 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Remained in bed until almost nine  
o'clock because I had been having another  
sweating spell. Was very weak during  
the day and did not undertake much  
work. Wrote a letter in the late after-  
noon to my sister Mary and found  
writing tired. In the evening Gill  
was putting a passage way through  
the paling fence between Amos or  
Batchelor place and us and I dug  
the post hole without feeling the worse  
of it. Officially reported absent Aug 14th history

was cured 533 at 11:30 PM



Mostly We fair Cold <sup>light rain</sup>  
FRI. AUG. 2, 1912 Ther.

938 47° above at 8 o'clock  
Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.

Arose about six having heard the clock  
strike 12, 1, 3, 4, 6. Had slept but little  
Felt much better during the day than  
had been for some time past. Studied  
some about making a fastening for a gate  
and hunted material for the same.

Prepared the beanbed to receive beans  
and Grace brought the seed beans home  
with her in the evening. I wrote a letter  
to my sister Mary and sent it with the  
postman in the forenoon. First appearance of  
storm. Heavy rain & hail down in the city

Wea. fair <sup>Cool</sup> SATURDAY 3 Ther.

Mercury 44° above at six o'clock  
938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.

Arose at six and thought it almost cold  
enough for frost. Felt much better than  
for days past. Helen and I planted  
a few beans and I spent some time  
trimming the weeds from the side  
walk, which were very annoying especially  
by the ladies in wet weather. Spent some  
time reading the Indicator. Prohibition  
literature and enjoyed it more than  
I had any other reading for weeks past.  
Bill went to Cothoctor in the afternoon. All  
girls both at home at night. Snow fell in

Partly cloudy and Cold Mercury 42 at 6 a.m.  
Wea. SUN. AUG. 4, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.

Slept until near seven o'clock, when I  
Arose and took a good bath. Found it  
so cold that had gas burning all day  
in fire place in sitting room. Bill at  
Cothoctor and girls did not go to  
church in forenoon but went at night.

Read a sermon which Mrs Connor  
loaned me, which I thought gave good  
advice. Pointed out that christians should  
grow by trying to get the unconverted to  
become christians and by getting them  
a good example. Many good points made.

Wea. fair MONDAY 5 Ther.

Mercury 40° at 6 a.m. Our ther.  
938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.

Arose a few minutes after six. Our ther-  
mometer said 40° above. Spent day doing  
chores. Alice did most of our washing  
I finished washing with machine and wrung  
out washwater. Put out our clothesline  
and Mrs Connor's. Manufactured some frogs  
for Mrs Connor. Hoed our cabbage  
and beets. Felt pretty well all day  
and felt busy. Made some preparation  
for fastening on Connor's gate. Bill got  
home on the evening train. Young folks  
at home at night.



partly cloudy & cool  
Wea. TUES. AUG. 6, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose a few minutes after six. Although  
not strong, I was able to do some chores.  
Put up a partition in the chicken park  
a prison for ducking hens. In the  
evening helped Gill and Jo Connor to  
put hinges on gate between our places  
in fence enclosing Connor lot. Worked  
at it until after dark. My head  
did not feel good in the evening. Had  
caught cold perhaps. Young folks at  
home at night. Girls busy sewing  
Gill writing a letter.

Wea. fair WEDNESDAY 7 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Sometime last night I took an unconsci-  
ous spell and knew nothing for perhaps half  
an hour. My family all up around me  
rubbing me and first thing I knew  
Jo Connor and his wife were in our room.  
Some one had gone to ask Jo to go for the Dr.  
but did not have to go. Rubbed my limbs  
until the shivers were gone on my arms. Spent  
the day at home. Cleaned out our work-  
shop. Fixed gate on chicken pen. Mrs. Con-  
nor squeezed me at supper time and said that  
I was her papa. She took supper with us.

Shower fair  
Wea. THUR. AUG. 8, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose at six feeling as though I had  
had a perfect night's rest. Spent the  
day tinkering about. Hoed beans  
and cabbage in the garden and  
run the lawn mower over the front  
yard and scaped it off. Helped  
Gill to unpack his trunk in the  
evening and got things into more  
convenient shape for present use.  
Alice was in town about noon and  
Gill gave her a pair of gloves and Grace  
gave her an umbrella both day presents of 13 cents.

Wea. Showery FRIDAY 9 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose a few minutes after six O'clock  
and spent the day tinkering about the  
house. Put some pieces on the soles  
of my everyday shoes. As it was  
somewhat showery I spent considerable  
time reading. Wind was blowing  
pretty strongly in the afternoon and  
thought the dead oak tree in front  
of our house not very safe hence did not  
cut the weeds under it as I had intended  
to do. Girls home at night sewing.  
Gill helping Jo Connor lawn mowing.



*light showers*  
Wea. SAT. AUG. 10, 1912 Ther.

938 *Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa*  
Arose a few minutes before six and started  
fire under the wash water and Alice  
and I did a washing in the forenoon,  
and it cleared off so that it dried  
very nicely in the afternoon. I cut  
the weeds and grass among the  
grapevines in afternoon and cleaned  
it out. Young folks went to choir  
practice at night expecting to visit  
at Mrs Wilkins after singing. I felt  
pretty well during the day. Rheumatism  
in lower limbs.

Wea. *hazy* SUNDAY 11 Ther.

938 *Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.*  
Slept until late in the morning and  
when I awoke, discovered that I had  
had another unconscious spell during  
the night, but my neighbors were not  
disturbed. Bill attended church in  
forenoon, came home in afternoon and  
went back to Mt. Washington with the  
girls at night. I spent the day  
about the house mostly reading Bible  
and church papers. Hilda Yates sent  
me some church papers of the Methodist  
Protestant Church Evening Clearing.

*hazy cloudy* Afternoon fair  
Wea. MON. AUG. 12, 1912 Ther.

938 *Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.*  
Slept until half past six then  
up and took breakfast with the  
family as usual. Spent most of  
the day cutting weeds along the street  
and on the lot next to us. something  
which there did not seem to be any one  
to attend to. Made quite an improve-  
ment in appearance. Came near  
having a chill after supper. Young folks  
all at home. Miss Blair spending the  
evening sewing with them. I felt pretty  
well during the day. Sweated some.

Wea. *hazy* TUESDAY 13 Ther.

938 *Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.*  
Arose at usual time in the morning and  
took breakfast with family as usual. Spent  
the day very leisurely and discontented  
by not having anything special to employ  
my time at. Alice and her mother were  
busy making preparation for Alice's birth-  
day party in the evening. Mitchel R.  
Carothers, Marshall Blair and his sister  
Ethel took supper with us and spent the even-  
ing together. I was not in condition to enjoy  
society. Could not hear ordinary conversation  
and did not mingle with the company.



Cloudy  
Wea. WED. AUG. 14, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
With a pain under my right shoulder blade I rose in the morning about half past six and was troubled more or less all day with the pain and did not undertake to do any work but to fill the tub and kettles with water for washing. Our daughters preparing to go to visit Charley and Flo. at Youngstown the last of the week. Gill went to the dentist with Alice at night to get a decayed tooth extracted. I sharpened some knives for use in the kitchen.

Wea. fair THURSDAY 15 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose a few minutes after six and lit the gas under the wash water and put fresh water in for the chickens before breakfast. Helped Alice do a washing in the forenoon. In afternoon Robert Rawstone Sr. visited and in the evening his son Robert came and they took supper and spent the evening with us. Gill and J. Connor went with them to street 20 minutes before ten p. m. Rawstones family away at summer resort. Mrs. Connor helping Grace fitting her dress skirt at night.

fair  
Wea. FRI. AUG. 16, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
With a pain under my right shoulder blade, I rose in the morning a little before seven o'clock. Pain continued all day and I spent most of the time reading. Had more satisfaction reading than common, had better mind. I did some hoeing in the garden. Dressed up some cabbage, some beans and some beets. Our girls were making preparation to go tomorrow to Youngstown to visit Charley and Flo. I felt as though I were of little account as an entertainer of company.

Wea. cloudy SATURDAY 17 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Spent part of the day reading and part of spading up an onion bed and preparing it to receive turnip seed which Gill brought home with him and I sowed it after supper. Removed some grass of the asparagus bed and carried some loose dirt and put on it. Grace and Alice went to Youngstown in afternoon to visit Charley and Flo. Gill went to Mt. Washington at night to superintend choir practice, in the absence of quite a number of the members of the choir among whom was the leader.







fair  
Wea. THUR. AUG. 22, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
Spent the forenoon clearing the  
sweet pea vines off their place  
and carried sods and covered both  
beds, and used some of the curbing  
stones to repair the walk to the  
closet. In the afternoon and evening  
Helen and I did an ironing. Got  
through at ten o'clock. Gill dis-  
covered in the evening that our  
turnips which were sowed on the  
evening of the 17<sup>th</sup> were showing  
through the ground in the garden.

Wea. fair FRIDAY 23 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
Spent most of the forenoon removing  
obnoxious weeds and plantains from  
our door yard and then Helen asked  
me for something to keep her chicken-  
feed in, which would keep the mice out,  
and I got a barrel and hopped it  
tightly and manufactured a close  
fitting lid with a hoop iron run, and  
set the barrel up on an old kettle with  
sloping sides which a mouse could not  
climb, supposed the affair might be  
considered a success, but easily upset.

fair  
Wea. SAT. AUG. 24, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Spent most of the day removing extra  
growth from our flower beds and front  
lawn. Went over the lawn with the  
lawn mower and raked the trash off and  
threw it out. Pulled out quite a lot of  
large growth among rose bushes holly-  
hocks, sweet williams etc. Was expecting  
Grace and Alice home from Youngs-  
town but was feeling disappointed at nine  
o'clock when they had not yet arrived. Gill  
went to Mt. Washington to choir practice.  
Girls did not return.

