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Well Leonard has gone he had quite a chase
I read letters to him till I was tired enough,
a darning lower, day sleighing all gone has
Leonard offered me 25 dollar all cash for
a car best com. I think she is worth 30.00
I dont sell to him, quite windy but warm
Sun 27th cold raw wind she meet of the
day not cold enough to freeze any
has reassured what I could do some
shirts for allva, cant do much got
Mr. Flawlett to help me
Sat 28th as beautiful a morning
as ever show froze a little last night
a white frost this morning, I feel
quite well better than I have before
in a week 8 o'clock Mr. 27th was today
winter I became a wife & a mother
towards night Mr. B. Merrill

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Tues 17th Dusk wind. Same fast Reed
company Mrs Nathan Roberts, Mrs Doney,
Heman & Charlotte Merrill called they
came part way with a wagon then got a slight
a regaining to Leonard's to stay to night.

Wed 18th Cloudy damp ^{to set up all day} with quite warm weather
Thurs 19th rainy, more warm than yesterday

Fri 20th from some last night pleasant weather
continues, bad roads, Nancy & Levin read
a letter from Pa for which they are thankful

Sat 21st The pain in my limbs some better not
able to get about much mild and pleasant.

Sun 22nd 5 o'clock AM has awoken fast all
day set up in bed and wrote some to Elizabeth
Henry went to church but few in attendance
thought best to close the protracted effort the weather
likely to be so bad so little interest manifested

Monday 23rd a remarkable clear, and pleasant
day the sun shines with almost the splendor
of a June day, want to go to the Barn but sent.

Tues 24th cloudy but air mild rather cold good
slighing I guess the sun is resting after shining
after shining, so bright yesterday sun
Recalled to see Mr May limbs are better

Wed 25th Recd 2 letters by George Keale he has
come direct from the army called in company
with his wife was extremely glad to see him
he got home at 6 o'clock this morning left the
army at 10 o'clock

Thurs 26th Recd a number of calls
yesterday got very tired dont feel quite as well
Mrs Ira Brown called ^{to day} Leonard Merrill has
come

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clouds passed away the sun shone
in all its splendor through the day
Sun 8th Mr. Weymouth wrote to E. S.
P. D. C. commenced to write to husband
Mon 9th Peter Smith called & wished
some nice Mr. went to E. Roberts
tina to Red 6, 50 of Sarah Ann Peale
went to Edmunds and bought a small
Ham to smoke & send from
Wed 11th paid E. Barber 3, 50 difference betw
between stores and 50 that husband owed
Henry & Barber went to see well
sick child took care of it part of night
Thurs 12th help wife Meeting House
Fri 13th Made some preparations for 10, interest
paid 36 dollars have husband's son
quarterly - Meeting New a call Capt. Smith
and wife heard from friends in Lead
Sat 14th please and went to quarterly Meeting

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Bro. Stanbury, wife, and daughter
Hull, W. Hunt, & Eliza Merrill staid
with me. did not go to church in eve
Sun 15th unable to attend church about
sick a fine day and good sleighing
Mon 16th Feel better had stem hair
in the morning went to Mr. Bunce's
here to Mr. Scovills paid him by letter
my him leave one allotment \$18, &
\$1, 50. beside took up a note went from
there to Guile Johnsons let him
leave the other allotment \$18. paid him
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called at the store Bt of P. D. Hider

2 1/2 yards Cotton cloth Y 63

1 lb of Tea 19 - - 1,25

1/2 Do - - - - - 80 - - 1,0

sent to Mr. Edgerton Bt of 1/2 lb of

cheese went to Mr. Flowerly help five or six

things to send to the army sent a small

bundle worth \$25^{or 3} paid Mr. Flowerly

\$50 freight when I paid Mr. Rice took

50 worth of stamps so the money goes

wrote a letter to Alva so cold I did

not like to go to bed alone so I sat up

still after midnight then had to go

to bed well I am glad I have got a

bed that is comfortable wish my

husband & son had as good.

