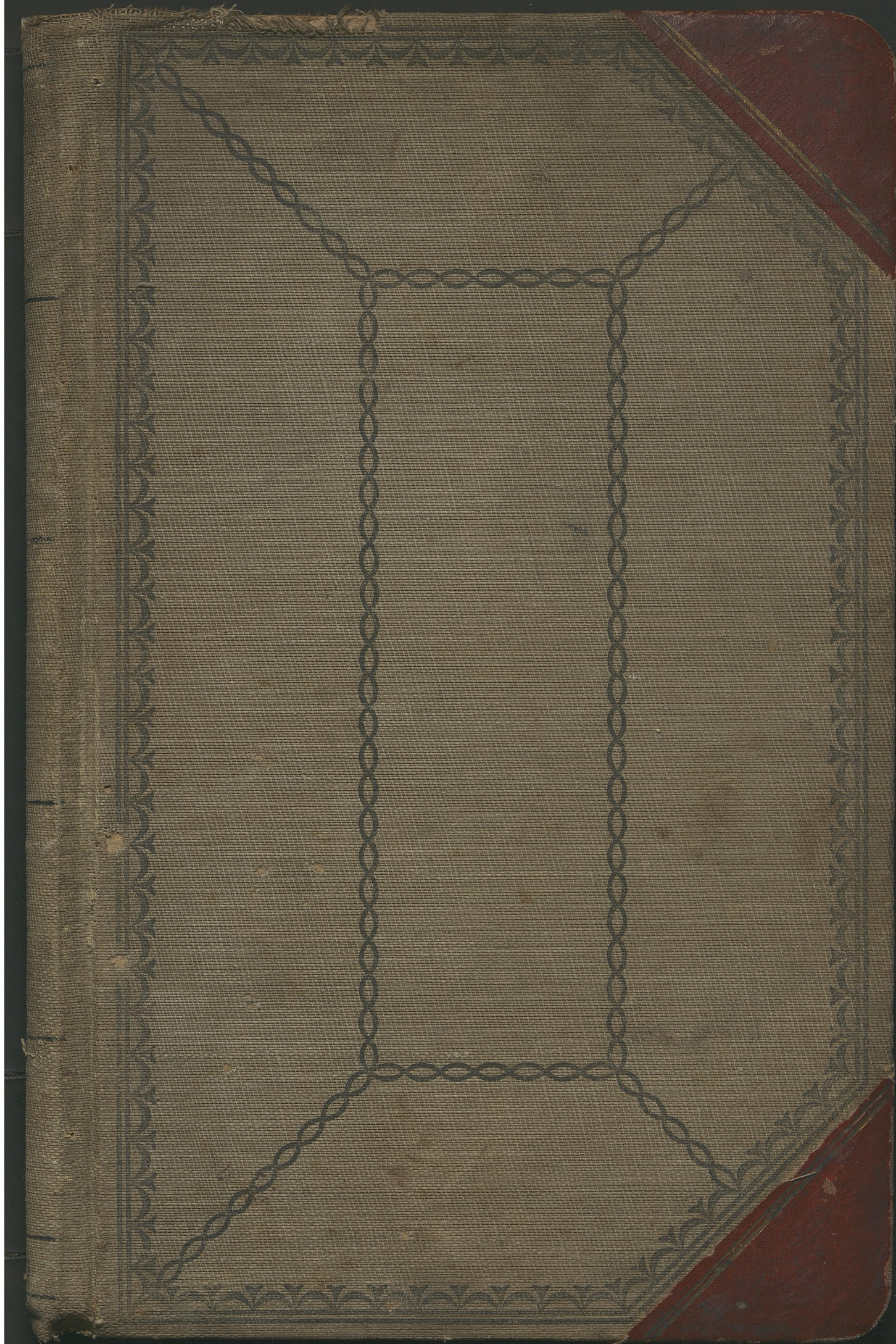




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- vivid account of Blanche Buffington, a
Clarksburg, WVA.

wife + mother abusive
husband - who drinks

+ beats her up -

has other women friends

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→ - a poignant narrative
of a suffering woman.

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Feb 8 Wed Evening 4⁰⁵ o'clock.

well as baby seems better I will spend a little while writing some more I have learned since Monday Feb 6 = I went to town yesterday and met a woman I was almost raised with and had a talk with her. well had better tell my reason. Allen's sister law told me she heard him trying to make a date with some woman Oct 1 = 1921 at the car station and I told him about it and he told me it was this person Clara Carnes. But she wouldn't make a date. well I ask her concerning it and she claims it is not true he never tried. well I came home and told him she said it was not true and he said he had tried eight or nine times and she wouldn't. well I can't see how she can be the right kind of a woman if she didn't tell him which way the law laid. I got his checks and he certainly has spent some money in the past six months with the wild women and moonshine.

Feb 9 well last night Mrs. Clara Carnes (old used to be) as she called me wrote me a letter and tried to explain she is straight and a lot of other things. well of course I never seen any thing out of Clara my self and always liked her and took her part in every thing. But I am afraid I can never think of her as I did one day.

Feb 9 well last night we had a quarrel over Ellis Allen told him to take the try cycle in the bed room and Ellis told him he didn't bring it out so Allen undertook to make him take it back and Ellis put up a fight and he fought with him equal to a man and I told him not

to hit Ellis any more and he threatened to slap me. But he did not I was not mad, at all tried to reason with him but when he gets mad you cant reason with him the more I tried the more he cursed, he called me every thing but a white woman and said I put the children up to disobey him. But I do not God being my fudge. But he has took Ellis part and help make him like he is. what hurt me most of all he threw up to me he had help raise my God-damn bastard orphans. that sticks when I know that no more honest blood runs in any childrens veins than there is in my children. Oh well he has 2 little boy and girl and the Lord only knows how they will be raised and what will be pitched in his face but I am afraid some one else will have to suffer pain and maybe heartaches to make him think of what he has said to me in the past four days.

Friday Feb 10 = Allen and Woodward has gone to Cedarston to a basketball game dont know what time they will be home had company a little while this day my Cousin Little Hurst from Shingston. I feel so bad to night I dont know what to do think I will go to bed. yes was figuring up and what checks I have got since the last of July 1921 he has spent for his own self \$386.59 this is just what he has wrote checks for I dont know how much more and he has used about \$94.00 dollars he has collected for house rent it is not any reason we are

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in debt so bad but maybe he will come out all right. Blanche.

Feb 11 Sat evening. well Arns Bro Roy called for him about two o'clock and wanted him suppose they are out some where together. for Little Bob had called here twice for him and said he hadn't seen him this afternoon Oh well if he is out in something he will see his mistake when it is to late, E.B.B.

Sunday afternoon five twenty five at home. well Arns did stay here until about 4³⁰ o'clock his big brother Roy came over in his ford and they started for Blue Elk for a gay time I know about where Arns is stopping but let him go to it. I don't care for he will go his line so what is the use to pay anything but some times it is awful hard. well I feel Blue and bad but all I can do is hope for the best, E.B.B.

Monday morning 8⁴⁵ o'clock Feb 13 =

well Arns came home about eight o'clock very near got into trouble as he was going around Baltimore St. Charlie Williams jumped onto him and said he insulted his wife about two yrs ago and called him one of the nice names he called my nephews Feb 9 it was not a week until he was called the same name. and I told him after he had told me about his quarrel. that someone had told me about seeing him Sunday

Feb 5 = 22 Dodge in somewhere on Pike street close the Robinson grand. well he got mad because I didn't tell him who it was and said he was going to see what all mean he could do. well he is only cutting off his nose to spite his own face. He has told me lots worse things than I told him and would just tell me who told him but where I

did find out well it was a fine Lady
 Mrs Wright. He was slapping at me in
 fun this morning before he went to work
 and I told him yet to do it for I had
 the headache and he still kept on so I
 said if it does you any good just hit ahead
 and he says Oh no I can do things that
 will hurt worse than hit you well as the
 whole world knows I would rather be
 trodden underneath his feet with a true
 heart towards me than to be all smiles
 with a deceiving heart which I know he
 carries underneath his coat. E.B.B.

Tuesday Feb 14 - well Aren certainly did try his
 self yesterday or rather last night he was supposed
 to go to Hoptland and collect his rent well he
 claimed his work would not allow him time
 to go. so he came home about six o'clock ate his
 supper and began to wash. I said Aren where
 are you going and he said none of your business
 if might cause trouble but it would not of
 caused as much if he had been honest but
 there is not the least bit of principle in him
 I said I will go along and see where you are
 going at the same time I didn't intend to go
 but he got so mad he showed his color all
 right and that is a yellow streak. he began
 to grab his coat and things to go before I could
 get my clothes on well I undertook to take his
 coat and that well he was so angry for afraid
 I would make him break his teeth he slapped
 my jaws but he didn't make me release my
 hold at all but to keep ~~and~~ him and that
 children from trouble I let go. but I tried to
 break his contemptible head well we then
 and put his coat and hat on after he got
 out side well he came home midnight full of
 corn whiskey. Came in blew his breath in.

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face and said now put that into your diary well one word brought on another and he began to call me names and we went into it he cursed me called me every thing that was mean and dirty I never heard as dirty a talk come from any human tongue as he used and the two little boys right here awake taking it all in he had me down on the floor and had me by the throat I had a shoe and if he had undertook to choke me I would of let him had it but it kept me busy keeping the boys from sticking a butcher knife into him he would of been glad for it they had but I don't want them to get in any trouble over me. he cursed my mother called her a old gray haired bitch of course he can't hurt her she is to well known for him to hurt her. he told me he had me where he wanted me I had signed the notes for the property he had bought in Scotland and he said God Damn you I ofly done it for them to sell your home away so you wouldn't have a place to stick your head. of course he never one time thought of his two little homeless children why he don't care. as I have said all he cares for is whiskey money and a high brow reputation. of course I could give up my home if it had to be sold because of sickness or lack of work but if he had behaved his self he did not meet to be where he is.