Wea. fair SUNDAY 25 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Spent the forenoon about the house  
reading. Gill spent most of the day  
in at Jo. Connois next door and took  
dinner there. In the afternoon he and  
I took a walk; went down the rail-  
road to the bridge across Sawmill Run  
and over it into McKinly Park, which  
we found to be on the steep wooded side of  
a deep hollow. Good graded roads and foot-  
paths along the hill sides and many comfortable  
seats. Grace and Alice visiting in  
Youngstown Ohio. Looking for them home ~~at~~



<sup>Rain</sup>  
Wea. MON. AUG. 26, 1912 Ther.  
938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburg Pa  
Rain in the morning prevented us  
from doing our usual weekly washing  
and Grace and Alice had not yet  
returned from Youngstown, Ohio. I kept  
watch for them on the street cars during  
the day but they had not come when I wrote  
at 25 minutes after nine o'clock.  
I spent some time putting movable rods  
in the boxes where the young chickens roosted.  
Felt very uncomfortable in the evening  
troubled with my old unconscious spell  
but it did not last long. Grace and  
Alice did not get home.

Wea. fair TUESDAY 27 Ther.  
938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburg Pa.  
Helped Helen to do a washing which  
we got dried and in before night.  
Were looking for the girls home  
but they had not come when I wrote  
at twenty minutes after eight.  
I ripped up two boards into six  
pieces to put on wall for support of  
clothes hooks. At different times  
during day had indications of my old  
spells quite uncomfortable. Had some  
in the garden. Gill home with us  
at night.

<sup>Rain</sup> <sup>fair</sup>  
Wea. WED. AUG. 28, 1912 Ther. <sup>Rain</sup>  
938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburg Pa.  
After rain in the morning I  
took grass scythe and trimmed some  
rough ground on corner of Jo. Connor's  
lawn then used his lawn mower and  
went over part of the lawn then took  
rake and went over the greater portion  
of the lawn. Showers rendered the work  
rather unpleasant. We were expecting  
Grace and Alice home but they did not  
come before nine o'clock. I suffered  
very peculiar feelings - spells of short du-  
ration. Grace & Alice returned about 10 p.m.

Wea. fair THURSDAY 29 Ther.  
938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburg Pa.  
Slept until almost seven o'clock. Finished  
raking the grass off Jo. Connor's lawn. Spent  
most of time watching our chickens and Mr.  
Watters' tomatoes. Our family all home.  
Gill at usual employment. Mrs. Mary Con-  
negha and her daughter Isabel came  
about four o'clock. W. R. Carothers came  
and took supper with them & our family.  
Young folks called a short time at Joseph  
Connor's, his sister making them a call.  
Mary and Isabel with us over night.  
Retired shortly before seven o'clock.



Wear. <sup>Cool</sup> Cloudy. foggy. <sup>Mercury 92 above zero. 57. M.</sup>  
FRI. AUG. 30, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa  
Slept until almost seven o'clock.

Spent most of the day doing a washing although the weather was very cool, cloudy and foggy. Got the clothes in in the evening. Mary McGeorge and Isabel with us. Had a good time in the evening hearing Isabel recite some of her primary lessons. She was about six years old. I rec'd notice of our approaching Regimental reunion at Elwood City Sept 17<sup>th</sup> Doubtful about my ability to attend.

Wear. fair SATURDAY 31 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.

Slept until almost seven. Helen Gill and I ate breakfast together and Gill went on train to Coshocton Ohio, expecting to spend Labor day there. Mary McConaghy and her daughter Isabel with us during the day and night. Mitchel Carothers took supper with us then called at Mr. Blairs. I spent the day about the shop, spent some time repairing clothes wringer and guarding our chicks off neighbor Watters tomatoes. Was not feeling very well. Head out of order.

Mitchel Carothers with us over night

Wear. <sup>Shower</sup> Tremendous flood. <sup>Mercury 92 above zero. 57. M.</sup>  
SUN. SEPT. 1, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Mitchel R. Carothers spent the day until near four o'clock with us and with his sister Mary and her daughter Isabel. Gill was away at Coshocton Ohio expecting to attend Labor day exercises. Our two girls and Mrs. J. Connor went to Mt. Washington in the evening to attend church. Quite an appearance of storm at half past eight o'clock after perhaps the hottest day of the season. I suffered during the day with irregular heart action and sluggish sleepy feeling. My mental capacity affected. Women got home without getting <sup>much</sup> wet.

Wear. fair MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> Ther. Rain

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.

Gill away at Coshocton. In afternoon I helped J. Connor and M. R. Carothers to build a fire for a corn roast and with considerable of labor we got a good one. Three ladies and two gentlemen came from Mt. Washington. Mrs. Mary McConaghy and her daughter Isabel here and our family J. Connor and wife composed the crowd. Had supper out on the lawn. Roast corn, roast potatoes, Celery, and various other things with coffee. Evening spent on our porch and in our parlor. Music and games.



Cloudy Wet  
Wea. TUES. SEPT. 3, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
Rose about half past six and prepared for washing which we did and I made some repairs on Coringer Mary McConnagha and Isabel took breakfast with us and went to Stewart Harlin's. Grace went to work again her time of vacation having ended. Weather was cloudy and rained some in evening before clothes were all dry. Gill got home late in evening. All day from 9 A.M. on way from Coshington bridge R.R. in account of Sunday night's flood, Harmon's Creek

Wea. Fair WEDNESDAY 4 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa  
I spent most of the day elevating chicken coops to get them out of the wet for chicks to roost in. In the evening Gill and Alice went to visit Stewart and Cal Harlin. And Grace and I spent some time addressing invitations to the Melvin Reunion, to parties related in the Melvin family. Addressed 37 cards, and could not think of others to be notified. Weather was quite warm. Helen commenced doctoring young chickens for Roup.

hot  
Wea. THUR. SEPT. 5, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose a little before seven feeling not very much like going to work. Went to my private drawer for my Pension vouchers and could not find last paper. Was much embarrassed. Grace came to my relief in the evening when she found the papers in the cupboard. Did some weeding among some turnips. Helped Helen and Alice some with some washing. In the evening Gill and I went to our voting place and registered preparatory to voting this fall. I did not know my exact weight or height. Weather in the evening very hot. Children all at home

Wea. FRIDAY 6 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
About five o'clock a shower of rain came on. Helen and I got out to put protection in front of coops. She stayed up. I went back and slept until after seven. Put new wire on the screen of the back hatch on door and gathered off quite a lot of dead leaves off the grape vines. Received a very interesting letter from my old Adrian College roommate Charles Patton now a druggist in Chicago. I had not written him for a long time but had thought this morning of writing him.



Cloudy Rain  
Wea. SAT. SEPT. 7, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Spent part of the day turning the  
winger for Helen & Alice who were  
washing Curtains Cushion Covers and  
old Comforts, and re-filled screen  
door on kitchen porch. Neighborhood  
Corn roast in the evening after a  
rain. Young men made fire out of doors  
and roasted corn and potatoes (sweet  
potatoes) ate supper on Jo Conners  
porch and after supper played Quack-  
ker meeting and had quite a good deal  
of singing in which young Melvins took a part.

Wea. fair SUNDAY 8 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Slept until seven o'clock. Spent the  
day at home reading Bible and Wesleyan  
Methodist. Curbs spent day at home but  
went to church at night. Gull went with  
Jo Conner to the Conner farm near Fin-  
leyville recently flooded, and he was  
not home in time to go to church. Mrs  
Conner spent part of afternoon in our  
house and played some on the piano at  
my request. I felt dreary and lonely  
not being able to hear any Conner.  
Gull & Jo Conner spent day building fence <sup>at their</sup> farm.

Wea. fair MON. SEPT. 9, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose at half past six and started fire  
and carried water to cellar for washing.  
Spent most of the day running the washer  
and put out an iron on iron large  
washing - Alice busy cleaning house.  
Gull told me that he and Jo Conner  
had spent yesterday on Mrs Conner's farm  
building fence to keep cows in place flood  
of last week had ruined the farm.  
Spent this evening reading conductor - the  
Prohibition paper which I failed to receive  
on Saturday last. very interesting reading.

Wea. fair TUESDAY 10 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Spent most of forenoon re-forming and  
putting in place a board step between the  
porch and gate near kitchen. Stewart  
J. Hankin and wife and Mrs Belle McCarothers  
and Mrs Nan Morrison came a little before  
twelve o'clock. Stewart and wife went home  
a little after four o'clock and Nan & Belle  
spent the night with us. Alice  
was busy cleaning house and Mrs Conner  
was helping her to get things in readiness  
for company before family reunion to take  
place at Riverview Park next Saturday.



Wea. <sup>fair</sup> WED. SEPT. 11, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Repaired one of Alice's shoes in  
the forenoon and attended to some  
chores. In afternoon I run the lawn-  
mower over our front yard and cleaned  
it off. Trimmied out some of the holly hocks  
and other dead flowering plants and  
in the evening I dug a little more than  
a bushel of our potatoes and found some  
of them commenced to rot. Supposed from ap-  
pearances we might have between three & four bushels  
left. And the girls went to Mrs. Waters on Mt. Washing-  
ton at night. Hazel Waters about to go to Maryland  
and must. Wea. <sup>fair</sup> THURSDAY 12 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.

Arose at usual time & took breakfast with  
family as usual. Spent most of forenoon  
lifting our potatoes. Found that we had raised  
just about four bushels on lot. A few  
beginning to rot. Mrs. Conner was helping  
Alice to clean house during the day and  
I used Conner vacuum cleaner in the after-  
noon on our carpets and helped to put the  
fly screens in the windows. Jo Conner got  
home late and he and wife ate supper  
with us. He and Gull out together at night on business.  
I received letter from J. A. B. Melvin last attend

Wea. <sup>fair</sup> FRI. SEPT. 13, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose a few minutes after six and attended to  
usual chores. Spent most of forenoon preparing  
a barrel to contain bread for chicken feed  
trying to keep mice out of it. Women folks  
preparing calables for tomorrow's re-union of  
the Melvin connection. Mitchell R. Carothers  
came in the evening and got his umbrella he  
had left here and suitcase girls had borrowed.  
Every person about our house busy preparing for re-  
union. Basket of grapes gathered. Charley and Flo  
came almost eleven o'clock and spent night  
with us. Charley suffering with diabetes. Very thin  
and <sup>unfavorable</sup> Wea. SATURDAY 14 <sup>fair</sup> Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.