Thurs 3rd very cold the wind blows a

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perfect gale the wind is full of rain all

the time mind commenced to bleed at

midnight continued with little abatement

until 3 o'clock Mr. M. about 4 came to see

even is quite mild & it is a good one

Tr. 6th Irvin taken sick about 3 o'clock

in the morning doctored him some after

daylight went out shoveled and swept a

road to the barn & hen house, the driving

about 1 foot last night Mr. Bunce brought

his children to school Mr. Nelson Bunce

& Mr. Smith here for a visit they staid

still after school at night we are alone

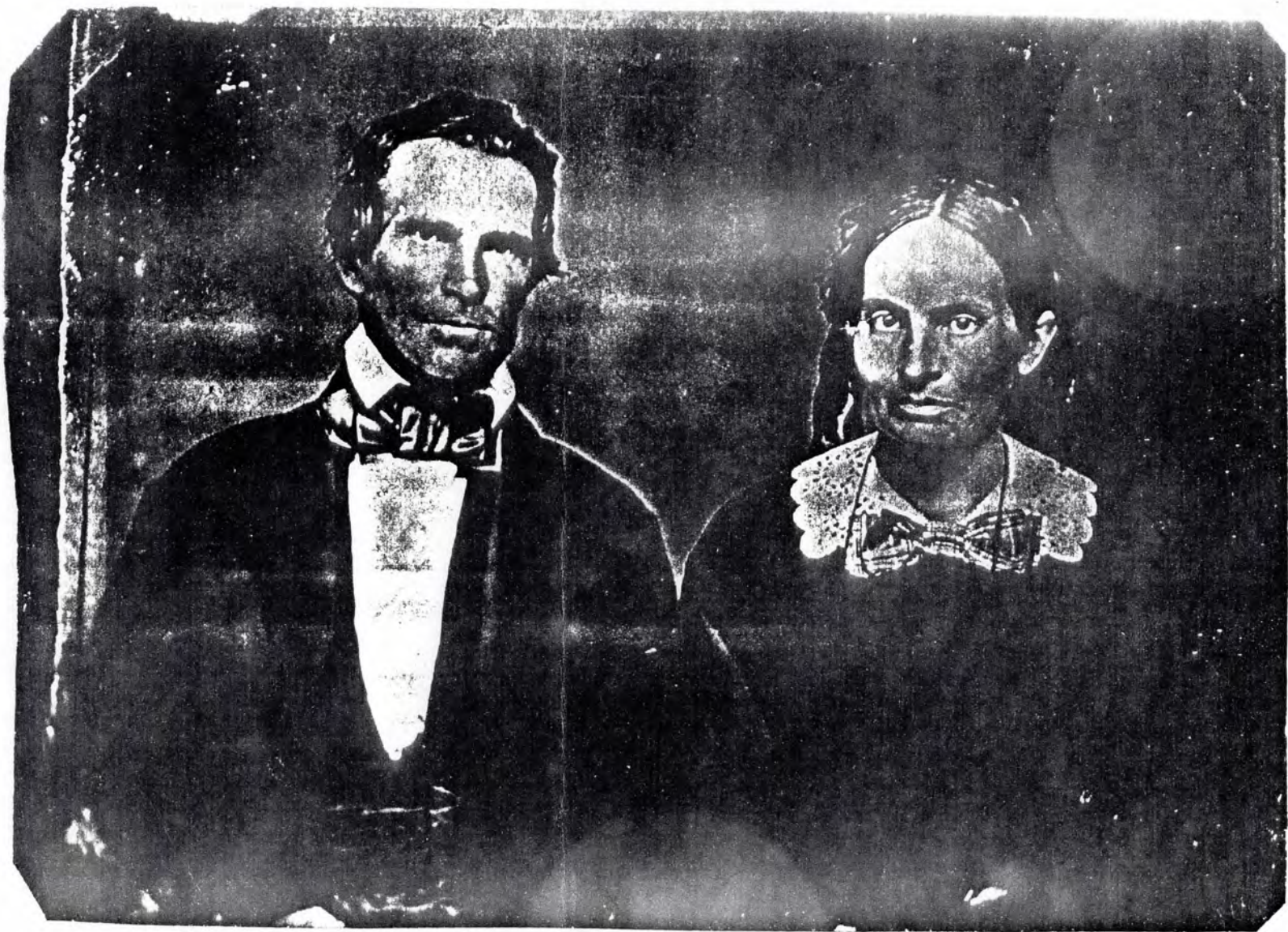
Irvin no better has quite a fever and

diarrhoea I dont know as I have spelt di-

arrhoea yes cobble says that is right.

Satur 4th Irvin is better she is more

Sick pt collage 20 Callar an year 20 1861
Went to church heard a sermon by Bro
Lyon occasioned by the death of Wm Hale had
a soldier of the 154 Regt. N.Y. finished
a letter read some got Irvin some supper
he likes to taste Ma. for supper sun
a mild day grows cold towards night
Wed 2^d cold and snows ~~spite~~ ~~fast~~
Went to the Post office with a letter
got bill and two st to Bill helped wash
Thurs 3^d grows cold, snow, knit some and
sawed some and sawed some wood
finished cleaning pantry that I commen-
ced yesterday got pretty tired.
Wed 4th stinging cold to cold to snow help
do chores took my knitting and set by the fire
Ira Brown called and paid Ma \$5
for dressant paid 5th I had Borewood



WILLIAM STARR
1818-1863

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Feb 1st Cottage PO Cattaraugus Co NY, 1863

Went to church heard a sermon by Bro Lyon occasioned by the death of Wm H. Seeker a soldier of the 154. Regt. N.Y.S.V. finished a letter read some got Irvin some super he likes to tease Ma for supper sun a mild day grows cold towards night