I am tempted to do something I never did in my life. if I find there is anything wrong with me I am tempted to do most anything yes he even threw it up to me in front of little children and said that all I was fit for was to have kids and he would not love me well if he had

took my advice it would not be the way
it is. am not sure but am afraid it is
but only trust to God I am free and if I
am I only hope I can stay so can't see
how he can have any come back at me
after he has done and said things he has.
he cursed and flogged the whole nine months
when I carried the other two. and made them
away from home besides. I wonder if he curses
Mr. Ethel Wright that is that way and
I expect by him. well no one knows
my heart but God. maybe Allen will
realize what he has caused me sometime.

Wed Morning Feb 15 = well my heart is full I can't
hardly drag around to do my work but will try
hardest time just now but maybe this eve
I will come again but must go to my household
duties but my mind is somewhere else.

well as I sit here by the window and gaze over
the snow covered hills it brings back childhood days
of if those days could only come again but they
are gone never to return again. it seems some
times when I think back over my life it seems
only like a dream part of it has been happy
and part of very very sad and lonely. but I
guess I'm tangled with the roses.

well I will write on the subject that bears on my
mind most. Allen had got tickets for the show
at the Opera house. Monday he ordered them and
then came home with an excuse to go to
collect the rent as I have told on page 69 well he
went got the rent money used three dollars
for corn whiskey or so he says came home
and had lost his pocket book but as it
happened he didn't have his rent money in it.
it contained his B.T.O. railroad pass. well he
wouldn't tell where he was only he was out
for a wild life and he said to spite me.

well yesterday evening before he came home the
 phone rang and someone that talked broken
 ask for Mr. Buffington I told him he had not
 come home so after Buffington had returned the
 phone rang and I suppose it was the same
 party ask for him again. well he to Creu to meet
 him at the Post Office and eight twenty. and
 so I was going to town with him to the
 show well he said I couldnt go to the Post Office
 with him with went just the same. well the
 fellow showed up but Creu didnt get any
 more about his pocket book than he knew
 before he seen the fellow he wouldnt tell Creu
 who he jugs ask Creu where he was Monday
 and if he didnt have some girls out. well
 Creu told him he didnt care to discuss with
 him **where he was at Monday night but denied**
 having any girls. but that is a fishy story
 the female was with his crowd where ever
 he was but am just waiting to see what turns
 up next. seems as if it gets worse all the time.
 Feb 16 - well he got his pocket book claims some
 one brought up to the trainmaster office
 but I dont know what about it.
 he came home about six yesterday evening
 ate his supper washed got ready kept
 looking at his watch. guess he was trying to
 get me to say something but I fooled him
 I never said a word. and when he got
 ready to start he said. Blanche I am going
 to the Willits the show will be back about
 9:15 - or fifteen til ten. well he came home
 about ten oclock says I told the truth once
 I didnt not say a word. for I know
 all I want to know. Mauba had a
 bad spell with her heart came up here
 and I called the doctor gave her some

medicine she is a little better this morning.
Friday 17 - well as I have just a little spare time I
will write a few lines. well Allen stayed at home
yesterday evening I guess we didn't speak a
dozen words between us. well as far as being
mad at him I am not but he has went
a little to far with this thing came back
Jan 24 and ask me to forgive him and
give him just one more chance well I
thought I would try but all in vain he
didn't and now after he thinks maybe
he has me under his finger for next month
he can treat me any way. if such
is the case which I don't know for sure
would not be so it is to day if he had
not come back and promised and begged
me to try once more but suppose it will
be to my sorrow for he cursed me and
said since he made those promises
he didn't care a damn for me well I do
know it is none to his credit to say such
things. if I could only blot out our married
life and start anew but that is one thing
cannot ever be done. I can never forget
no never forget how unfaithful he has
been to me and how I have tried to be
a wife to him one thing always faithful
and true.

Feb 18 Sat afternoon. well I am fighting hard
to put Allen out of my mind for given
as a husband of course I had to do it but
that is all I see I can do for I am most
sure he he is a thick as ever with Mrs-
Wright and if not her it is some
other one so I suppose it makes no
difference. I have been working hard
trying to forget my troubles but they
flit through my mind however busy I am.

Feb 19 Sunday Afternoon well as I am alone well not all alone either the two small children are here. well I am getting along real well with the battle I have started to fight, dont no why but since he talked the way he did to me Monday night I cant forget. so I have fully made up my mind to let him go what ever it may be. maybe some day he will see I was only trying to be a true wife and friend but he cast me aside for anything just so she is good looking and good clothes and like a fast life. well I am going to stay at home behave my self and take care of my children. one thing sure I will not release him from the vows he has taken. God knows he begged me for the chance to take care of me and my children he has another name for them best let him go he has two dear little children a Boy Nellys and a baby girl Ruth not quite three months old the past week he was gone somewhere every night but one. dont know where he was did not ask him for he would not tell me the truth so I will not cause him to tell me any more falsehoods than can be helped. I he came home at eleven o'clock last night got up this morning took his bath and started away about ten o'clock didnt say where he was going or when he would be back and I did not ask him any questions. Called me about one and said he wanted his dinner he was working well he came about three ate and brushed up and left about four o'clock suppose he will be back some time before mid night. but it is just the same to me as if he came home at six. for I have done every thing that

lays in my power and it don't do any
 good so all I can do is forget as quick
 as I can at let him go to it. But one
 thing he has let a good true friend and wife
 go for a false one. see when he was here
 today he is trying to soap up guess
 his money is about gone I saw a fine
 woman when he is broke. But when he
 has money in his pockets I can go to
 the bad place. he had six dollars yesterday
 morning and I took notice the morning
 he only had some small change in
 his pockets. But suppose that little
 Imp of Satan Bo White will get it for
 him if he hasn't got it to foam him.
 he is only doing every thing he can to
 separate us. wonder some times how
 he would like for some one to cause
 his old Gray haired Mother or Sister
 the trouble he has certainly help make
 me in the past year. But only hope
 with the help of God I will spend the
 next year in more contentment than
 the past. Well as Baby Ruth is crying
 will close this chapter. E.B.B.

Feb 20 Monday. Well things are just the same
 he don't say much to me and I don't
 say much to him. but it seems some
 times I can't hardly stand to think of
 the way he is doing. he has used money
 for his own pleasures and self from
 last July up untill now. Chick I
 have a lot of money besides I know of he
 has used \$339.50 and lots of it I
 don't know about. is it any wonder
 we are up against it. but I can't
 help it. Only Oh Lord help me in my
 troubles and trials to do the very best I can.
 E.B.B.

Tuesday Morning Feb 21 - Well it is a beautiful morning don't feel very well. want to go to town to day if I can get mother to keep baby for me. well things are just the same between Allen and I. he came home last evening about five o'clock ate supper washed and left and was gone until about nine thirty said he was down at the Y don't know and am not letting it worry my mind about where he was. this morning he came in the kitchen where I was preparing breakfast and began slapping at me I said Allen don't bother me for I don't care to fool with you at all. and I had to laugh he said with a oath you have got to quarrel or get mad but I just fooled him for I am not mad at him at all just have give him over to Clarksburg vilest wronger they can do what they can with him for as I am concerned. have been turned down for my last time for Bob White and Vampire Women.

Feb 22. Wed. well as I sit here by the window and think of Memories of five yrs ago this spring. it makes me feel very sad and lonely for I can't help but think of days that I have spent in happiness and freedom but all those days are just a faded memory. well Allen went to Laurinout West Va. to day or there is where he said he was going but goodness only knows when he will be before he returns home. or would not surprise me any if I never lay eyes on him again. never came home yesterday evening until about six thirty ate his supper was here about half an hour left and came home about eight thirty well I feel so bad to day I can hardly go. But don't do to complain. well have some work

to do. well come again to morrow if I am able.
Feb 25 = Sat Morning.

well as it has been a few days since I have written, will try my hand at a few more lines. well the day he went to Fairmont he claims he came back to Clarkeburg on the six thirty car well he never came home untill ten twenty that night. suppose he had borrowed more money had about five dollars in his pocket, I ask him for one dollar and he said no he would not give me a cent. he has been trying to make up with me and did not stop untill I guess he thinks he has succeeded.

as far as I am concerned I was never mad just meant what I said that he could take Bob White and the Vampire Women as far as I care for I have given up all hopes and will die in disgrace. it dont make no difference for it seems as if he has talked so mean to me without a cause I have lost all feeling for him. he has no one to blame but himself. claims he dont want to live like we have been living the past two weeks ~~as~~ two not as one, well if he wants to live as man and wife should live why cant he do as a husband should do. I have done all I ever intend to do to try for I have come to a place where I cant see any use trying. but he dont mean one word he comes back and says. just his feindish passion that is all. after that is satisfied it is the same old old story. E.P.B.

Feb 28 = Pay Day here and more discouraged than ever. Harold gave me \$37.70 and have paid out every dollar did not keep enough to buy myself a pair of stockings. well then gave me twenty dollars and I have paid.

out every dollar. he had twenty one and I guess it is all about gone and. I don't know what he has done with a dollar of it except a hair cut.

Mar 4 = well it looks like winter out to day is just snowing for all things well I can't write for I have so very much to do. well come again some sweet day in the near future. ~~On~~ a Blanche Duffington.

~~Mar~~ March 4 = Sat evening.

well as I have a little spare time will while away a few lonesome moments.