Arose about usual time. Charley and Flo. see  
to take breakfast with us. Attended Melvin  
Family Reunion at Riverview Park and had  
a good time although there were not nearly  
so many of the friends there as expected - 21 for  
dinner and 25 for supper. Mrs. Ada Naylor  
got as far as Union Station and could not get to  
the Park. A telegram sent to her. Young men pitched  
quits. Winfield Dancer, Clara Long, Charley  
and Flo. Came home with us and spent the night.  
A day and evening of much pleasure. Acquain-  
tances renewed, some new ones formed & plenty to do!



Changeable  
Wea. SUN. SEPT. 15, 1912 Shows  
Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Slept until almost eight O'clock. Winifred Saw-  
cet, Clara Long, Chas and Flo. Melvin with us  
during day. Winifred went to Sheridan in the  
evening, Charles and Flo. started home and our  
girls went with Clara over into Allegheny to  
hear her uncle preach. Gill went to Wilkins-  
burg at night to attend to some matter of business.  
Day not spent as Sunday should be spent - too  
much cooking - especially chickens. Company took a  
walk onto the hill to look over the city and sur-  
roundings. I read but little during the day.  
Light showers in the evening. Nervous spell at

Wea. fair MONDAY 16 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
Learned in the morning that I had had one of  
my unconscious spells in the night and an-  
other one in the early morning. Miss Clara  
Long took breakfast with us and went out train  
with Gill and Grace to her work, returned  
again at night spending her vacation week  
visiting. We did a large washing during  
day and got clothes in at night. While  
at table after supper I took an uncon-  
scious spell for a few minutes. Had difficulty  
determining where I was and what day  
of the week. Soon over mind all right.

Fair  
Wea. TUES. SEPT. 17, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose at usual time feeling quite un-  
comfortable on account of imperfect cir-  
culation of blood. Morning quite cool. Mercur-  
y down to 48°. I sat for time by lighted gas  
to keep feet warm. Did not work much during  
day. Pared some apples and hulled some  
beans; stretched clothesline for Mrs. Connor,  
With Miss Clara Long visiting us, four  
young ladies - neighbors came in and visited  
until bed time. I did not try to help to  
entertain the company but spent most  
of the evening reading the news.

Wea. fair WEDNESDAY 18 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Slept until seven O'clock. Spent most  
of forenoon reading and pulling weeds from  
among the growing turnips. I was not feeling  
able to do hard work, but felt uncon-  
fortable because I was not accomplishing  
more. Put a hinge on fly screen kitchen door.  
Commenced copying history of the Melvin  
family for Thayer Gaver but did not get  
it half done. Gill and our girls with Miss  
Clara Long went at night to call on Ernest  
Melvin and wife in Brookline. Joe Connor  
and wife with us to bed time.



Wea <sup>fair</sup> THUR. SEPT. 19, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about half past six and attended to usual chores. Spent some time removing weeds from among the cabbage in the garden. With pen and ink I copied the history of the Melvin family which I had prepared and read at Family reunion in 1909. Copy for Oscar Melvin's son "Judge".  
Bill and Alice went to Dr. Chessman and were vaccinated. Our young folks with Clara Long went to Forepols at night Christian Association Street Fair. ~~All~~ <sup>Bill and Alice</sup> were vaccinated.

Wea. <sup>fair</sup> FRIDAY 20 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburg Pa.  
Spent part of the forenoon enlarging the lid of one of the feed-barrels in the shop. Did not feel well during the day because I was not having enough bodily exercise. Rev. Wm. A. Curfman, Pastor of M. E. Church of Mt. Washington called in afternoon and spent about two hours with us. At night Jo. Connor and his wife called on us and some of their friends called at their house, and finding them away, the four came in here and sat until bedtime. I retired without meeting the strangers & Steels.

Bill and Alice vaccinated

Wea <sup>fair</sup> SAT. SEPT. 21, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose a few minutes after six. Put water in vessels for the chickens before breakfast. Spent some time making some arrangement to hinge the sash of a window in the cellar stair way.  
Hulled a bunch of Lima Beans for supper and shelled some grapes of the pods, of which Helen was preparing to make jelly. Read some during the day and at night read the account of the reunion of the Roundhead Regiment at Ellwood City on the 17<sup>th</sup> inst. I was not able to attend it.

Wea. <sup>fair</sup> SUNDAY 22 Ther. Showery

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Slept until almost seven o'clock and then spent the entire day at home with but very little exercise so far as the body is concerned although it was of very great importance. Spent considerable time reading in the Bible, in church papers &c. &c.  
Our young folks did not attend church in forenoon but went at night. Helen was feeling badly worn out and much in need of rest. Our young folks all vaccinated and arms becoming sore as preventive of small-pox which is said to be in Pittsburgh.



Wet Cloudy  
Wea. MON. SEPT. 23, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about usual time and found it raining. On account of the condition of the weather we concluded to let the washing lie over until tomorrow. Helen gathered in a basket of grapes, I shelled them off the pods and she made them into jelly. I spent considerable time reading. Read The Indicator, a prohibition paper in which I was very much interested. I felt as though I would like to be at something that would give me exercise. Carried wash water to the cellar and filled tub and kettles.

Wet Dark TUESDAY 24 Cloudy Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose in the morning with feelings of inability to accomplish much, but soon carried water to the cellar for washing. Helen was feeling very poorly and unfit for washing and Alice was having a very sore arm from vaccination. We managed to get the clothes through the machine and some of them out on the line but did not get them dried. Spent the evening reading the Indicator.

fair  
Wea. WED. SEPT. 25, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about half past six and attended to putting water in vessels for chickens as usual. Put out clothes-lines in the sun shine to dry yesterday's washing. Spent some time thinking out and setting out turnips. Made a trough for feeding chickens in, and in the afternoon I adjusted the hinges on one of the cellar windows so that when it is opened it is out of head-way. Girls attended a fancy work party at night and Gill was out somewhere also leaving Helen and me at home alone. My head feeling badly out of order.

Wet fair THURSDAY 26 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose a few minutes after six and did usual chores. Made some troughs to feed the chickens in. When the mail came I received a good letter from my old Adrian College room mate Theo J. Lindley and wrote an answer to it before retiring. Spaded up a patch in the garden to plant little onions in. Helped Alice to do the ironing. Belle Carothers came in the forenoon and was with us at night. Girls attended club meeting at night. Threatening rain. Cooler.



<sup>fair</sup>  
Wea. FRI. SEPT. 27, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose a few minutes after six and put water  
in troughs for chickens before breakfast. Spent  
some time during day putting things bright  
about the shop and henhouse. Sorted  
potatoes and put them in boxes. Put hay for  
nesting in sack. Shelled off some grapes  
of which Helen was making jelly. Isabel  
Carothers was visiting with us and her  
son Mitchell R. came in the evening after  
working hours and spent night with us.

Our young people went to Mt. Washington to  
chorus practice by night earlier than common

Wea. fair <sup>first frost</sup> SATURDAY 28 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose a few minutes after six and did  
usual chores. Isabel Carothers and  
Mitchel were with us for breakfast and  
Isabel left to go to New Concord Ohio to her  
home with her daughter Mary McEnegha.  
I felt so very unwell and feeble all day  
that I did not undertake to do much.  
I cut off the fodder of our sweet corn  
and put it in Mr. Walter's field for his  
use. He asked me to go to his house to have  
a drink with him. I declined. Told him I  
did not drink. Thought it not good for him.

<sup>cloudy damp</sup>  
Wea. JUN. SEPT. 29, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose until after seven in the morning. Mrs. J.  
Connor took breakfast and dinner with her  
husband being away at work. She kissed me  
twice calling me her papa. Her husband - J.  
made me a present of a mug to drink my coffee  
from. Our young people attended service at Mt.  
Washington in forenoon and again at night.  
Mrs Connor trimmed some toenails in after-  
noon for the youngsters. Weather seemed to  
be getting colder at night and we spread paper again  
over our beans for fear of frost. Took a good bath  
in tub about noon. Felt tolerably comfortable.

Wea. fair MONDAY 30 <sup>30" on record at Pgh</sup> Ther. <sup>Mercury 38°</sup>

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa. White frost.  
Having suffered a nervous chill last night and  
not feeling very well I remained in bed until ab-  
most eight o'clock. Was quite weak and trembly  
all forenoon. Did most of a washing during the  
day and got most of it out and dried. I carried  
the tomato vines off the patch after gathering in the  
tomatoes. Placed papers over the beans to keep frost  
off. Our young people assisting Connor at night  
to prepare to entertain company. Gill connecting  
up a gas stove of ours for them. Considered it good  
to be on such good terms with near neighbors. Pested  
well during the night.



Frost.

fair  
Wea. TUES. OCT. 1, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about half past six and  
found light frost. Spent the day doing  
chores. Planted a bed of little onions and  
cut brush to cover them to keep chickens off.  
Helped Helen some with her house work.  
Shelled some grapes off the bunches, and  
strung the beans for supper. Covered the  
beans at night to keep frost off.  
Alice spent most of day with the Connor  
entertaining company and Gill was keeping  
go. at night to connect up gas fittings and  
small stoves in bed rooms. Weather fair  
frost. Wea. fair WEDNESDAY 2 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose at usual time and took break-  
fast with Helen and Gill. Grace went  
to work a little later than common. I spent  
the day about home. Shelled off some  
grapes for Helen of which she was making  
jelly. I spaded up the ground on which our  
potatoes had grown. It was very hard,  
heavy and tough. Thought spading would  
cause frost to have more effect on it for  
next season. The two steel young ladies  
called in in the evening. I did not feel  
inclined to help entertain company.

fair . Frost  
Wea. THUR. OCT. 3, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about half past six and did  
usual chores. Spent most of the  
day helping Helen attend to grapes.  
I helped her gather some of the vines  
and stripped them off the pods. She was  
making jelly. I also peared apples and  
potatoes. And she cooked a young chicken  
for supper, the first she had killed. Our  
girls and steel girls went out at night to  
select some wall paper for our house and Gill  
trimmed my hair and whiskers. Unusually  
late returning  
Wea. fair FRIDAY 4 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose at usual time and went with  
Grace and Alice to the City in forenoon  
and attended my pension voucher and  
we got back about half past ten o'clock.  
I spent most of day preparing grapes  
for Helen to put up. Attended also  
to hulling some beans. Received a  
letter from my sister Mary and answered  
it at night. Our girls attending a banquet  
of their young ladies club held in the city  
perhaps at Fort Pitt Hotel



Wea. fair SAT. OCT. 5, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about usual time, but feeling somewhat uncomfortable and did not feel inclined to do much during the day which required exercise of body. Patted and hulled some Lima Beans. Shelled some grapes off the podore &c. Mr. R. Crothers called and took supper with us. Gill and Grace were both late getting home as both had had extra's on hand. Grace went with a friend to see her Physician who had performed an operation for her at Hospital. Got my Bendwin check and instructions concerning change of payment.