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Wed 4th stinging cold to cold to snow help do chores took my knitting and set by the fire Ira Brown called and paid me \$5. for dress coat paid 50 I had Borrowed called at the store Bt of O S Alden 2 1/2 yards cotton cloth / 63
1 lb of Tea/10/-----1.25
1/2 "---Tob 80-----40

Sent to Mr Edgertons & bt 4 lbs of cheese Went to Mr Howletts help fix up things to send to the army sent a small bundle worth \$2.50 or \$3. paid Mr Howlett_.50 freight when I paid Mr Rice took .90 worth of __0. stamps so the Money goes wrote a letter to Alva so cold I did not like to go to Bed alone so I set up, till after Midnight, then had to go to Bed well I am glad that I have got a bed that is comfortable wish my Husband & son had as good.

Thurs 5th Very cold the wind blows a perfect gale the air is full of snow all the time wind commenced to blow at Midnight continued with little abatement, till 3 oclock P.M. about 4 com. to snow eve air quite Mild knit & Sewed some

Fri 6th Irvin taken sick about 3 oclock in the morning Doctored him some after daylight went out shoveled and swept a road to the barn & hen house. The snow about 1 foot last night Mr Bunce brought his children to School & Mrs. Nelson Bunce & Mrs. Smith here for a visit they staid till after school at night we are alone Irvin no better has quite a fever and diaerrhoea I dont know as I have spelt diarrhoea yes cobb says that is right

Satur 7th Irving is better this morning clouds passed away the sun shone in all its splendor through the day

Sun 8th not very well wrote to E.P & P.B.C. commenced to write to Husband

Mon 9 Betsy Smith called washed some in P.M. went to E Roberts

tues 10 Recd 6.50 of Sarah ann Reale went to C. Conners and bought a shall

Wed 11 paid C. Darbee 3.50 difference between stoves and .50 that Husband owed Henry Darbee went to see ____ sick child took care of it part of Night

Thurs 12th help fix Meeting House

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Mrs. B. Merrill