Arren has gone to the basket ball game at Adamston with his best little friend Bob White. has spent about twenty dollars since Tuesday Feb 28 = and came to me to night for two dollars and I am doing without shoes stockings & try and pay some of our debts and he will take every dollar he can get his fingers on and spend it on Bob White and for room & take W. A. Wrights wife to. I only wish I had the money to provide for my children and he certainly take Ethel Wright and go to the Devil with her. for he has said things that has sickened me out on him for all times. for no living being would believe he has said the things to me has if they hadn't of heard him. yesterday evening about three thirty something seemed to tell me there was something going to happen I thought I would ask him what he was doing about these when he came home. but I did not for I knew he would just as soon tell me a lie as the truth. well he was up town to see the lawyer about selling his house out in Hartland. and this evening he tells me the lawyer said he would sell this only home I have

got to pay the notes I signed. he told me
 he only had me to sign them so I would lose
 my home and it looks like he meant to do it.
 so it was no wonder I felt blue about that
 time yesterday evening for that was the story he
 was being told, and I couldn't help but cry
 & think he would treat me that dirty, and he
 got mad because I cried, and his story is he has
 done all he can. it looks like it when he
 has collected the house rent since last July
 and spent it for his own personal self that
 is I mean he didn't use it for home or pay
 it on his house as he should and he wouldn't
 be where he is to day. he paid the women that
 took care of me \$11.00 gave me 15.00 and the Palace
 \$5.00 amounting to \$31.00 and the rest went I don't
 know where. well what is to be will be I do
 know if he causes me to lose my home there
 will be a way and some day in the
 future he will be sorry for what he has done.
 I feel that I have done all and more than I
 ever thought I would and stay with any man
 that had done me the way he has and then
 he has the nerve to say what has he done
 only one that really knows beside his self and
 that is God he knows and know his heart
 also he knows who means right and who
 don't. he don't think I should every have a
 penny to call my own. but he will take and
 spend dollar after dollar and say it is none
 of my business.

March 8 Wed. well Oren is working extra he is
 working on his old turn from 11 P.M. until 7 A.M.
 and when it is out in the after part
 of the night well Oh Boy for a hot time on
 North seventh street, and when he is
 laying out regular with her I am every
 thing but a white woman. I would just

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(Oh so glad)

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Love to get my fingers on her contemptable throat I feel like I would never relax my hold until I had crushed every breath out of her and if that man of hers had any nerve he would shoot Glen Bussington full of holes. But no the soft thing, Aren't he got his place warm for him in winter Aren't crawls out and M.A. crawls in hah, and then fast thing of such a dirty thing. Bringing little children into this world. I well one thing sure he can go with her if he will only leave me alone but he will not do that, there is not one thing fair about him, there is no use trying to get along with him for he will never behave no more.

Mar 9 = well I feel as if I would like to take wings and fly away to lands unknown this morning for I have such strange feelings there is something going to happen don't know just what it is but never the less there is something. I can't see why he don't take Ethel Wright and go to the place of last no more.

March 11 Sat Evening. Well Aren't is sure some queer person. Came in for his breakfast this morning and I was making bread and said get me some breakfast right away for I have to be in Glen Elk by eight ten. Well I said I hate to let my bread go, he flew mad right away and said if you don't want to get me any alright. Well he went to work was supposed to be home at three o'clock and got his dinner ready so he would not have something to quarrel about. and I waited and waited so about five o'clock he called me on the phone and said he had been busy and would be home fifteen till six o'clock. I well about the time that car was due the phone rang and Aren't says Blanche

I can't get home untill about six or seven o'clock. well I began to think strange and I said what are you doing and he said you know about the house and I said that is funny. I ask him where he was at and I noticed he hesitated about telling me and at last he said up here in the Goff building I ask him who he was up there to see, and he says Frank Powell well I look his telephone up and find he is located in the Union Bank building. so you can well see he was telling me some thing crooked. well the way I have it figured is he has a room somewhere and is writing on some woman and she didnt show up when she ought to and he is waiting on her. I will see what kind of a tale he tells when he comes and I will about know. he dont need to think he can bluff me for he can not. I think he either collected the rent or has borrowed some money for I know well enough he was broke.

May 15 Wed. well as I have not written anything since Sat night about six o'clock. well I guess I was right for as Woodward came home about seven thirty he meet Cleo and Daisy Sims a young married woman going towards town. well he never came home untill about eight o'clock next morning. he went out to work. Sat night he claims to be about eleven thirty that is his tale for it. well I told him about Woodward seeing him and he denied it very bitterly but that is easy done you know. but I am as sure it was them as if I had seen them. well sometimes it seems as if I dont know what to do or where to go, but the only thing I can do is stay here and try to take care of my children but I can't work it seems I am so worried.

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(Friday March 17 = 22 went to a Lawyer.)

well it is more than one troubles me for we are in debt so bad and I cant see no way out. and children and I are almost naked I cant take them and go anywhere for they haent cloths to wear, I haent the second everyday dress or even a decent under garment to wear if it isent enough to disgust any woman.

Mar 18 Sat. well I haent but a few minutes to write well yesterday I decided I had better go see a lawyer about him saying he would lose me my home from over my head. well I went to Sutton and find out they can cause me to lose it the only salvation for me is to sell it but it is all I can do. guess he meant all he said for he has not tried to fix things up in any shape at all. I did not think he would do the Best friend he had and the Mother of his children such a dirty trick and Ethel Wright has helped cause it all. well maybe I will come out all right yet I am going to put up a fight for it any way. well come again when I have more time. then went to see Bob Martin fight over a rather box I guess.

March 21 Monday Morning.

well sometimes I think I will not write any more but it seems as if I cant help it. Oh every way I look the cloud seems black I cant see any silver lining nowhere in sight, for it looks to me as if Drew has lost me my Friends and home and everything. I could take it very well if I knew he cared for me but the last year has been proof enough for me he dont care for me, and has not man hood enough to even respect me. his whole mind is fixed on the good looking women, he told

(Sat ^{March} 25 = 22 = Roy and Aron went to a lawyer.)

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me last night he would leave and go to the end of the world with Daisy Sims if she would only go. he is just wild about her or at least he acts that way. and he claims he loves his children but still he would forsake them for such. borrowed money from his ties and took it to shoot crap and won five dollars and spent it for moonshine. and God being my judge I can't take his two children out from home because they haven't got cloths to wear. no use to say any thing to him about it for I only get a good curfing. Ah I don't know what to do. Looks very much as if I am going to lose my home for being easy enough to sign notes. But I trusted him more than I should. if I had plenty of money for him to buy him a automobile so he could chase with the wild women I guess he would be satisfied. I would sue for a divorce if he would only maintain his children but I could not take his word or writing either for any thing. But some day in days to come he will see who was his best friend ~~he~~ if he would only let me be. it certainly does break my heart when I think I can't go to him with anything and trust him. he breaks his neck to tell a bad woman or Bob White. it seems as if Bob White don't care anything about his company whisky has no money. But if he has a few dollars to spend he is just it. I never have turned him down because he had no money for he takes it and gives it to a nigger before he would give it to me.

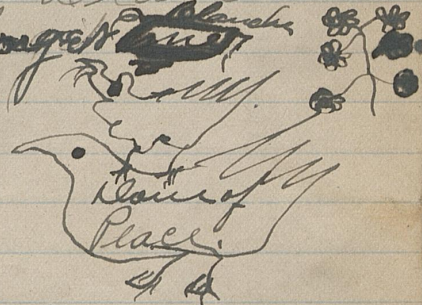
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Mar 31 well I feel as if I would give up every thing I have. and step aside and let Green take the woman he is going out to meet tonight and see what they can do. he says if he had of had a woman to help him things wouldnt of been as they are to day. unless something turns up. suppose I will be sold out of home guess he will be satisfied if he can lose me all my friends and home and every thing. or at least when he was drinking he threw it up to me that was what he wanted to do. well if he can go on through life and enjoy hisself after treating me as he has all right. and I have lost my home trying to help him and doing what I thought was best. trusting him to be my friend not a foe as he has turned out to be.

April 21= well as I haven't written anything since March 31 will scribble a few lines just to while the time away, well I guess things are just the same and suppose they will always be. he is working extra to night & worked last night came home at one o'clock was supposed to quit at eleven. Aren and I went to the Opera house to see the Elko Minstrel wed night April the 19 first time we have been to town together since Feb 15 we was to see Abraham Lincoln. don't know some times what to do seems as if trouble has come to me full handed. My health has failed me since baby came and Harold has been overworked he worked Tuesday night April 18 was his last night till work picks up.

it seems every thing is against me. Oh yes I forgot Aren sure did get bawled up Wed evening Old Mrs. Garrett from Jan Dew saw up at the car station and she did certainly make him feel cheap. he said she had drank whiskey with him and will not write what else. But any one can guess for you know if a woman will drink whiskey with a man she will do most any thing or at least that is the way I think about it.

Well I think I will go to bed - Blanche -
when I'm gone (you'll ^{soon} forget ~~me~~ ^{Blanche})



April 28 am going to Berethammon for
 & save disface for & for some of children
 would rather face a squad of Machine
 guns than to go for what I am going for
 But never the less will stay my
 hand.

April 29 well made my trip all A.B. every
 thing went all right. But was surprised to see
 Mr. Westfall looking so bad, and came home
 and the first thing I heard was about Cren
 being to the circus well it was all right if
 he wanted to go to the circus but entirely wrong
 for him to go spend five or ten dollars
 with a bad woman a demon of Hell who
 even she was. well he took it on his self
 last Tuesday & say how good he was going
 to be and I told him right then it would
 not last a week. well he certainly did
 cut some swell to day. ^{May 1} got mad and
 took his spite out on me because he is
 in debt the way he is. well I feel that I
 have let my self and children go nearly
 naked because of him and help get out and
 it seems the more I have tried the less
 he appreciated it. he cursed me and called
 me every thing today and tried to class
 me with Old Mrs. Wright his darling and
 said he hated me and everything I ate
 he begrudged it to me. Oh well he did not
 surprise me by telling me such things for
 they always told me actions speaks louder
 than words. But what looks so dirty to
 me is when he is broke will come to me
 with such a long face and say he never
 meant what he said and he cares more
 for me than I do him. I don't ask him
 for any of his black lies would rather
 him stay on his own side if he hates

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me as he says he does well I do know any
smart person wouldnt confess it even if
they didnt but he doesnt know any better.
well as far as he is concerned I care for him
and guess always will and knowing that
my love as well the given to the dirt under
my feet. but he will am for it in due
time will not be on the level about his
age tells one person one thing and someone
else something else. I sometimes feel
sorry for him. just looks to me if Bob
White and the Wild Women are got
him going the way they want him to. he
will land in jail yet if he dont be careful.
but not being contented he dressed and
left to night I he said to stake Bob White
if he needed any money. well it is all
right but he is a big sly dog if he ever
suffers any more heart aches than I have.
for I have suffered a Million ~~thorns~~ for
him. but I have always tryed to be on
the square with him so I feel I have
done more than my share.