Wea. fair SUNDAY 6 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
I slept until after seven o'clock and our young folks slept most of forenoon and did not attend church until evening. I spent most of the day reading. Read in Bible and Quindicator. Mrs. Connor took lunch with us about four o'clock and afterward Gill and I took a walk down Sawmill Run. Our young folks went to church on Mount Washington at night. My bowels were not feeling well during the day and I did not take much exercise. The weather was very pleasant.

Wea. fair MON. OCT. 7, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose a few minutes after six and spent most of the day doing a washing. And when just finishing "Boys" washing machine broke down and spilled about half the water. Cut hole in side of house and prepared place for some young chickens to roost and put a few of them in. Room likely to be crowded. I felt better than common during the day. Tried Alice's fountain pen when writing in my diary at night. Felt a little unwell. Retired about eleven. Did not sleep until after twelve.

Wea. fair TUESDAY 8 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about seven and Helen told me that I had had one of my spells in the night, and afterward had gotten up in my sleep and came down to the kitchen door without my pants and she took me back to bed and I knew nothing of it. I spent part of the day putting up roosts for the young chickens. In the afternoon Mrs. Burfman and Mrs. Page from Mt. Washington visited us and we had a good time. At night Gill and I temporarily connected Mr. Sachels' hose and started the water draining out of our cistern, hose acting as a siphon.



Wea. <sup>Shower</sup> WED. OCT. 9, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh

Spent most of the day and part of the night trying to empty our large cistern. Used siphon until it would not run longer. Still eighteen inches of water. Gill got more hose, but we could not get the water started outside. Pumped into kitchen sink and use hose as siphon as long as it would run. Finally would not raise water but by turns as it was slow getting into filter. Mrs. Rawsthorne and Walter were with us in afternoon and for supper. Our girls were away at night and did not get home until they got twelve O'clock car. Rained a shower after dark. Got to bed a little before midnight.

Wea. <sup>fair</sup> THURSDAY 10 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.

Arose a little earlier than common, my bowels being out of order and I did not feel well all forenoon. Spent afternoon getting some of the dirty water out of the cistern. Came but poor speed at night Gill went down in it and J. Connor drew the water and dirt out with rope and bucket and we got through a little after ten O'clock. I felt much better in the afternoon than in forenoon. Gills both at home at night helping their mother to make chow chow.

Wea. <sup>fair</sup> FRI. OCT. 11, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.

Spent the day doing chores about the house. Cleaning up after cleaning out the cistern and gathering off some of the leaves off the yard. Gathered the leaves off the brush on the onion bed and gathered some more brush and put on it. Put some chicken coops in the dry, and made some addition to the roosts in the shelter. Got the chickens all in at night. Some went in of their own accord. Esther Rawsthorne came to visit us and Mitchel Carothers came and helped Gill and the girls cleaning wall paper in the girls room at night.

Wea. <sup>light shower</sup> SATURDAY 12 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.

Arose at usual time and spent the day at various chores. Gathered some leaves off the yard. Took out some rose bushes. Removed some stuff that had been under coops and was causing weatherboarding to decay.

Put a sliding board on small wheels as a closing to entrance to chicken house. Carried water from Connor's cistern to wash with on Monday. Esther Rawsthorne with us all day and night. Galbraith went to Youngstown in the afternoon. Girls at home at night preparing for halloween.



Weather SUN. Oct. 13, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about seven o'clock and found  
the morning quite cool. Thought there was  
light frost. Esther Rawsthorne was  
with us for breakfast and went with our  
girls when they went to church. They  
did not come home until after evening  
service. Gill at Youngstown during  
day, got home about ten o'clock at night.  
I spent the day reading Bible and  
Wesleyan Methodist Church paper. Jo Connor  
came from his mother's in the country and  
brought me a pint bottle of butter milk.

Weather MONDAY 14 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about usual time in the morning,  
and my wife informed me that I had one  
of my unconscious spells in the night. Had gotten  
up in my sleep and claimed that I had been an-  
noyed with fleas. I knew nothing of it. Spent  
part of forenoon repairing washing machine.  
Stretched Mrs Connor's clothesline for her  
and put out our own in its accustomed  
place, then run the washing machine in the  
afternoon. Got through a little before sundown  
and did not get clothes all dry. Young chicks  
taking well to roost in the hen house.

Weather TUES. Oct. 15, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose at usual time and spent the  
day doing chores, such as stretching clothes  
lines for home & for Mrs Connor. Repaired  
Mrs Connor's Cistern pump by packing two  
journals on handle fulcrum. Made some  
repairs on our chicken roost and put up  
a bridge or ladder for ascent. Read in  
daily papers at night of the shooting of  
Roosevelt Candidate for President of U. S.  
in Milwaukee Wis. last night by a man giving  
his name as Schank. Roosevelt went on and spoke  
for more than an hour after he was wounded.

Weather WEDNESDAY 16 Ther. freeze 28°

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Not feeling very well I remained in bed until  
almost eight o'clock and did not see Gill  
and Grace before they went to work. Quite  
a freeze. Found ice about 1/4 inch thick on  
water trough. Spent most of forenoon in  
doors reading etc. In afternoon cleaned  
hen house. Tried to open vent in the sink  
in kitchen but failed. Kindled fire in  
cellar furnace for first time. Lathered in  
beards and pulled up vines and put them out.  
Papers reported Ex President Roosevelt doing well  
after his wound received from would be murderer.



Weather THUR. OCT. 17, 1912 Ther. 27°

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.

Found mercury at 27° above zero, when I rose in the morning and ice about 1/4 of an inch thick on water trough. Stewart Harlin visited us in forenoon and took dinner with us and frost had not hurt their tomato vines only about three miles away. Gill came home in the evening prepared to make some repairs on floors in house and I helped him to paint the outstarts of dining room and parlor floors. I dug up Dr. Cannon's clablia roots at his request.

Weather FRIDAY 18 Nov. Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.

Arose in the morning with feelings threatening numb spells and had such feelings more or less all day but did not have any very serious spell. Spent the day tinkering about the house and garden. Spaded up the ground where I took the bean vines out of and found it pretty solid work although it would be pretty well. Young Mrs. Steel and the two Steel girls called in at night to talk about the house repairs. Rained some during the day and we

Weather SAT. OCT. 19, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa. 19° Wind

Paper hanger came in this morning and spent the day papering dining room and parlor. Had not quite enough paper for dining room and order was not returned so he could not finish that room and got a good beginning made on the other one. I gathered out the vines and put the bean poles in shelter in the evening. Gill brought home a new grindstone for our shop. I cleaned the shop out. Did not feel very well during the day. I treated with Merwin's unconscious spells. Day very fine.

Weather SUNDAY 20 Ther. 31° above

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.

Slept until after seven o'clock. Wife and I ate breakfast alone while young folks were still sleeping. I had peculiar feelings during the day with indications of spells, but all passed off very lightly. My eyes were blurred by times. I spent a good portion of day reading. Ernest Melvin's young daughter Clare and three of her young lady friends called in the evening. Gill attended a lecture by Geo. R. Wondling in Knoxville after noon. Sean went with girls to Mt. Washington to church at night. Gill and I left house.



938  
Wea. <sup>fair</sup> MON. OCT. 21, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about half past six and  
found some frost on the grass.  
Spent most of the day running the  
washing machine. Did not get through  
until after five o'clock. Paperhanger  
finished his job at noon. At night  
Grace grained the borders of the  
dinning room and parlor floors  
and Alice combed them. <sup>Gill</sup>  
Went to Knoxville to hear a lecture  
on Stone wall Jackson by Geo.  
P. Herdling. Felt tolerably well but weak.

Wea. <sup>cloudy</sup> TUESDAY 22 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Spent the day doing little chores, giving the  
chickens water, cleaning out hen house,  
painting border of our bedroom  
floor, gathering in some leaves etc.  
Gill spent the evening at home  
varnishing the floors that had been  
painted and grained. I did not  
have very steady feelings of health during  
the day. Did not feel inclined to  
undertake much. Adjusted the  
grindstone to the bench and ground  
a hatch, a knife & a ram at night.

938  
Wea. <sup>cloudy</sup> WED. OCT. 23, 1912 Ther. <sup>Rain</sup>

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburg Pa.  
Spent part of the day painting  
floor in little bed room in connec-  
tion with our bed room. Our young  
folks preparing to have a club-  
meeting at our home tomorrow night.  
A number of those engaged in fancy  
work met at neighbor Batchellors  
tonight. Gill attended a lecture of  
Geo. P. Herdling in Knoxville.  
Rained some during the day and put  
a little water in our cistern. I had some  
very queer feelings during the day.

Wea. <sup>damp</sup> THURSDAY 24 <sup>cloudy</sup> Ther. <sup>chilly</sup>

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Spent the day about home mostly  
helping Alice to prepare for enter-  
taining their "Gaelic Club of Mt.  
Washington young ladies, ten of whom  
came and had a good time at night  
and we did not get to bed until  
midnight. Jo Connor presented some  
walnuts and butternuts (which he brought  
in from the farm and I cracked some of  
them for the occasion. Mrs Connor assist-  
ed the girls and took part in the games.  
All seemed to have a good time.



