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MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 1912
A lovely day after the Storm of yesterday -- Wrote Xmas letters this morning and sewing on Catharines night gowns this afternoon -- Mrs. A. S[?]. Chase called -- Wrote Marga this evening -- Memorial Hall Com. made arrangements for Lecture course -- Annual Meeting at the Church this p.m. -- A beautiful moonlight evening --

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1912
Another lovely day -- Mrs. Walker washing -- Installation of officers at the Red men this evening -- Wrote letter to Frances -- Sewing on Catharines night gowns -- Mr. & Mrs. Joe Hedge start for Virginia to day -- Aunt Laura goes to Brockton --

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1912
A fine day -- Ladies Aid met with me this afternoon -- five ladies present besides myself -- we reorganized but with the same list of officers -- The treasurer reported that we cleared $152.00 from our fair -- Voted to put $100.00 in the bank -- which makes $327.00 we have in the Harwich Savings Bank --

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1912
Snowing to day -- Wind N. E. -- Sewing this forenoon and making a scallop [sic] for the Grange supper to night and a Shrimp Salad -- Mrs. Walker & Elsie ironing until two o'clock -- P. M. Crowell & Henry hire horse of Ed. Sears and we go over to the George together -- our last supper for our time of service as Feast Committee -- Very mild coming home -- arrived home at 12-30.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1912
Snow blowing and drifting today. Ther. down to 15° to night. Feel the effects of last nights dissipation a little. Sewing on Catharines night dresses. Elsie makes pies this forenoon. Write Hattie & Joe this forenoon. Letter from Mr. Barnard at noon. No mail to night.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1912
Still very cold. Ther. down to °10 this morning. Sewing on and finish Catharines night dresses to day. Elsie making cake &c. Received Calendar from Mr. Barnard this noon. Dancing school and Assembly this evening.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 1912
Still very cold. Ther. down to °12 this morning. Elsie gone to Mr. Blacks for the day. Called over to see Ma a little this p.m. Mr. & Mrs. P. M. Crowell & Miriam down this evening – we have Some Music.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1912
A fair morning but quite cold. Ther. down to °16. Go to Boston on the early train. Harry meets me at station and goes to Dr. Crockettts with me who shows me how to inflate my ears. We also go Dr. Proctor, optician, and he advises me to change the lower part of my bifocal glasses. Now they are all right. We go to Marstons to dinner. Come home to night.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1912
Snowing last night and clearing to day. Still very cold. Dr. Hart called.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1912
Snowing and still Cold. J. H. Farnsworth passed away last night – age 67.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 1912
Still very cold. Henry attended the funeral of James Henry Farnsworth this p.m. H. feels about sick with a cold. he gets some tablets from Dr. Hart.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1912
Stormy and cold not wash. The first entertainment in the Memorial Course this evening, by the Wilbur Starr Concert Co. Every one pronounced it fine. Henry and I could not attend on account of colds.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1912
Still stormy and cold.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1912
Cleaning to day but still very Cold. Attended the Ladies Aid at Mrs. Ruth Ann Nyes.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 1912
Cloudy and cold. Henry goes to Bass River Bank. Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Smalley Call this afternoon and we have some music on the Victrola. Ripping up old clothes for braided mat.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1912
Still cold but clear. Frank & Chlo Start to day for Pasedena Calif. Edith confined in bed with Slight attack of appendicitis. She grows rapidly worse
and Dr. Stevens on beginning to operate found her in such a Condition he has them telegraph to F. & C to return – very much alarmed.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1912
Frank & Chlo receive telegram from Edmund on reaching Syracuse informing them of Edith’s critical condition. they immediately take train back for Boston arriving at 9.30 this A.M.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1912
Still very cold. We attend an entertainment in Dennis this evening. A drama entitled – His Iron Hand - very fine indeed. Louise Chase and Elsie accompany us – to in Auto. Edith a very sick woman – will not be out of danger for ten days or more. received letter from Chlo to day.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1912
Still quite cold. Paul Bessie & Stanley call this evening – we have music on Victrola.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 1912
Edith no worse but doctors feel very anxious.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 1912
Still pretty cold. reading all day. Eleanor called this afternoon. Called over to see Ma this evening.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 1912
A snow storm – cannot wash. Finish my dressing sack.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1912
Still unpleasant and no washing done. Our water pipes are out of order in some way – no water in the house. Bring it all from the barn The trouble is between the barn and garage.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1912
Snowing again to day but not very cold.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1912
January has passed – a very Stormy month. Reading and sewing – making three kitchen aprons. a lovely day overhead but slippery walking. Called on Ma this forenoon. Loulie Kelley and Ralph both call on business. Elsie commenced table runner for Ladies Aid.