Thurs day May 5 = 1922.

well here and I are living as two have
since the 27 of April as far as I am
concerned it is well be for all time.
he has been go to town every night for a
week except one. I guess he thinks that
is spite me but he is badly mistaken
for as long as he stays on his side of the
house it is all right with me. of
course I know that is not the way
we should live but never the less I have
made up my mind if he cant be half
way contented with one woman will he
cant take that kind for me. Of course
I would like to have a mans love but he
says he hates me well we all know it

May 1922

5- He hates me now he never cared as he claimed he did for me but he will have to settle that account with God some day. He thinks he is doing something great by getting out with some woman every night, it is hurting him more than it will ever hurt me. for I know that I believe my self, and I don't have to care for what he does. Oh well I can't live with him for the sake of the two children I have by him. of course I could separate from him but more than likely I would have to put his two in homes for I don't think he would ever pay any attention to them. and I will stick to them as long as I can but sometimes it looks as if I am going to put them ~~down~~ out. I trust that I always can say I have lived a decent life, and that is the reason I think it best we live as God, for I know it is wrong for me to have anything to do with him for he throws it up to me when he is ~~that~~ mad and tells me about playing second, so how can any woman have anything to do with a man that talks that way for I know it is so. so God help me to not be first or second any more.

well as usual the same old story Monday the 8 of May he was going to be a gentleman two nights is the longest he can stand it and then he was so disconcerted he could hardly stay at home. well I should worry anymore for I think he has been in to and mischief tonight I will break even tomorrow if I live or will try any how well I knew when he was telling me

what he was going to do it was not true. he was broke was the reason just as soon as he gets any money in his hands - well the way he goes - I should worry. I have been the day I worried about him. But no more it don't make no difference which way the wind blows -

Aug 1 = 22 well just a few lines so I will not forget dates of some things.

July 22 was a lucky day for me I think.

.. July 27 seems was a unlucky day for some.

11 of July his car ran over the hill and smashed it up. I don't call a snap.

There will be no sorrow there.

Aug 6 = went for a car ride was at Aunt Gertie's - Grandpa's Rooms a little while and at Fairmont.

Aug 7 Monday Morning don't feel very good this morning have such a cold.

don't write any more about Allen for I guess I had to give him up after so long a fight. for he does not care for me so there is only one thing left for him to do and that is to take the one he cares for and go. My love has been spurned for a bad woman. Ah gee it makes me feel blue if I would only let it lay on my mind but I try to forget. but guess I never can. only for a little while and then I seem to see every thing anew.

Aug 12 he is running his self to death in a car.

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Aug 17 well at last it has proved out just as I have written in this book somewhere it would. His Play Beloved got so jealous she could not hold her tongue any longer so yesterday Aug 16 she called me and told the whole story again so he has been faithful to her I guess for the last three yrs. so as far as I am concerned he can be faithful to her for the rest of his life. well I will be as honest and truthful as I know how and try and get along somehow.

Aug 19 Ruth stood alone on the floor today for her first time. Mam-a & Marie went to the duplex today and I, too, did. Allen Harold and Bids went along. took them in the car.

Oh yes Ethel called me up and blowed her self again yesterday. I should worry let her have him and all he has got for I am finished in some ways with him.

Sep 12 well I have plenty of work to keep me busy but my heart is so full this morning I will have to write a few lines. I don't feel that I can live another day. Oh Lord why do I have to live and try with all my soul and God being my judge know my heart I want to do right and be good and I can't feel right and be a wife to the one I know I should be to. For he is false to me in every way a man could be, and I have begged and pleaded with him to go and leave me alone. For I know by the laws of God on high I have no right to ever be a wife to him. But still he follows me day in and day out trying to accomplish what he knows I have told him I did not want to do. I pray to God to show me what to do. He seems to tell me not to trust him any more. Oh God forgive me if I am doing wrong by ever letting him stay here. it is for sake of the ones

that are so dear to me. But Oh Lord it looks like he don't care any more for them than he does for me. Oh God have mercy on me and give me strength to live for the right and right only. I feel weak and ^{my} worthy so help me.

Blanche.

Sep 27 = well as my heart is so full I will try a few moments with my pencil and I have no pen handy. I have been trying to sew and from about ten o'clock my face began to burn and it just seemed like the words was being burnt on my face that Owen was talking to Ethel Wright and I stood it until ten after eleven and I could not stand it any longer so I called when he works and he was not there so about twelve o'clock he came from Glen Elk and when he came in I looked at him and his eyes dropped like someone had shot at him. Now here is what I would rather him do if he can't stay out of her company leave me alone all together for he can never get along with me and still deal in that kind of stock. I have begged him to take care of his children and we would live as two but know he don't want to do what a fair

Oct 13. well just a few lines to day well it is just the same old story over and over he is just going the same rate after Mrs Wright. I am just as sure he was with her Oct 4 = 22 as I am living and also the 11 that is at night and suppose every day that they think the way is clear well he says he will not leave guess he just wants to stay and try and trouble

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(Oct 17 = 1922. Tuesday.)

me to death and sometimes I feel as if he has it almost done. if it was not for the small children I would leave and go where he would never be bothered any more by looking at me. the other night when he was mad and suppose had a date with the one woman of his heart I went up to him and smoothed his hair back and he pushed me away and said with a oath he was tired of looking at me. Oh well if he would only go away if he never intends to try and leave her alone we would both be better off for he can never get along with me and spend two or three hours once or twice a week with Ethel Wright. and makes love to her every day on the telephone. Blanche Buffington.

Oct 27 - just the same old story over and over again and it will never be no other way him and little Bob is getting to be fast friends again. I should worry because it don't do no good.

Nov 13 will write a few lines as I have been sick a few days taken sick Nov 5 and was in bed until Friday Nov 10 - the last Ruth nursed was Tuesday Oct 7: 22: Mrs. Hartman was here allso Tuesday I was glad to see her come and sorry to see her go home.

March 11 = 1923 Sunday Evening at home. well as it has been some time since I have written any, will try once more would not write, only I want to remember some dates, well his Sweet Heart Ethel Wright had held her tongue since Aug the 16 = 22 untill the 27 of Feb. 23. well this is how it all happened. since Christmas he had been staying at home read well. I thought there was something behind it so sure enough

1923

Wed 7 = 11.11.11
March 1923

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there was. Feb 6th 1923 on Tuesday I went to the Post Office and received a letter or rather statement through the mail where he had bought something at Caplins jewellers store. Dec 23-1922 well at once I knew he had bought something for some woman. so I called the store and they told me he had bought a Ladies and left Bal of \$8.00 out.

Last time was May 26
first I knew there was
any thing wrong June 2
June 15 Left with
Harolds cloths on.

V. M. V. B.

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found out this
man that had it.
It and he denied.
Feb 22-25 he
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would tell me
March 27-28 he came

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he had meet her on the sixth street bridge
and told her a bunch of lies and she gave
him back the ring. never thinking she
was bringing it home to me.

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a large B. engraved on it. came home Sat
before Christmas and told me Mandy Giffth
had given it to him. well I didnt think
much about it untill after this has all
happened, so I found out. well he told me
his self that Mrs. Wright got it for him
for Christmas. but you can bet your boots
he did dont carry it any more in his
vest pocket. well the 3rd of March I told Mr Wright
all about and even showed him the ring
and she told him it wasent so and he

Last Time was May 26
First I knew there was
any thing wrong June 2
June 15 Left with
Household cloths on.
H. M. V. B.

Loose Item(s)

1923

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well I asked him about it and he swore by all that was good and bad he did not buy anything there at all. well I called and told them so they described the man and it proved to be no other than A.B. Buffington my husband. so then I found out this Ethel Wright was the woman that had it. so I bawled him about it and he denied it bitterly and did until Feb 22-23 he said yes he had been silly enough to buy a woman a ring. and he was going to get it from her and then he would tell me who had it. well Tuesday March 27-28 he came home about five o'clock and sure enough he had met her on the sixth street bridge and told her a bunch of lies and she gave him back the ring. never thinking she was bringing it home to me.

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believed it. well of coarse they have quit as far as Mr. Buffington is concerned ha'ha'. just like they have quit for the last 3 yrs. well I have decided for some one else to look after things. Blanche ~~off~~
 Nov 2 well as I haven't wrote anything for quite a little while will try once more. when the Autumn leaves begin to fall I get so lonesome and lonely, an it write helps while the sad hours away.

May 26 was some excitement also June 25-26
 June 25 put Harold's clothes on and got drunk and never came back until the next evening said he stayed at the Walds Hotel. from that time on he has been staying away all night about every two weeks. The 29th Monday he ate Breakfast went to work and I never seen him until the next morning about five thirty, he drew about \$4.00 dollars and gave the grocery man \$27.00 and I don't know any thing about the rest. claims he was in jail and borrowed 10.00

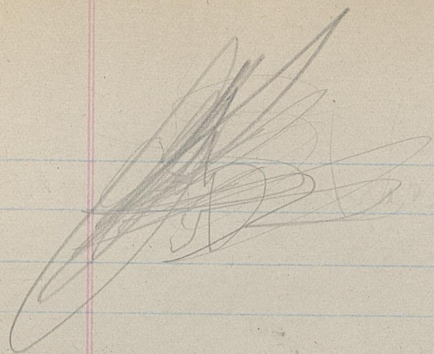
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June 6 In Beautiful Indiana.

Came here April 15-1926

got no work Left Indianapolis

June 30-1926 for Indiana Harbor
 children and I will be leaving soon
 I suppose.



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Since getting Automobile.

1922

May 29 Open Drew \$58.00

" Peoples Furniture Store \$15.00

" Loan 6.25

" Watch 5.00

\$26.25

\$32.00 went in some way for car.