Cloudy  
Wea. FRI. OCT. 25, 1912 Ther. Damp

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Slept until after seven O'clock in the morning until after Gill had gone to his work. Did usual chores, watering chickens, cleaning out chicken house etc. Grace was not feeling well during the day and did not go to her usual employment. Mrs Jo Connor took dinner with us. Jo Connor and Gill went at night to make some arrangements for getting in some coal. Weather was cool/damp and unpleasant all day. Mercury  $+3^{\circ}$  above in forenoon.

Wea. Clearing SATURDAY 26 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about half past six and found white frost and ice thick as window glass. Helped Mrs Connor put out her clothes line and put some walnuts to dry in an out house. Spent most of the day reading. In the evening Mrs Nish Curry came home with Gill from the hospital where she was visiting her husband who had cancer taken out of mouth. Gill and Alice went back with her to meet her two daughters at their room, boarders.

fair freeze  $25^{\circ}$   
Wea. SUN. OCT. 27, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose a little before seven O'clock and found the grass very white with frost and ice thick as window glass on water of chicken trough. Did not have any one go to church from here in forenoon. Young folks all went at night. Saw notice in Pittsburgh Dispatch of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Tragg - Ford Hanlin's mother in law. Time of funeral not mentioned. She was said to be eighty three years old. Gill at Jo Connor's instead of church. Evening very clear and cool. Read over several old letters I had received from correspondents of 1912.

Wea. fair MONDAY 28 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
White frost in the morning. Very fair day. Did our washing and got our clothes dried in the afternoon. Our young people were at home about nine O'clock. I felt tolerably well during the day. Carried water and ran the washing machine. Read an advertisement of a vacuum Washer which purported to do great work with very little labor. Mrs Jo Connor started to city and learned of death of Mrs Zimmerman. Returned to be her out before we



fair  
Wea. TUES. OCT. 29, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about seven o'clock. Morning  
not quite so cold as some others recently.  
Cleaned up chicken house and shop.  
Grace was not feeling well and spent  
the day at home. I felt better through  
the day than I had been feeling for some  
time. I trimmed two half bushel baskets  
of dead flowers off our hydrangea bush  
and helped Grace to take up some  
plants she had set out and removed them.  
Young folks at home for supper. Spent  
evening with Mr. & Mrs. Connor.

Wea. fair WEDNESDAY 30 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about half past six. It  
was quite cloudy in the morning but  
soon cleared off and was fine all day.  
I gathered some leaves off the front  
yard. Helped Mrs. Connor some  
preparing All Hallow-een. Made a derrick  
or tripod for the witch to make coffee  
on. Young folks were all at home  
at supper but were out at  
Connors at bed time. I felt toler-  
ably well during the day. Some little  
rheumatism in joints.

fair  
Wea. THUR. OCT. 31, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Not feeling well I laid in bed until almost  
eight o'clock. Spent most of the day  
helping to prepare for hallow-een party  
at Jo. Connors. Our whole family  
attended the affair and watched the  
performances. I cracked the nuts. The  
white walnuts were in the huls. Put  
our Cabbage under the front porch and  
put our beets in walkhouse. Learned  
of the death of Vice President Sherman  
which occurred last night. Mr. R. Carothers  
spent latter part of night with us.

Wea. Cloudy FRI. NOV. 1 rain Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Mr. R. Carothers took breakfast with  
us and went from here to work.  
I spent part of the day making  
benches to put in cellar to set crows  
on. Rained in forenoon, was cloudy  
most of day and getting colder. Alice  
went to the city in the afternoon.  
Young folks spent the evening with  
the Connors. No very especial news  
in the papers. I felt better during the  
day than I had felt for some time past.  
Still taking medicine from doctor for rheumatism.



Snow fell.

Wea. SAT. Nov. 2, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about half past six. Not  
feeling as though I could accomplish  
much. Weather being cold I spent  
considerable time in the house. Quite  
a squall of snow fell in afternoon.  
I spent some time in shop changing  
handle on a shovel. Young folks  
went to Soremont at night to visit  
with Stewart Hanlin and his  
children and grand children who were  
visiting with them. My kidneys were  
out of order during the day.

Wea. fair SUNDAY 3 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about seven O'clock. Some ice on  
water troughs. Did not any person from  
our place attend church during <sup>day</sup>. Young folks  
all went to Mount Washington at night. Till  
and I walked out to Brookline and called on  
Ernest Melvin at his drugstore and Philip  
Anderson, the man who furnishes us with  
coal. Supper was about ready when we  
got home at four O'clock. I felt better  
during the day than I did yesterday.  
Walking did not tire me much and  
my head kept in pretty good case.

fair

Wea. MON. Nov. 4, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about half past seven and spent  
most of the day helping Helen to do her washing  
and got it in before dark. Two men made  
some repairs on the drainage about the  
cistern but did not quite finish the job.  
Our young folks were, at home at  
night sewing and writing. My daily em-  
ployment does not seem to furnish me very  
great enjoyment. seem to need too much  
instruction. Did not clean the hen house today.  
Ice on water troughs in the morning and  
remained so all day.

Wea. fair TUESDAY 5 Presidential election Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
When I awoke in the morning, I found my  
shirt collar unfastened, an indication that I  
had suffered one of my unconscious spells during  
the night. I spent the day about the house,  
doing light chores. A teamster brought  
us a load of coal with three black horses.  
Till and I attended the Presidential  
election in the evening. I voted for  
Chaffin and Watkins, Prohibition Candidates  
for President & Vice President. Till and  
Alice went down town again at night to  
get the returns from the election.



fair

Wea. WED. NOV. 6, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa  
Arose about half past six and took  
breakfast as usual, then Helen Alice  
and I went to 1246 Fernmount St. Down  
to Stewart Hanlin's where we visited until  
about four o'clock and had a good time.  
Louie Hanlin's wife and little daughter  
and Fred Hanlin's wife and little daughter  
were there. Fred's baby sick and helpless.  
We got home in good time. Learned that  
Democrat Woodrow Wilson was elected  
president of the United States and  
Marshall elected vice president.

Wea. ~~Wed.~~ THURSDAY 7 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Was able to be about some during  
the day but somewhat trembly and  
feeble. There was considerable of  
rain. Most I did during the day  
was to clean out the henhouse and  
fill up the water troughs. Alice went  
to town in afternoon with Mr. Connor.  
Heard during day that Stewart  
Hanlin visited Oliver Curry at the  
hospital where he had cancer taken  
out of his jaw but doctor did not  
consider him ready to go home (yet) but

fair

Wea. FRI. NOV. 8, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Awoke at usual time and took breakfast  
as usual. Spent the most uncomfortable  
day I had spent for a long time. Head out  
of order and kidneys also. I took down  
the porch swing and the fly screens.  
Stopped some holes at end of porch. About  
sunset Charles P. Melvin came in on his  
way from Carnegie to Youngstown and took  
supper with us. Helen and Grace dropped a  
young one of which took the head and they  
gave it to him. Gill went into the city with  
Charlie. My head felt miserable at night.

Wea. Cloudy SATURDAY 9 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Spent a very uncomfortable day  
about home in forenoon on account of  
numbness in my hands and cold feet.  
I took a good bath in the forenoon and  
in the afternoon. Gill took me to the city  
and to see the doctor and bought me a  
new shirt and pair of shoes. Dr. told me  
that he did not consider kidney trouble cause  
of numbness in my hands and cold feet.  
My medicine changed some and electricity  
introduced. Dr. Connor presented me a nice  
iron poker to use in our cold furnace.



*Cloudy*  
938 <sup>Wear</sup> <sup>Sun.</sup> <sup>Nov. 10, 1912</sup> <sup>Ther.</sup> <sup>Pittsburgh Pa.</sup>  
Awoke about eight o'clock and spent the day about home. Did not many of our family attend church in forenoon but went at night. Mitchel Carothers came in afternoon and showed us letters from Annie Liggett and from Nancy Morrison. I felt very uncomfortable during the day. Numbness in my hands and peculiar feeling in different parts of my body, and my head not in good order. All the exercise I got during the day was walking the floor and I felt the better of it. Reading Scripture and Wesleyan folks did.

*Wear* *fair* **MONDAY 11** *Ther.*

938 <sup>Wear</sup> <sup>Tues.</sup> <sup>Nov. 12, 1912</sup> <sup>Ther.</sup> <sup>Pittsburgh Pa.</sup>  
Not feeling well, I laid in bed until eight o'clock then got out and helped to do a weeks washing and succeeded in getting it dried and in. And after supper Gill invited me to walk out with him to the grocery store where he went to settle a store bill. I had some very peculiar feelings during the day and evening but did not lose consciousness. Learned of James P. M. Calmonts death Sabbath morning 2-45.

*fair*  
938 <sup>Wear</sup> <sup>Tues.</sup> <sup>Nov. 12, 1912</sup> <sup>Ther.</sup> <sup>Pittsburgh Pa.</sup>  
Took breakfast with family at usual time and spent the day about home doing chores, helping some with washing and did some shoe mending. Had some very peculiar feelings which were not at all pleasant. This was day of funeral of James P. M. Calmont 48 years elder of Paris U. P. Church. Young neighbors of Go. Connor gave him a Birth day surprise at night, presenting trifles for jokes. Helen and I did not attend our young folks did. Gill presented "Catcher Cracker" and "The Capt. and Sid. Bred".

*Wear* *showery* **WEDNESDAY 13** *Ther.*

938 <sup>Wear</sup> <sup>Wed.</sup> <sup>Nov. 13, 1912</sup> <sup>Ther.</sup> <sup>Pittsburgh Pa.</sup>  
Arose at usual time and Gill and Grace went on usual train to their work. I spent some time taking down dead vines about our yard and put some rods on top of our cistern. Gill brought an electric battery out from Dr. Cheesmans in the evening and fixed it on me for a short time. I had peculiar feelings at different times during the day but while my hands became numb I did not become unconscious. Felt tolerably comfortable at night.



Wear <sup>fair</sup> THUR. Nov. 14, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose at usual time. Spent day about  
home making improvements about the  
yard, putting up on cistern top and  
about flower beds. Set out Rosebush  
etc. My head was not in good case  
and my stomach seemingly out of order  
in the evening. Grace and Alice went  
to hospital in the evening to visit a friend  
Miss Frances Linduff. Gill made some repairs  
on gas fixtures. Felt somewhat uneasy  
about the condition of my brain - my  
mind seemingly wandering & unsteady.

Wear <sup>fair</sup> FRIDAY 15 <sup>snow</sup> Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose at seven feeling weak and trembly.  
Spent part of forenoon by the fire reading.  
For exercise removed a log of squared tim-  
ber from the vacant street - log had been  
used when well was sunk on our lot - Put it  
out of the way into the alley we had in  
potatoes. My head troubled me consid-  
erably during the day but did not entirely  
lose consciousness. In the evening Gill  
and Alice went to Mount Washington to attend  
"Union Meeting" in M. P. Church, Virginia Ave. and  
Bigham St. Mt. Washington.

Wear <sup>fair</sup> SAT. Nov. 16, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose at usual time and was able to do  
chores during the day but was very uncomfort-  
able with trouble in my head approaching lack  
of reason. Spent some time repairing shoe and the  
handle of Grace's sachel. Gill gave me a charge  
of electricity from a battery belonging to Dr. Cheesman.  
Troubled with lack of circulation of blood which  
caused numbness in my hands. Drove a  
number of young ladies called in at night.  
Bertha Rawsthorne with us over night,  
Her brother Ralph was expected with her but  
he did not come.

Wear <sup>cloudy</sup> SUNDAY 17 <sup>snow</sup> Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
While we were at breakfast Mr. Brokaw of  
Mt. Washington came to take a walk out with  
Gill to some point in our vicinity to attend  
church. Our girls went with Bertha Raw-  
sthorne to Mt. Washington to sabbath school  
and church, and in the afternoon Mr &  
Mrs Robt. Rawsthorne came home with the  
girls, and Gill and I went out with Mr R.  
walking past where he used to live near Brook-  
line. They took supper with us and Gill and  
Alice went with them to Mount Washington to  
church. My head out of order during day.



<sup>fair</sup>  
Wea. Mon. Nov. 18, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Slept unusually late and Gill and Grace were just started to work when I got out. Was feeling miserable all day. My head out of order. Helped to do the usual washing. and helped Gill to spread a new shoe that bound his foot. On account of the state of my mind I could not enjoy reading so well as usual. Having trouble with my kidneys I was not feeling very bright but not suffering any very severe pain. Very tremulous, and unsteady.

Wea. <sup>fair</sup> TUESDAY 19, Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Arose about seven o'clock. Gill had taken an earlier breakfast than common and went on train to Washington and Cannonsburg. I spent day doing small chores. Repaired walk across street. Helped Mrs Connor to take down their awning and burned some of their dead flowering plants. Felt very worthless. My head being out of order and causing me to feel very much unannexed. Gill went into the city to attend meeting of Young Men's Christian Association which he had been

Wea. <sup>fair</sup> WED. Nov. 20, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Slept later than common and took breakfast alone. Felt uncomfortable on account of my head being out of order and my mind affected. Spent some time shading in the garden and putting ground in readiness for spring work. In the evening Alice received a writing desk as a gift from a green Trading Stamp Company, sent out on train on Wabash R.R. Ladies Fancy Work Club met at our place at night. Quite a number of ladies our near neighbors slipped off to bed early and did not try to enjoy the company on account of my hearing & inability to converse.

Wea. <sup>fair</sup> THURSDAY 21 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Spent most of the forenoon about the house after filling the vessels with water for the chickens. Did some shading in the garden. Had a peculiar spell with my head and stomach which caused me to stop work for a short time. My mind in very unsteady shape and not reliable. Gill was away on business in suburbs and did not get home until late. The girls attended a club meeting on Mount Washington at night and I did not get home until after we had retired. The evening rain







Cloudy      Changeable  
Wea. TUES. Nov. 26, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
Being in ill health I remained  
in bed until after Gill and Grace  
had gone to their work. I did not do  
much labor during the day. Cut the  
head off a duck for Mrs Connor. Did  
usual chores about our chicken  
house and my stomach being  
unusually out of order I threw up  
several times during the day and  
night. My mind was quite unset-  
tled during the day. Received a letter  
from my sister Mary from Oakdale  
Wea. <sup>fair</sup> WEDNESDAY 27 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
Remained in bed until late not  
being well but was still able to attend  
to usual chores. Cleaned up the shop  
and chicken house and carried out the  
ashes from the furnace in the cellar. Charles  
and Flo. came in the evening to spend  
Thanksgiving day with us and we had a very  
pleasant time the whole family being at home.  
Gill and Grace brought home a large  
turkey for Thanksgiving gotten from Heavers in  
Oakdale. My head considerably out of order and  
my mind not very reliable. Charles had on

<sup>fair</sup>  
Wea. THUR. Nov. 28, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
Day of National Thanksgiving. Charley  
and Florence with us. Took turkey  
dinner at home. Mitchel Carothers also  
with us and late in the afternoon we  
all walked out to Dormont and called  
on Stewart G. Hanlin and family and  
made a short visit, returning by way  
of street car and Mitchel called upon  
his best girl a few doors from our house.  
Received through the mail papers making  
me \$24 pr. mo. pension from May 23, 1912.  
Charley went home on car at night to  
Wea. <sup>fair</sup> FRIDAY 29 Ther. <sup>Youngstown O.</sup>

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
Not feeling well I remained in bed  
until quite late and Flo. left for  
home when Gill and Grace went to  
work. Suffering with Piles all day  
I did not attempt much work. Cleaned  
chicken house and put water in  
troughs for the chickens. Quite a com-  
pany of our near neighbors and our  
young folks attended some theatrical  
performance or moving picture show at  
night. Suffering my affliction I did not  
feel as though my company was desirable.



Wea. <sup>fair</sup> SAT. Nov. 30, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburg Pa.  
Remained in bed until nine o'clock on account  
of my ill health. Tried to benefit by exercising  
along chores during day. Placed cover on wall  
ing box in hen house. Felt very much concerned  
about the feebleness of my mind and the declining  
strength of my body. In the evening Mitchel R.  
Carothers and Bessie Beese came in and took  
supper with us and remained until  
almost midnight and the young folks seemed  
to enjoy themselves well, part of the time with  
the piano and vocal music. I retired  
about half past ten feeling very uncomfortable.

Wea. <sup>fair</sup> SUN. DEC. 1 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburg Pa.  
Spent the day at home with all  
the family except Gull who attended  
at Smithfield Church in forenoon  
and in the evening he and the girls  
attended church on Mount Washington  
at M. P. Church where we hold our  
membership. I took a good all over  
bath at night and felt the better  
of it. My forelegs were very sore  
during the day and my mind  
very feeble. Spent most of the time  
reading bible. An Wesleyan Methodist.

<sup>partially cloudy</sup>  
Wea. MON. DEC. 2, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburg Pa.  
Spent most of the forenoon doing chores  
about the house and preparing for  
washing. Was feeling very feeble  
and uncomfortable. My head was  
badly out of order and my mind affected.  
Spent the afternoon washing and putting  
out clothes. Was very poor weather for  
drying. Young folks attended a  
Birthday Surprise Party at Neighbor  
Steel's across the street for Miss Dolly  
Steel. Her sister brought her in to our house  
while the party gathered at their house.

Wea. <sup>cloudy</sup> TUESDAY 3 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburg Pa.  
Remained in bed until eight o'clock.  
Helped my wife during the day to finish  
the washing which we began yesterday.  
Was troubled concerning the state  
of my mind and did not consider  
myself competent to attend to my  
Pension papers which accrued to me  
and increase from \$15 to \$24 per month  
and the back pay as shown on last  
voucher amounted to \$39.00. Gull proposed  
to accompany me to courthouse if I should  
go with him at his start out in morning.



Wea. <sup>fair</sup> WED. DEC. 4, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.

Remained in bed until after the family had taken breakfast and Ed and Grace gone to their work. Alice accompanied me to the Court-house and Post Office where my Pension papers were attended to for \$39<sup>20</sup> on increase. Feeling very weak and nervous, did not try to work much. Put screws in to fasten arm of chair. Young folks out at Nancy work party at night. My mind so much out of fix I did not pretend to associate or mix with the company. Ed went to party at a late hour.

Cloudy Wea. <sup>fair</sup> THURSDAY 5, Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.

My stomach out of order and my general health not good, I spent the day mostly sitting in the rocker. My mind so out of order that I did not enjoy reading as I did when in good health. Thinking that the ~~old~~ medicine I had been taking was causing me to bow up, I deferred it at night. Nasal Catarrh still troubling me. Very weak and nervous during the day and did not try to do any work except to clean out the chicken house.

Wea. <sup>Warm</sup> ~~fair~~ FRI. DEC. 6, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.

Being sick at the stomach and throwing up occasionally, I spent the entire forenoon in bed. Cleaned chicken house in afternoon. Grace and Alice called on Janet Daugherty in Mercy Hospital at noon where she had suffered an operation for Appendicitis. And in the evening they visited Frances Linduff at Columbia Hospital and got home between nine and ten o'clock. Weather was fine during the day. ~~Rested~~ ~~well~~ at night.

Wea. <sup>fair</sup> SATURDAY 7 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.

Arose between eight and nine o'clock feeling very weak and nervous and did not attempt to do much during the day but attend to watering the chickens and cleaning the chicken house. About dusk, in the evening Clyde V. Melvin came in and spent the night with us and we had a grand time. Grace was decorating some China ware. Mrs. Mrs. Bachelor & Mrs. Mrs. Connor came in and we had grand good time. Fine Concert. The girls Helen and I retired at twelve, Ed & Clyde at 2 o'clock. I did not sleep until after <sup>midnight</sup>.



Wea. <sup>Cloudy</sup> SUN. DEC. 8, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburg Pa.  
Arose about nine O'clock. Clyde & Melvin with us for breakfast and Gill went with him to R.R. Station in afternoon on his way home. I enjoyed Clydes visit richly and learned more than common concerning our old friends and neighbors. Our young people did not attend church any where during the day. <sup>Gill paid store went off night</sup> My mind had been very much taken up trying to furnish Clyde dates of events of my boyhood days especially burning of my father's barn where scorching wheat is still to be found.