June 14 = Open Drew \$63.00

" Store \$15.00

Loan 6.25

Insurance 2.50

\$23.75

about \$40.00 dollars in car.

June 19 he got \$15.00 more overtime and ask for enough to
get me a pair of shoes and say he has spent it
on that car.

June 29 Open Drew 65.00

" Loan 6.25

" Gave me \$2.00

26 1851 1852

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Feb 28 = 22

Harold gave me
 Peoples Furniture store
 Loan
 Washing
 Telegram.
 Ellis shoes & stockings
 Jess. Nicholson on acct.
 Car fare Bread & Tablet.

~~\$37.70~~

15.00

6.25

7.60

1.15

2.95

5.00

.31

~~37.70~~

38.26

Feb 28 Arem gave me.

Insurance.

Telephone.

Kay Bee Clothing store.

Zella

Wicks salve.

1.68

6.25

4.00

2.00

40

Cash.

14.33

4.67

~~\$18.00~~

gave Arem .65

for Pressing his clothes 1.00

Insurance for baby 1.00

Subscription for Pictorial Review 2.00

Mar 14 Arem drew \$49.00

Paid store

on Watch.

and he took the other ten with him.

~~\$35.65~~

3.00

Since last June again he has had 4 Hats
(for Allen) three or four caps.

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Nov 10 =	1 Hat.	85.00
"	2 shirts and hose.	4.00
"	2 pr Pagannas -	3.00
"	1 .. House slippers	1.75
"	Pressing clothes	5.00
"	1 Knife	1.00
in May	he got him a Suit	39.00
in Sep	another one.	39.50

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Jan 14 Aron Drew \$142.00
 Co. operative store
 Palace Furniture Co
 Gas
 Peoples Furniture Co

\$60.00

5.00

8.54

15.00

\$88.54

Jan 29 Aron Drew \$73.45

Palace Furniture 4.00

2.00

Peoples " \$15.00

15.00

Feb 14 Aron gave all his check to store \$62.00

" and House rent \$30.00

\$5.00 he gave Palace Furniture store

5.00

Show tickets

4.40

Wago Girl

3.00

returned check

2.00

Moonshine whiskey That made a wild/wild

3.00

man out of him Jan - Hair Cut.

1.00

Last night when we went to the Show

10.00

Claims He got \$4.00 Bob White's work him.

28.40

Type Writer

\$3.00

Record

.75

34.00 26.00
 9.00
 35.00

~~100~~ 50
88.54
152.00
140.54

142

18.00
20.00
28.00

100
100
100
100
100
100
100
100
100
100

Shoe Shing 61.00
8.00

2.00
35 Chew 9.95
73.00

100
100
100

Aug 29 pay check was \$62.50

Sep 29 Bread and Meat. Pictures "Magnific" \$2.25
 .. Watch \$9.00 overdrawn bank \$4.11 23.41
 his debts - Board \$3.50 A. H. Holts \$10.00 15.50

29 he drew \$58.60 =

30 Paid C. E. Graves \$25.25 - 25.25

Oct 2 gave me \$6.00 and got mad and wanted it.

.. 6 gave check for \$5.00 spent \$3.00 for whiskey Lost 50 cts for key

Sunday Oct 2 spent \$6.00 for whiskey Oct 3 \$3.00 for key game

Oct 12 since Oct 2 he has spent \$25.00 I know of.

" 14 he drew \$54.50 overchecked \$57.50 at Bank.

Oct 29 Owen paid \$40.00 on store bill. Drew \$50.00

and was overchecked at the bank \$34.65 and didn't pay and see his check book is missing some more checks - Oh I don't know what he means.

Owen paid \$38.75 on Bill and had money amounting to \$95.60

Nov 29 Owen drew \$62.00 never gave me a cent to pay on bills. got Ellis affair of shoes \$4.50 and suppose the rest went for overchecked bills. and I see statement in his pocket where

Nov 23 he was overchecked \$78.15 at Trust Bank

Dec 14 Owen drew \$62.00 and has paid out \$50.00

Dec 23 " " \$61.25

He is overchecked \$78.15 at Trust Bank and checks that has been turned down and he has to pay will amount to about \$78.00 dollars that much I know of well he can never expect to get out of debt and act that way. and still borrowing money all the time. Well for Jan 14 = 1922 he will have close \$142.00 dollars but Lord only knows what he will do with it time alone will tell. Owen is overchecked now \$62.00 and has two or three checks out now Feb 10 = 1922

Feb 28 the past two weeks Owen has spent at least \$35.

$$\begin{array}{r} 2000 \\ 1500 \\ \hline 3000 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1300 \\ 1500 \\ \hline 2800 \end{array}$$

Rings \$11.00

33 00
10 00
10 00
10 00
30 00
140

58.60
22.00
19.00

99.60

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$$\begin{array}{r} 230 \\ 60 \\ 141 \\ \hline 500 \end{array}$$

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Jan 14

I had
Furniture Bill
washing
Imperial
fish
paper.

\$35.00

15.00

500

250

50

10

190

Underclothes for Ellis
Mr. Graves on stone acct

500

T & B Mr. Truitt on stone wall
Farley's clothing store

2.00

28- Green Heron \$5.99

28 Palace Furniture Co

~~\$~~ 5.00

" Haskins store

10.00

" Wago Borrowed money

5.00

Record.

75

I have \$20.00 expect he will want it

28.00

675

From Jan 14 until 5/16/28
he has used \$23.00 I don't know what for.
I gave him 2.65 of the twenty makes \$25.65 spent.
And the two two weeks before about \$35.00

1922

Aug 17 Open drew \$53.00 and gave .75 cts

Aug 29 Check tied up.

Sep 44 gave me \$50.00 paid all out

1921 he gave me \$25.00 Aug 29-21
 " " " 13.85 " 14- " "
 Sep 21 came back home he left Aug 27-21
 " 28 meat and bread. \$1.00
 " 29 " Came home 13⁰⁰ night
 " 30 " " 10.20 "

Oct 1 " " 10.20 "
 " 2 went away Sun at 12:00 noon came back 8:30 evening.
 " 4 was a very sad time for me. Talked to me
 and called me all kinds of names.
 " I tried to reason with him and he
 only cursed me and said stay away
 from him. said if I died it was
 none of my business what he done
 with my little children or who he
 let raise them and said things
 that was not fit to be put on paper.

signed his wife Emma B. Buffington.
 Oct 7 ask Oren Buffington this morning for
 \$5.00 for to buy sitting cloth he cursed me and
 said God damn son of a bitch he wouldnt
 give me a cent get it the best way
 I could. Emma B. Buffington.
 from Oct 2 untill Oct 11 Oren has spent
 \$22.00 I know of. he collected \$30.00 house
 rent yesterday Oct 11-21 and before he got
 home spent \$4.00 for whiskey I suppose.

Oct 13 he has spent \$15.00 of the house rent.
 " he came home this evening and said
 he was going up town to go to the show
 with a (sister) Bob White. I told him
 I would get real sick so he couldnt
 go and he said he hoped I died and
 he could go to town then for the
 undertakers. he has gone left on the
 7:15 car. don't know what time he will
 be back if he only knew my heart and
 how I felt about it he certainly would have
 stayed at home. There is not money
 enough in the world for me to treat
 in that way. May God help him to see.

1921

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800
113
16.00

20.15

Sold piano for Sept 26.40
on Furniture 10.00
on stove 2.00
Farley 3.00

Sept 29 Harold gave me 40.00
" " Swigard and sons 30.57 ~~4.40~~ 15.97

" " Loan 6.25

" " Meat 1.00 Farley ~~1.00~~ K. Bee 1.90

" " Ice 2.80 Telegram add. 278 406

" " Meat & Bread Eggs 1.62 1.62

" 30 C. E. Graves 3.00

" Telephone 3.00 Laundry 4.30 7.30

Oct 17 Harold drew 48.00

" " Insurance 14.35

" " Loan 6.25 Gas 1.20 Telegram 1.15 8.60

" " Taylor's store 4.14 Book 1.90 3.04

" " Game me 16.00 in money 16.00

Oct 29 Harold gave me 35.00 Dollars 41.99

Nov 14 Harold gave me 38.00

Nov 29 Harold drew 47.00 and gave me 42.00

Dec 14 Harold 37.35 37.35

Jan 14 = 1922 Harold gave me 21.00 21.00

Jan 29 = Harold gave 27.00 27.00

Feb 14 Harold gave 36.00 36.00

" 28 Harold gave me 37.70 37.70

Mar 14 " " 20.15 new 36.00 20.15

" 28 " " 30.25 30.25

April 14 " " 33.67 33.67

" 29 " " 29.00 29.00

June 14 " " 21.00 21.00

" 29 " " 40.00 40.00

Aug 14 " " 45.00 drew 51.00 45.00

Aug 29 " " 43.50 drew 50.60 43.50

Sept 14 " " 35.00 drew 45.30 35.00

1921

Oct 14 Drew his pay to cash \$54.⁰⁰ claims
he had overchecked \$57.⁰⁰ at the bank.

" 14 he spent the other ten dollars he had of the
house rent and borrowed two dollars of me
to pay back, which he had lost in a card game,
has gone to town to night claims on
business expect it to great business.
told me he was doing the card and
women game but I have heard that
story so often it is hard to believe.

Oct 21 Last night was a very dreary one for me
Oren went up to Bob's for a bluff and had a
date with some woman I don't know I
expect Ethel Wright he met her out some
where in the bushes for his cloths told the
tale in more than one way he made
a bed for the dirty bitch out of his overcoat
spanish needles and burrs on his cloths and
other things he cant pull his Bluffs with
me when he got up he was so sneaking
looking he couldnt look at me. If he
he has overchecked at the bank again \$29.⁶⁵
and spent every penny of the house rent he
collected \$58.⁰⁰ now he wants me to get my Mother
to sign a note for \$200.⁰⁰ dollars I don't know
what for he said to give me but I would
never get to lay my hands on a nickel of
it. But I refuse to get her to sign it I got
her and Ellery Duty to sign papers for five
hundred dollars and he pulled up and
left and I had to sell piano to pay it.
I would be only to glad to help him out by
asking her to sign it but every day he
says he is going to leave he is not going
to stay so I have paid out the last dollar
I have got so I cant trust him for one
thing one day he talks like a nice act the
man and the next day he is a dog.