Wea. fair MONDAY 9 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Helped my wife to attend to the weeks washing, which we finished a little before dark and hung up in the cellar to dry. Mitchel Carothers took supper with us and with our young folks and some others attended a Birthday party surprise given to Miss Ethel Blair, a young lady on our street. Mitchel's lady partner. Received from Coshocton Ohio, receipts for taxes on Lot 1679 Third Addition, paid to June 20 1913.

Wea. fair TUES. DEC. 10, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburg Pa.  
Remained in bed until after eight O'clock then spent most of the day sitting in the room reading. Between eleven and twelve O'clock I took one of my unconscious spells just as Gill got home from Mount Washington. <sup>and when I came to my senses I found</sup> the whole family rubbing and working with me. Helen remained awake almost all night and when I took another spell about five O'clock Wednesday morning she called the young

Wea. fair WEDNESDAY 11 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburg Pa.  
About five O'clock in the morning I took a second spell of unconsciousness and Helen called the young folks. Did not last long but I remained in bed until about eleven O'clock; my back sore with kidney trouble and did not try to work only to clean out the chicken house and at night helped Gill to put a new pipe on the furnace in the cellar, which was a little too small.



Wea. fair THUR. DEC. 12, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave, Pittsburgh Pa  
The day was cold but fair and  
about ten o'clock or a little after  
Mrs Mary Allen and her little  
daughter Gladis came and spent  
the day with us - Mrs Allen  
learning to make Cornsuetting  
ers. We had a very pleasant  
and interesting visit.  
Our girls went to Mount Wash-  
ington at night for some things  
were they had there getting finished  
after being decorated.

Wea. fair FRIDAY 13 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave, Pittsburgh Pa  
Spent the morning in bed.  
Did not clean out the hen house  
during the day. Helen kept the  
chickens until in the afternoon.  
I did not feel well enough to  
work at anything that was  
needed to be done about the place.  
When Gill and Grace came  
home on train in the evening  
my sister Mary Stephenson  
came with them and spent  
the night with us.

Wea. fair SAT. DEC. 14, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave, Pittsburgh Pa.  
My sister Mary was with us during  
the day and I enjoyed her company  
very much. She and I took a walk  
up onto the hill in the afternoon  
and when we came back I noticed  
a piece of squared timber perhaps 8 inches  
square and about ten feet long that  
had lain in a vacant lot or street  
between our place and Conners and now  
in our lot. I did not know how it got  
there. Helen told me I put it there  
with handspike. My mind checked.

Wea. fair SUNDAY 15 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave, Pittsburgh Pa.  
My sister Mary Stephenson spent  
the day with us, and we spent  
it mostly reading. Gill went  
to church in the city in the forenoon  
and the girls went to the hospital  
to see Gannett Daugherty and  
some other lady there who are  
expecting to leave for home sometime  
this week. And at night our young  
people attended church on Mount  
Washington. I felt very weak and  
my mind very unreliable.



Wear <sup>fair</sup> MON. DEC. 16, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Slept until near eight o'clock  
when my sister Mary and I took  
breakfast together and spent the  
day about the house reading &c.  
I cleaned out the hen house in the  
afternoon. Our young folks were  
at home at night. Gill forgot  
to bring my medicine from the  
drug store and I got entirely out.  
My family seemed to think that I  
had my mind too much on myself  
and wanted me to get a change.

Wear <sup>fair</sup> TUESDAY 17 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
While writing in the morning Mrs  
Jo. Connor came and kissed me and  
said "I'll tell you what to write;  
write "I love you, my daddy"  
My sister Mary was with us  
during the day and in the evening  
Alice went with her to the station  
where she met Virginia Smith  
who took her in charge. Our girls  
went to the hospital and called on  
some friend who was being cared  
for there. We got to bed about eleven.

~~foggy dawn~~

Wear WED. DEC. 18, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Slept until eight o'clock. Helped  
Helen to do a washing but the  
weather was too unfavorable to put  
it out to dry. At night Grace and I  
bred up some poinsettias to send  
to Mo. for Christmas. Grace was  
busy with other presents also. She  
put up some chinaware that she  
had decorated. Alice was busy with  
some fancy needlework. Gill was at  
home most of the evening and they were  
arranging for Christmas.

Wear <sup>cloudy</sup> THURSDAY 19 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.  
Slept until about eight o'clock  
Cleaned out the chicken house  
Tried to manufacture a last  
to mend Alice's shoe but found  
it too cold and gave it up.  
The girls went to Mount Washington  
at night and I helped Gill with  
the preparation of some Christmas  
presents, pocket lamps &c. I did not  
feel as though I could write well  
enough to write letters or postal cards  
for Christmas sending. Plenty at hand.



Wear Fair FRI. DEC. 20, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa  
Spent the forenoon doing  
chores such as cleaning out  
the chicken house cleaning the  
ashes out of the furnace in  
the cellar. In afternoon I was  
not feeling well and spent most  
of the time sitting about the house.  
In the evening Gill trimmed  
my hair and I put together some  
pennettas which Grace cut  
out which she wanted for Mrs Do.  
Connor. Was late returning.

Wear Fair SATURDAY 21 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
Slept late as usual. Spent most of  
the day reading. Wrote a letter to  
Charlie Pattison in the afternoon and  
helped Grace putting up Christmas  
presents and preparing for entertainment  
on that occasion. Gill was at home at  
night and put up decorations. He asked  
me to prepare to go to church with him  
tomorrow, but I did not think it best for a  
venture. Alice went to Washington to  
visit Mrs Amy Mansfield one of her old  
school mates at Fickers School Washington Co.

Wear Fair SUN. DEC. 22, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.  
Gill wanted me to go with him to  
Smithfield W. P. Church in forenoon.  
He thought I could probably hear the  
minister there; but I did not feel well  
enough to go. Wrote a short letter on  
a Christmas card to my old room mate  
of Adrian Colleg in 1860, T. J. Lindley  
of Westfield Ind. Grace was at home  
during the day and she and Gill  
went to town at night with Mrs Connor.  
Alice got home from Washington  
about nine o'clock at night.

Wear Fair MONDAY 23 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsb'g Pa  
Spent most of the day telling  
Helen to do the washing. Did  
not get through in time to  
put the clothes out to dry.  
The girls were busy all night  
making ready for Christmas.  
Gill went to Mount Washington  
to help to decorate the church  
for an entertainment to be held  
there. Mitchel Carothers took  
supper with us. Wrote his  
best girl I supposed afterward.



Wear <sup>fair</sup> TUES. DEC. 24, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.

Snow fell during the night and in the morning I had a good time sweeping and shoveling about our place and Jo. Connor's. In the evening our family got together to celebrate Christmas. Charley and Flo. came at different times and Gill's best girl Sue Wells came from Coshocton Ohio. It was arranged with Jo. Connor and wife to celebrate with us and all hang up our stockings and so it was done and we had a splendid time and such a scene I never once saw before.

Wear <sup>fair</sup> WEDNESDAY 25 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.

Slept until after seven o'clock then took breakfast with my family with Sue Wells, Charley and Flo. Jo. Connor and his wife present also at family worship. Before the Christmas stockings and gifts were distributed, neighbor Bachelder brought in his camera and took a picture of the scene which was a rich one such as had never been before. After Christmas dinner about three o'clock another picture of the table and guests was taken. More called at night. Good music and plenty of sport. Gifts displayed

Wear <sup>fair</sup> THUR. DEC. 26, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa.

Spent most of the day in the shop after attending to the chickens, wants Charming floor, etc. I put a handle on our snow shovel. Charley and Flo. were away during the day attending to business affairs and Charley got back at night but Flo. did not come. Gill and his girl, Sue attended theater at night. Everybody seemed to be having a good time after Christmas. Mitchell Carothers called a short time in the evening.

Wear <sup>wintry</sup> FRIDAY 27 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.

Very disagreeable day outdoors. Scrape some snow off paths. Social gathering at our place at night. Spent most of time in playing games not interesting to me. Singing of songs and music on the piano. Charles and Flo. and Sue Wells here. She received a letter from home sent by special messenger. Her mother had been dangerously ill. Wanted her home. Gill went to town and "phoned" Mother better, not necessary for Sue to go until tomorrow. She turned

new card man make no a card



Wea. <sup>Fair</sup> SAT. DEC. 28, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh Pa

Miss Sue Wells left for home on account of sickness of her mother. I spent the day mostly in the shop preparing to change her roost. Gill got home in afternoon and we took down an unused work bench and put up a roost in the hen house. We worked until after dark then Gill went in to the city and called Sue up on the phone and learned that she got home safely and that her mother was better and seemingly very glad to see her home. Our girls attend meeting of their club at night. Charles and Flo got in sometime after we had retired.

Wea. <sup>Fair</sup> SUNDAY 29 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburg Pa

Slept until late in the morning and no one attended church from here in forenoon. In afternoon Charley and Gill walked over to Ernest Melvin's at Brookline. At night Charley and Flo started for their home in Youngstown and our youngsters attended an entertainment entitled The Messiah at the Smithfield St. M. E. Church in the city and did not get home until after ten o'clock. I had just retired when they came. Grace discovered she had got lice.

Changeable

Wea. MON. DEC. 30, 1912 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburgh Pa

Slept until eight o'clock and when I awoke Helen announced to me that I had had one of my unconscious spells in the after part of the night but I did not know of it. Helped her during the day to do the week's washing and we did not get through until after six in the evening. Weather not fit to put clothes out to dry. Jo Connor and Gill walked over to Brookline to drugstore to get medicine for Grace's hair for the trouble which had just befallen her.

Wea. <sup>Fair</sup> TUESDAY 31 Ther.

938 Timberland Ave Pittsburg Pa

My health just about as usual. Spent most of the day making repairs in the hen house - lowering new roost and putting in boards with strips on, on which heavy chicks might get up and down. Our young folks spent evening with others at Mr. Steel's at watch meeting. Helen and I remained at home. Heard the bells and whistles in the city at midnight. Made a wonderful noise which lasted perhaps half an hour.

The was almost dark and clear.



NOTES FOR 1913

Jan 13" Gill engaged as pattern maker with Meeta Machine Co. West Homestead to begin work on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> inst. (Began)

Jan 15" Susannah C. Melvin died at her son-in-law's <sup>Grandson</sup> Harcets in Carroll Co. Ohio about 2 o'clock P.M.

Jan 16" Young folks, with the Waters had a sled ride in neighborhood of Wilkinsburg.

" 25" We moved from 30 LaBelle St. to 938 Timberland Ave (Relectonville) Pitts.

Feb 2" Received a fine open faced Gold watch a Birthday present from Bill and Grace (3<sup>rd</sup> my birthday)

" 8" Gill trimmed my hair.

" 9" Learned of death of Miss Margaret Jane Moore (my old school teacher) and also of Mrs Mary Ann Bell.

" 10" Read of five men crossing Lake Erie on ice in Automobile from Port Clinton O. to Leamington Ontario - first ice passage of kind in history.

" 17" Mrs Robt Rawsthorne's children visited us. At 938 Timberland Ave. Pittsburgh.

" 20" Called on Dr. Cheesman concerning Cataract.

March 5" Gill secured employment with the American Art works Co. of Lorhaston Ohio.

" 14" Gill and I pruned our grapevines

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TELEPHONE

March 17 Had a call by Fred Smallreed.

" 21 Miss Gretta Jordan and Chas P Melvin were with us over night at 938 Timberland Ave.

" 25 Our whole family visited at the home of Steward J. Hanlin & Fred in Beechview.

2<sup>nd</sup> 8" Gus Shoebarger tuned our piano.

" 30" Gill engaged as traveling salesman with The Gasoline Supply Co. of Pittsburgh.

" 31" Ed Weaver came with my sister Mary Stephenson to visit us at 938 Timberland Ave. Pitts.

Apr 7" Mrs Mary J. Allen visited us (Easter Sunday)

" 12" Robt. Sprout & wife took supper and spent evening with us.

" 13" Chas P. Melvin & Dr. P. Lloyd called on us at night.

" 23" Ten hens and a rooster put into our chicken house. <sup>Exp. Apr 2008</sup>

" 25" Stewart Hanlin and wife and daughter-in-law and grand daughter, Lois Hanlin, visited us at Relectonville.

May 2" Miss Ethel Sutton with us over night.

" 4" Miss Lottie Rawsthorne and Lottie Crook took supper with us and gathered large bunch Blue violets.

" 11" Rainbow at 7-25 p.m. (very red).

" 15" Horse walked out on Rail Road track and broke two of its legs and died before it was removed.

" 17" Grace's 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday.

" 18" night. 19 Sunday Charles & Flo visited us.

" 22" Put in my application for increase of pension under act of May 11 1912.

" 24" McCutler, father of members of our church



ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

- Choir died in asylum at Marshalsea.  
 May 27 " Mr Cutter buried.  
 " 28 " Helen sick all day.  
 " 30 " Gill and I attended Decoration services  
 at South side Cemetery Pittsburgh Pa.  
 June 1st. Gill went to Youngstown Ohio  
 to attend Business Meeting with  
 Chas. P. Meloni & Geo. Lloyd Concerning foundry  
 or machine shop business.  
 June 7 " Christian Endeavor Convention held  
 in 1st M. P. Church (Rev Lewis) Pittsburgh Pa.  
 June 8 " A. Killing frost.  
 " 8 to 10 " Amanda Cassidy visited us.  
 " 11 " Social gathering of young folks with  
 Mrs Wilkins among them.  
 " 18 " My Gold watch at jewelers to get correct time.  
 " 23 " Negro Family Mrs Connor visited us.  
 " 24 " Mrs Virginia Smith visited us.  
 July 4 " Young folks Picnic with us at our  
 residence 938 Pittsburgh Pa.  
 " 13 " Robt Rawsthorne & wife visited us.  
 " 13 " Grace weighed 127 lbs and  
 Alice weighed 128 lbs, she  
 having lost 10 pounds since coming  
 to 938 Timberland Ave. Pittsbq.  
 Jan 25 " 1912  
 July 19 Jimmie Shirley, Earl Allen his

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

- wife and daughter visited us.  
 July 21 " Flood in Sawmill Run  
 " 25 " Do Connor moved into No 24 on  
 our street Timberland Ave nearest neigh  
 " 27 " Watch at jewelers to get correct time  
 Had lost two and one half minutes  
 " 29 " Maggie Provines with us over night.  
 " 29 " Robt Rawsthorne jr and his daughter  
 took supper and spent evening with us.  
 " 30 " Was very chilly nearly all day and  
 feverish at night. Gill & Helen rubbed Exaltone.  
 " 31 " Had good sponge bath.  
 Aug. 1 " Temperature at 7 a m 53 above.  
 Coldest Aug 1st on record.  
 " 3 " Snow 1/2 inch deep fell in Michigan State  
 " 3 " Snow fell in New Castle Pa.  
 " 2 " Elizabeth Riddle died in Fort Collins, Colorado  
 " 13 " Alice had a small Birth day party at  
 supper, M. R. Carothers, Marshall & Ethel Blair guests.  
 " 15 " Robt Rawsthorne Sr. and Robt Rawsthorne jr  
 took supper and spent evening with us.  
 " 17 " Sowed some turnip seed in our garden.  
 " 17 to 28 " Grace & Alice visited Charles Flo.  
 at Youngstown Ohio.  
 " 25 " Gill and I took a walk in Westbury Park.  
 " 27 " My watch at jewelers for correct time



## ADDRESS

## TELEPHONE

- Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs Mary McFongha and her daughter Isabel visited us.
- Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> Out door Corn & potato roast on lawn near our place at Relectonville Sta.
- Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs Hannah Thorley, wife of Albert J. Thorley drowned ~~at the foot of the bridge~~ in Harmon's Creek after ~~being~~ <sup>being</sup> ~~struck~~ <sup>struck</sup> by a ~~train~~ <sup>train</sup>. Drowned below Collins Sta. Pa.
- Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> Gill and I registered at polling place in 19<sup>th</sup> ward, Pittsburgh. Near Relectonville Station
- Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> Second Out door corn roast & neighborhood gathering at J. Corners, <sup>Shumberland Ave</sup> Pittsburgh Pa.
- Sept 5<sup>th</sup> - Gill had request to say if he would consider a proposition to take place of foreman pattern make in a firm in Chicago in which present employee gets \$120 per month (considering)
- Sept 14<sup>th</sup> Third Annual Melvin Re-union at Riverview Park. About 25 persons present. A general good time. Vaccination for small pox kept some parties at home.
- Sept 14<sup>th</sup> Miss Clara Long came on visit.
- " 20<sup>th</sup> Had a pastoral call from Rev. W. D. Cuffman.
- " 19<sup>th</sup> Gill and Alice were vaccinated
- " 20<sup>th</sup> Grace was vaccinated

## ADDRESS

## TELEPHONE

- Sept. 28 First white frost of season
- " 28 Isabel Carothers went to New-Concord Ohio.
- " 29<sup>th</sup> Mrs Jo Connor kissed me twice and named me as her "papa".
- " 29<sup>th</sup> Had a severe nervous chill at night.
- " 30<sup>th</sup> "Coldest 30<sup>th</sup> on record" 38<sup>th</sup> Official record.
- Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Had my hair and whiskers trimmed.
- " 5<sup>th</sup> Received Pension check and instructions concerning payment under new act of congress of August 17<sup>th</sup> 1912 doing away with present system of preparing vouchers.
- " 8<sup>th</sup> Had unconscious spell in after part of the night and after got up in my sleep and went to kitchen door without knowing it, and my wife took me back to bed.
- " 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Cleaned out our big cistern
- " 14<sup>th</sup> Man named Schrank shot and wounded ex president & present candidate for president in Milwaukee Wisconsin.
- " 19<sup>th</sup> Paper hanger at work on dining room parlor
- " 20<sup>th</sup> Gill heard Geo. R. Wendling lecture in Knoxville on Saul of Tarsus.
- " 24<sup>th</sup> Our daughters entertained their club "Yadript" ten young ladies from Mt. Washington at 938 Shumberland Ave Pitts.
- " 26<sup>th</sup> Mrs Dick Curry took supper with us.



## ADDRESS

## TELEPHONE

- Oct. 27" Pittsburgh Dispatch gave notice of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Wragg.
- " 30" Vice President of U. S. James Schoolcraft Sherman died at 9-45 p.m. Utica N. Y.
- Nov. 2 Quite a squall of snow fell for first.
- " 6" Helen Alice & I visited at Stewart <sup>for 8 days out</sup> Hamilton.
- " 8" Charles P. Melvin took supper with us.
- " 10" Jas. P. McAlmont died in Gettysburg Pa.
- " 12" " " " Buried at Paris Pa. where he had served as Elder 48 yrs. in United Presbyterian Church.
- " 17" Mr & Mrs Robt. Rawsthorn supped with us.
- " 20" Alice received writing desk on account of using Green Trading Stamps.
- " 24" Our young folks Gill Grace and Alice attended church at M. Church Smithfield St. Pittsburgh and took dinner with friends Regus. and attended evening service.
- " 25" One red rose out in bloom an inch over another almost opened; and two other buds pointing taken from a bush in our door yard in Pittsburgh with enough green leaves for a nice mantle bouquet.

## ADDRESS

## TELEPHONE

- Oct. 26" My stomach badly out of order ~~all day and night~~.
- Nov. 28" National Thanksgiving and received my papers increasing my pension from \$15 to \$24 per mo.
- Dec 4" Sent to voucher for \$39.30 of increase due on time from passage of the act of May 11 "1912.
- " 7" Said ~~money~~ received.
- Dec 7" Clyde B. Melvin spent the night with us at 938 Timberland Ave. Pittsb.
- " 9" Young people gave Miss Ethel Blair a Surprise Birthday party and present.
- " 10" Had unconscious spell a little before midnight.
- " 11" Had another unconscious spell about 5 A. M. Helen had slept very little during the night.
- " 13" Mary Stephenson came to visit us.
- " 25" Our family and some visitors decorated our fire place with the noted stockings and Christmas gifts.
- " 25" At our Chimney Corner, a Christmas scene such as I had never seen before and a neighbor came in and took a picture of the scene. And also of dinner scene.