I have begged him for money to get things for self and unborn babe and I never got a red cent only cursed me in return. No body ^{knows} how I feel my heart aches have been many in the last few months. I love him dearly but all in vain for all he cares in this world for is whiskey a bad woman and a fast life. would love to live together and raise their little children we have brought into this wicked world maybe some day he will see. I cashed my insurance and bought bed cloths baby cloths and what I had to have for confinement this is not half I keep still and suffer it all to my self but maybe in the near future I can look out for baby and self hope God spares my life to raise them up so he will not get hold of them for he would let anyone keep them and that is hard for a Mother to think of. this paper is stained with tears tears that tears my very heart from my breast but I hope if any thing happens to me some good friends will look after things for me but friends are hard to find. after you have been deceived by the one who ought to be your best pal. if you can hear my prayer old pal why dont you answer me. signed by a broken hearted wife and Mother. Emma B. Buffington.

Oct 22 Sat night left alone again he has gone to town said he was going to the show I suppose only two present at the performance. ask me for twenty five cents to pay his car fare to town I told him I would do good for evil I would let him have it for he was so good to give me money all I ever get is cursed and black I looks. he took his check book and is already over checked 29.95 dont know how much he will get. Oh well if he can feel right over doing that way all right. Blanche

1921

Oct 23 Sunday Oren has been gone all day came home ate his dinner left at two o'clock came back at eleven o'clock that night drunk as he could be.

Oct 25 went to lodge came home at twelve o'clock so drunk he could scarcely walk. he is supposed to quit work at three in the afternoon and I never see him untill five and six and even later in the evening.

Oct 31 Halloween he came home six twenty five and ate his supper stood before the glass awhile at said he was going to see the parade left here at seven o'clock it was pouring down rain and I didnt see no more of him untill twenty five till twelve and stubbed at that he went and left me here with three children and quarantined in and couldnt get no one and dont know what minute I am going to take sick he didnt even as much as say if you need me where you can get me or any thing else it is plain enough he dont care for me but looks like he could show a little ~~more~~ respect for me after I have suffered pain and heart aches. no one knows I sit with closed lips and if I could only express my feelings but I cant find words that will express them but there is one on high who knows and sees all he cant be deceived. I worry and look so bad dark circles around my eyes and he even throws it up to me as if I could help it he sears my heart a thousand times a week. I launch.

Nov. 1 Came home about five thirty in a hurry and pressed his clothes and said he had to go over to his brothers to get a note signed. I had been sick all day and didnt know what might happen - and I said I thought he ought to stay at home he said I am

going to town. and cursed me and said I was
 only letting on to keep him from going to town.
 I began to cry for it was a bitter pill to take when
 I knew his place was at home with me. but he
 said after a while well I will go and get Ray
 to sign this note and will be back at eight
 o'clock well fool like I trusted him and thought
 he would be as good as his word. But when
 eight o'clock came he was calling Ethel Wright
 by phone and making date for him and
 little Bob White. Then with Ethel and Bob with
 Mary Morgan a half negro so they say. Out of
 course I supposed he would be with her but did
 not know for sure. I went to bed but didn't sleep
 any and about ten till twelve he phoned rang and
 I answered and it was Mrs. Belle Johns after of
 Glen Elk. and ^{she} said don you want to have some
 fun. I said what is it and she told me
 the story said Buffington and little Bob White
 was up at Wrights fixing for a big time.
 so I called the police and ask them to go to
 314 North seventh st. Glen Elk. and arrest them.
 but in some way they get wise and in a
 bout a half hour Buffington was home. I accused
 him of the police getting him and tried to pull
 it with me he was at the Halls at a dance.
 But of course you know about how much of
 that I believed. so to try and blind me he
 goes to the phone and calls 480 Wright and
 tries to prove by her he wasent there and I said
 what I thought and she got mad and told
 all she knew on him. and it certainly is
 a plenty. she told me he had never missed a day
 seeing her or calling her on phone for two yrs.
 she said and he had made all kind of remarks
 concerning my condition of course it breaks my
 heart to think my best or one who should be my
 best friend would do me such a dirty deal.

I told her all right but he would suffer for
 it all some day. I could write all day long
 Couldn't tell all she told me about their
 Love affair. he said he was through with her
 but he has claimed that about June 14 and
 again in August and the last time as
 far as Nov 2nd she said he told her as
 soon as my baby was born he was going
 to leave me. She said he couldn't give her
 up so easy for I didn't know every thing
 her youngest child was born in April and
 she wouldn't let it nurse as a mother with
 Love for a child should do. and Buffington
 tells me she is pregnant again she
 claims they both belong to him and he
 told me his self he really didn't know.
 she even told me about them being in the
 bushes and she picked the burrs from his coat
 and he told her one burr would condemn
 him well he was condemned all right for
 she failed to get them all off he has been
 acting real well since last Tuesday
 night but don't know how long it will
 last until she sends for him again.
 Nov 6 he has to work today spent \$5.00 for some
 fancy things to work in and stood before the
 glass for about a hour and powdered and started
 out to work I ask him if he would be home
 for dinges and he said he didn't know. he sees
 that he has good cloths and his own sweet little
 child with ~~so~~ not enough cloths hardly
 to hide is nakedness, and he is never the
 father or husband to say here is even a dollar
 to get him anything. He will see some day
 when it is to late, but I am willing to forgive
 and try to forget if he would only try and be
 a man for sake of the little child he
 have brought into this cruel world. I have

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Sunday Nov 6 he ^{Oren} went to work about seven thirty in the morning and did not come home at for any dinner claims Little Bob White took him to Andersons Restaurant for dinner. any way he was in Glen Elk nearly all day came home about five o'clock after I had called him and ask him to come had sit here all day and being quarantined in no one could come in or for one ~~can~~ could go out. he stayed here about an hour and left and said he would not be gone long but it was ten o'clock when he returned and full of corn whiskey when he did come looks like about every penny he earning and now he spends in some unknown way. Blanchet:-

Nov 8 well last night was a happy one for Oren stayed at home. but when I think how little she cares and respects me it seems as if I can never keep from doing something terrible. I feel this morning as I cant stand this much longer to know you are living with some one that cares so little for you. and his own dear child with no cloths to keep him warm and every day I remind him of it but he seems to have no money for his needs of life. but comes home nearly every day laughing and telling about his self and Bob White going to Torrey The Dags and getting so many drinks of corn whiskey. and then had the nerve to tell me in his conversation last night about keeping the Harley Ethel Wright out of a jail where her own husband would not. and said he told Bob White the train Master Little Clerk if he ever made a date with her he would break him up. said Bob said you are jealous. this is a beautiful day but I am afraid

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never no more enjoyment for me, if he would only be the Master to provide for his own and live up to it. but all I hear he is going to leave me in a few weeks. it is every thing to worry me he wanted me to sign a note for \$500.00 hundred dollars and I refused and he says he forged my name to it. I do not know but if I live will find out. it seems as if he could cause me to lose my home and have no place to lay my head he would be satisfied. the Lord will, surely take care of me and my children as he throws them up to the same way. he has called me and my children the vilest names as ever could be spoken by a human tongue.

Nov 14 to day I have been married four yrs to Open B. Buffington. he has been acting a little better the past week but drinking plenty of corn whiskey. but says he has quit for good but there is only one way for me to believe it and that is to prove it to me. Sat the 12 he collected \$30.00 house rent and don't know what he is doing with it. up until this morning he has spent about \$11.00 of it I don't know what for he claims every time I mention it he will say I paid for my and Bob Whites dinner & supper and took him to the Amey Hotel Sat and got Bob a room and put him to bed he was so drunk and Alen claims he paid for his room I don't know what only what he says. but seems as if his money goes and

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nothing to show for it. it looks to me as if baby and I could use it in stead of giving so much for Bob White for he has no one to look after but himself. and even a married man and in debt till I have given up all hopes of ever getting out. I have begged for him to try and it does no good so from now on I am not going to worry no more. Thanks

Nov 15 well the promise to quit drinking did not last one day. for he came home at 4:30 yesterday and he was so intoxicated he could not write a check has me to write it for him. he drew \$5.00 for his two weeks pay and collected \$30.00 house rent \$95.60 in all and all I seen of it was \$38.95. and because I ask what he had done with the rest he got mad and said he was going to leave. It was more than I would get next day. I take every cent Harold draws and put it to good use. and all Harold had out of his \$48.00 was \$10.00 he said. The \$38.00 he gave me that is the only money I ever have and I never spend a nickel of it for my own personal use.

The Almighty has endowed you with his wonderful gifts, all that make woman so sublime, but the love that blooms upon the altar of a woman's heart must have the sunlight of a husband's devotion, if that is withheld the tint of her beauty will fade, the rose from her cheeks wither, the brightness of her eyes will gradually disappear. She will go to her grave with a broken heart, and the world never know the secret of her sorrow.

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Nov 15 he loved yes he loved dearly untill
 after we were married six or seven
 months and his great love has vanished.
 if one would stop just a moment and
 define the word "Love," let the full
 meaning sink deep into their passion-mad
 nature, few men would ruin the lives
 of women, I wonder strong men do ~~not~~ not
 hang their heads in fear and shame
 when they think of the lonely outcasts who
 lay their first false step and downward path
 strewn with primroses to the professed love
 of God's superior being, Man. I think a
 man is the most two faced of all
 beings and yet a poor woman is easy
 enough to believe every promise they make.
 But their day is coming for all the
 wrongs they do they will have to answer
 for. *Edna M. Huntington*

Nov 19 am still able to be up and that
 is all still guaranteed in. I sure do
 feel blue here all day and every night
 untill ten thirty and eleven o'clock at
 night. He is working from 3 in the
 afternoon untill eleven at night for
 Dean Wilcox working for nothing.
 And if I ask him to come home
 and turn his hand for me he gets
 mad, so it is no hard to find
 out who he cares anything about
 but maybe I can forget how I have
 been done and still be happy some
 day with my little flock.

Sunday Nov 20 all alone by my self.
 Oh! my the lonesome day I spend
 no one knows. I don't see why I have to be
 treated this way don't know what I have
 done. Aren't I have three hrs work to

do to day and left a ten o'clock and it is after three now but I guess he enjoys his self better in Glen Elst than any where else. I know as well as I am living he had a date with Ethel Wright last night left her and me so sick I didnt know what to do and I know he went straight to her and suppose he laughed and told her about me being sick. he has done the like so she tells. it was his fault I was sick he cursed me yesterday and called me such names that I cried untill I made my self sick but I never let on to him.

as I sit here by the window and write can see a sight from my window down the road that tells up what this world is coming to.

Dec 3 as I have been in bed for more than nine days will try to scratch a few lines. have been confined to my bed since Nov 24 Frankiving morning a little girl came to us I do hope to brighten our home but looks to me as there was no bright side for me any more.

Dec 11 Sunday afternoon 3:15 o'clock.
well as I am trying to while away the lonesome hours will try writing a few lines. well the last two weeks have been happy days for me to what the past months have been. since baby came Allen has been real good to me and has stayed at home more than he has for a year. if it can only last but I fear for the morrow all the time. he can be good if he only wants to. as I sit here and think of the past two yrs I wish I could take flight and leave this place for ever. But your troubles

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Follow you wherever you go no use
trying to get away from troubles.

There is a mystery I can't quite understand
it seems as if he can't never miss an
afternoon going he claims up to the train
masters Office. but I am afraid I will
find it out to be a female instead of
going to the train masters Office. I only hope
he means to do what is right and I surely
will try and do my part as far as I can.
well we have to take baby will come again
soon.

Dec 12 well I certainly do feel blue this morning
Aren went to town last night and came home
eleven ten and had got rid of about \$6.50
and claims it was spent for Corn Whiskey
it just breaks my heart the children
needs so much and I will not mention
my self for there is no use for he
thinks I never need a penny. He got
\$30.00 house rent yesterday and promised
it to me but he was not the man
to pay here is only cent. but I took \$3.00
but know it was begrudged me. looks
like there is no use trying to ever
get along. for I guess he has his eye for
me. Oh gee I wish I could feel happy
once more.

Dec 14 well it seems more like home this
morning than for some time Aren acted
more like a husband than ever if it
only last maybe ever thing will work
out for good yet.

Dec 15 it seems as if I will have to ease
my mind by writing my thoughts down
there seems to me as if something sadder
than ever before is going to happen with
in the next three weeks. may be something

I am not expecting but I only hope my thoughts prove false. But it seems as if the one that ought to be my Best Friend and Pal is always the one that proves false. it seems as if things she told me is always ringing in my ears.

something tells me he is going to take a trip during holidays I don't know if he will return or not. some things I think Oh well he certainly thinks so much of his children, (myself not included) so let the Best little Friend he has ever got him to forsake them. Oh well she has sure done a plenty I know enough to make this the most unhappy Christmas I have ever spent and that is saying a whole lot. for I thought Dec 25 = 1918 was sad it was death that caused sadness but Dec 25 = 1921 will be much bluer for me not saying that he is not treating me right, as frequent for he couldn't be any better to me. he may mean well and I only hope he does but I seem to shudder for fear there is something behind it all I don't quite understand. now I don't know but it bases me to sit here and write my thoughts for it seems as if I am a shut in and never intended to get to go anywhere again. well work calls me and I must go and I fear Baby also so you see I am doing the best I can to be a Wife and Mother.

Dec 21 well as it is such a dark and dismal day I will write a few more lines. it seems the nearer Christmas come the more I dread it for Oh My My it seems to me it is going to be such a sad time for me.

for it seems as if things that has been said and told me will ring in my ears untill my dying day. the signs by all he has been true to me

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Dec 21 since baby came but I cant believe it for I can never believe but what his trips up to the place I call Hell is to see his blonde Mrs. Ethel Wright. I might give it the wrong name but I am sure it has made my life a Hell for the past year. ~~of~~ not saying that, Arley is not good to me for the past month he has been like a husband should be. but I cant forget what she told me he said. for if he only left the house one night out of the week he would be with her. so I guess he has picked Sunday night for he has a good chance.

Dec 23 Friday evening four thirty it looks like a blue Christmas Brew his pay 61.25 and dressed up in his best and took a arm load of whiskey glasses and started for Glen Elk. and didnt say do you want any thing from town or the here is a penny. made me feel bad not a cent to call my own and even if he does give me any he will pitch it in my face for the next year.

Dec 24 Sat morning. Well as I have mentioned above the few lines I wrote yesterday about Arley going with his whiskey glasses well they surely did use them for about eight o'clock his Bro Roy found him and a dirty bunch up town drunk and his Bro brought him home. but all evening when he was getting ready to go to town kept saying to Polysses what he wanted Santa to bring him but after he got with his crowd never once did he think about home. has gone again this morning to meet Santa Claus dont know if he will find him or not.

Nov 24 Sat afternoon well he found Santa at last but I guess for only a bluff he got me a ring for Christmas and laughed and told he got it to only run a bluff on me well he was not bluffing me any for if you can only turn back a page or two you can read what I think and something seems to say all the time Christmas will be the saddest one I have ever spent. ~~at~~

Sunday Morning Dec 25 - Christmas at last but no time for me as Allen was supposed to be working last night and he was not at work one hour stayed in Glen Elk all night. Sunday Eve or Father Christmas eve. he played at home all day but guess he wouldnt if it hadnt been W.A. Wright was at home no chance for him.

Monday afternoon well I have found out again that Geo is still after Ethel Wright the home breaker he said in his drunken spell last night the G - N - Hoak had ruined his life. But he didnt have to let her do it I wanted him to take me to the show yesterday and I only got a cursing and he took her instead well if he will only provide for me and the two children he can go and see her all his spare time and dont ever expect me to be a wife to him again unless I know he is trying to be a man and I can about tell.

Nov 28 ~~Monday~~ Wed. well I went to the show To see Over the Hill was the name of it it made me feel as if I hadnt a friend in the whole wide world. The show was sad enough but the worst of all was to see other men with their wives and I was there all alone suffering

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my man was out somewhere else having a gay time. he comes in washed and dressed and goes out and never says Blanchy would you like to go to the show. Ah No he is ashamed of me he thinks it more of a credit for him to parade the streets with a harlot.

Friday 30 he came from town on the 6¹⁵ and said he wanted his supper right away for he wanted to catch the 6⁴⁵ car back to town it made me so mad I went on the same car and I run him a merry chase for a while. I called for W.A. Wright I intended to get him to come to town if he would thought maybe we would catch them.

Sat Dec 31 well Mrs. Wright gets on her ear afraid I would tell her Darling husband all I knew and she calls me and talks for about two hours and she sure does tell a plenty on him. I was just a little surprised when she told me about him passing off for a single man with a girl is at present acquainted with but did not know her at that time. well he certainly as played the crook with me but am sure he will never prosper by it.

she is dirty enough to try everything in this whole wide world to break up my home. I mean Ethel Wright she has succeeded in making it a home of heartaches and pains but maybe some day she will suffer for it all.

Sat evening Dec 31 The last day of old 1921 he tells me not to show me he can make a date with her after her talking in the morning and saying she will never have anything

to do with him again, well he calls her and tells her he has left home and I listen to it all over the telephone and he asks her to meet him up town at the post office at 7³⁰ he can get a room on Third St and she says if you are sure your wife is not coming up town, and about that time I give her the ha ha. but sometimes I think they had it all made up and it is only a bluff but if I ever catch them even talking over the telephone I intended to tell WA. if it costs me my life.

Sunday Morning Jan 1 = 1922 New Years - well he slept in till noon and got up took a bath and went up to the train masters Office as you know as Gellway his ex girl. well just for fun I go up to the wonderful City of Glen Elk and hang around awhile, but couldnt stay long. Fox was afraid baby would cry so I came home about four o'clock but he never came in till about seven. I had went to bed but I got up and fixed him a lunch and then got ready to go back to bed and he said he wanted me to stay up and talk with him awhile so I sat down to hear it old line of hot air.

he ask me to forgive him and declared by all god and b'd he was was going to be a better man. well I told him I would try again but at the same time I thought you are only bluffing or trying but his pay for him to try that for he cant go far with his bluffs with me.

Monday Jan 2 - well he came home from work and ask me if I wanted to go to the show I nearly fainted and I said no I think it is too cold so about six o'clock

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Bob White calls and wants to know if he is going to the show and for one time the refused but thinking he would blind fold me and every thing would be all right for Tuesday night.

Tues. 3 - well I was right for he came home so good at noon and said he would come home early and help wash for baby and he stands around awhile and then he says to Wife no! do you care if Bob and I go out to hit Raps this evening to play cards. well I couldnt see any use for him going out there I said I thought we would go to the show to night well as I hadnt time to write show this time I will close this A.M. by saying we went to the show had a lot. but suppose I knocked his card Bobs good time in the head for they had it figured I wouldnt go. But I fooled them off.

Jan 6 Friday afternoon well I was right when I said he was bluffing me for last night Bob White and him had a date in Glen Elk or some where with some harlots I said why cant I go to the show with you and his excuse was he did not have any money said Bob was going to take him but I took notice when he came back he had money and found a bunch of checks that is blank ones and of course he had got money to pay the flutter. Ah well it was no more than I expected.

Sunday Jan 8 went over to Allen Brothers in Stealey. Came home about nine oclock. Allen was here.

Thursday Jan 12 well rent was due again today he went this morning and collected \$30.00

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Came home at noon in such a good humor
 gave me \$5.00 but if I don't use it he will
 want it back before the first of the week
 he only gave it to me trying to hand me
 a little frame had time to give me money
 before when he was thinking about going
 out for a time and after he had had
 good time he then calls on me for the
 money and I am always crazy enough
 to give it back to him. Claims him and
 Bob White was going to a basketball game
 to night but found out it was not true
 I knew when he told me about it he was
 trying one of his bluffs on me but he can
 bluff me again for I can't believe
 him if he was telling me the truth.
 and he claims he has cut his only little friend
 Mrs. Wright out but I can never believe it
 no never. But when I find it out again I
 intend to tell her, man her home has as well
 be ~~mine~~ a hell go mine, but Oh My
 I could be happy if he would only behave.
 Friday Jan 13 Well he had to work sixteen hrs
 yesterday didn't get to go to that bluff Basket-
 Ball game guess it was to be played to night
 instead had a first a ~~second~~ quiet game
 of Basketball. he never came home last
 night until ~~one~~ ^{one} o'clock suppose he
 stopped in to see Mrs. Wright on his way
 home that is if her husband was at
 work. I could find out but there is no
 use. it seems as if there is no more
 happiness for me if I could only think he
 cared anything at all for me but it plain
 enough he don't care for me. and it is a
 hard battle to fight. Well I will try my best.
 but some times it seems as if I can't stay
 it any longer would not I am sure if I had
 the money to take care of my children with out

0 || Cream Puffs.
 1 Cup hot water.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Butter.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Flour.
 5 eggs-

Heat the water & Butter untill the water boils. add all the flour & mix thoroughly. Cook five min., when cool add the 5 eggs unbeaten one at a time.

Beat untill thoroughly mixed, drop by table spoon fulls on greased pan & bake in a hot oven for 25 or 30 min. when cool slit one side open and fill with cream filling or sweetened whipped cream.

Cream Filling.

3 Table spoons flour.
 $\frac{1}{8}$ cup sugar.
 2 cups scalded milk.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Table spoon Butter.
 1 egg $\frac{1}{8}$ T. salt 1 T.S. Vanilla.

Mix the flour & sugar & slowly add the hot milk. pour the mixture into the double boiler and cook 20 min or untill thickened. pour some of the hot mixture over the well beaten egg. return to the double boiler & cook untill the egg mixture thickens.

Note. Chocolate cream filling is made by adding $\frac{3}{4}$ sq. chocolate melted to the cream filling.

Jan

Jan 13 breaking up my home but if any mother cares
 any thing for children and home she will take
 most any thing before she will break the home this
 it looks like winter when I was a school girl oh
 how I wish I could recall those days and know
 what I know today my life would be spent
 different from what it is. but we are not
 to know would ~~we~~ be very well contented. at least
 I hope so if I could recall five yrs this coming May
 if I knew he had been what I find he really
 is he could never stayed all night under my
 roof at all. But it is ~~to~~ late to cry over spilled milk.
 I don't mean I don't care for him for I do but he
 only disrespects and tramples my love under
 his feet. he wouldn't respect this old gray haired
 mother if she were living. but never the less
 he will see and know all some day.

Sat 14 well he did fool me once I thought sure
 he would go to town last night but he stayed
 at home and has said he would go to town with
 me to night of course I know he is not going
 because he wants to it is to throw me off his
 trail but he can never do that. he came home
 yesterday evening about six o'clock well he had
 all kinds of time to see Mrs. Wright for he
 is some where ever afternoon from about
 two o'clock until five and six every evening.
 I figure he has a room rented somewhere &
 Elgin Glen Elk and they meet there
 ever afternoon she has the chance. but if
 such is the case I will find it out one
 of these days. Oh if I could only feel right
 in his company but don't look like I
 ever will. don't know if he is going to work
 tomorrow or not. well Baby is crying will quit
 for this time.

Monday Jan 16 well Ann Marie and I went to town to
 the show for a change but I know he did not

reason his self for I know he don't care for me any
 more for I am not his speed. he had to work
 Sunday the 15th and claimed he had to go back
 last night to write up the book well he left about
 five o'clock and said he wouldn't be gone long
 but just the same he was in town. Glen left
 and I suppose in bed before he came home
 for it was ten twenty when he came. he drew
 \$42.00 for two weeks and did make out to
 give me \$15.00 and I paid \$60.00 at the store. Gas \$8.00
 \$5.00 Furniture and the rest well I don't know
 any thing about it but as for what I got
 I am to pay every cent out and for Nests he
 help make. But bought a lot of things for B & O
 Office oil cloth for the table and the one
 at home with none on it and the little kids
 with not enough to flag a hand car. will
 take Bob White and buy his supper and
 pay the way to the shop all the time.
 and I say take me to Ok now you are
 not going with me so what he says.

Tuesday 17th well he did not go to town last
 night ~~no~~ but suppose he was with her yesterday
 afternoon he took her to the show or has a room
 somewhere up town and he spends his time
 there with her. I would bet any thing he was
 with her somewhere for he came home
 his lip was hanging and he seemed to have
 the Blues could tell by his actions and his
 Countenance he was guilty don't see why he wants
 to lie about it for because I always catch him
 up and then he confesses. don't see what he
 means. don't know but suppose he is
 going to town to night for a high time he
 will pay for it all in due time.

Sat Jan 21st well today has certainly been
 some day for me had tried to think I never
 would say any thing to him again and

The telephone rings and he had called a Smith girl in Broddaus and passed off as a single man and some railroad man told of him so she was not the kind he was looking for and she called me and told me all. well I got real angry and went up and talked to his old sweet.

Heart Ethel Wright. well I saw her condition and I told her I would not try and break up her home as she has done mine and at the same time I expect the child belongs to him. refused to buy any clothes for his own baby and offered her \$500 to get rid of the one she is carrying. I came home and was here about an hour and the phone rings and Mrs. Johns tells me they have been meeting each other so right there I break my promise I call and tell Mr. Wright but he is no man or he would take a gun and kill both of them. well I told him to leave I never wanted to lay eyes on him again for he has deceived me in every way that is dirty he could not tell the truth and disgrace me so he told her some black lies. I will never get over it has made the love I once thought could never be turned into utter darkness, and for the first time in our married life that I could tell him I didn't like him. But he has caused it all himself.

Tuesday Jan 24 - well he came home this evening with the same old story only just a little stronger ask me to give him just one more chance. He knew he had done wrong and just one more chance and if he didn't prove all right. well I will be easy enough to give him one more chance But I think it is only a plot made by him and some of his friends

wild women to put me in the dark but
he is not for I close my eyes and ears
to it all he will have to prove it to me
different from what he ever has in the past.
But I hope by the help of God if he proves false
as I think he will before three days that
I can hate him for all time. I guess he thinks
I have tried to do a Wifes duty toward him
he has it all fixed with me. but if he
knew my mind and heart he would not
feel so good. But I am still willing to try. but
I cant Believe I Cant Believe. Blanche
Wed Eve Jan 25 = seven thirty children in bed and
I all alone while hubby is supposed to be out
for a good time I guess said he was going over
to the Basket Ball game at Adamsston but it
is so funny. that Bob White always goes along
it was only a bluff. dont think Bob White was
going just an excuse for Buffington to get up
to Glen Elk was there all the afternoon and
could not be contented unless he made
another trip up there tonight. what seems so
funny to me is he is going to do what is right
and he knows our main trouble is all
concerning that Hell Hole, Glen Elk and why
cant he be man enough to stay away from
there that is the only way he can prove
to me he is trying to do what is right. but I
am not going to build any more air castles to
have torn down. I will watch for I cant put
any confidence in anything he tells me
for I have heard the same old story for three
yrs. I have give up hopes and am in despair.
Well I will take baby and go to bed and
try and sleep while he is enjoying the Basket
Ball game. Sat Morning Jan 28 = well am
not feeling good this morning but hope will feel
better by tomorrow we are planning to go over to Rays.

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will tell later his true
don't know if we will enjoy ourselves or not only
hope so will try. feel worried and thinking of
~~another~~ another weary year ahead Oh my I
do hope things will prove out false what I am
thinking of.

Sat Feb 4 Well have had a real pleasant
week has been more like home we have
taken alysses and went to the show twice
this week. well he seems more like a
husband than he has for a long time
only trust it will last. am going
to try and put more faith in him.

Sunday Feb 5 well fast one week at a time
is all the longer he can behave. we went to
town last night he got so very angry with
me because I didn't want to go to the
opera house. stayed at home until about
two thirty powdered and primped and went
to fill his date I know as well as I live him
and Bob White has a date with some wild
women over in Brodus or Golly street
and it may be in Glen Elk, but never the
less. guess he will be in about Ten or eleven
o'clock tonight. well if he can be happy playing
a double life well he will have to go to it &
I know he felt condemned today for he
left but he let the wild wild women and
Bob have there way. he said he was going
if he lost my friend ship forever and
forever means a long time. some times
hearts throbs and I think I can not stand
it any longer. and again I could kill
but I never have no desire to get out
and be a parrot. and I think if there
was any thing in being drove to it I
certainly would be making my home in
Glen Elk now but no never as long as I
have my right mind.

Feb 7 Tuesday Morning.

well I forgot and left my diary I am writing at spare moments out on the table and the main subject Aron found it. I tried to get it from him but Ah no he was determined to read it and said if I didnt let him read it he knew it was all lies. so I knew as well as one on high there was nothing but the truth so I decided to let him read it if it would do him any good. it held him spellbound for close an hour he tried to be mad and said several things I will let go for I dont think he was as angry as he set on to be. well I will write if I want to and if I am called away before he is I want the world to know what I have went through with but if I would try and write all that book would not hold it all. if some truths like this one could be published it might be warning to girls. but Ah no no you cant tell us nothing for I know I was certainly old enough but was simple enough to believe every lie he looked into my eyes and told me. but I have learned a dear lesson that I will never forget. Ah well I think yet when I sit and think of the fact that he meant what he said at the time or thought he did. but just seems as if he cant behave himself but I can only hope for the best. although he said last night from this on he would give me something to write about But hope he did not mean it. Baby is real sick took sick Sunday Feb 5 but think she is better to day well as I have lot of work I will come again soon but hope with a happy story instead of a sad one.

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