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Jany. the 1st we were living at Bertram House - dear Granny, dear Drum & I - Our servants poor Lucy, Jane (who is going away) & George - our pets - Dear Mossy - his sister May Fly - Nelly - Moses - (greyhounds) Mob a borrowed greyhound - Whim our squinting spaniel who came from Lockinge - Miranda our dear beautiful greyhound puppy - Selim our Persian Cat, Poll a tabby do - & 22 Bantams - the old ones given me by poor Jesse Clift.

- 1818] Thurs. 31 Dec. Went with Papa & Eliza Webb to a dance at Mrs. Dickinson's - very splendid - very delightful - much laughing - Mr. Crowther not to be forgotten.
- Fri. 1 Jan. At Farley Hill - Happy day - Mrs. D's singing - Where'er you walk - Mr. D's reading - Count Ugolino.
- Sat. 2 Jan. Another happy day - at Farley Hill - Reading & home.
- Sun. 3 Jan. At home - told dear Mama all about the Ball - read Burke & the Reviews the B.C. & the E.R.
- Mon. 4 Jan. At home - wrote to Miss James - letter not to go this week - And to Miss Brooke. Read the Antiquary XX.
- Tues. 5 Jan. Read some of Miss Edgeworth's Popular tales XX some of Burke. Still at home.
- Wed. 6 Jan. Read Do. Do. still at home.
- Thurs. 7 Jan. Read Fearon's America X - still at home - Got & read this pretty book X
- Fri. 8 Jan. Wrote to Sir William Elford not to go till next week - Read Burke. Still at home.
- Sat. 9 Jan. Read Nightmare Abbey XX Still at home.
- Sun. 10 Jan. Wrote to Miss Webb - not to go till Tuesday. read more of Burke.
- Mon. 11 Jan. At home - worked some gown trimming - & wrote a letter to Mr. Haydon.
- Tues. 12 Jan. At home. heard from dear Mrs. Dickinson - sent off letters to Sir W. Elford Mr. Haydon, Miss James & Miss Webb.

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Wed. 13 Jan.

Hoard from dear Miss James - went Fir topping - wrote a sonnet & letter to Mrs. Dickinson - at home.

Thurs. 14 Jan.

At home. Wrote to dear Miss James. Read Bisset's Life of Burke - very bad weather, could not stir.

Fri. 15 Jan.

At home all day doing nothing but finish my letter to dear Miss James & read Burke - Burke a sad turncoat.

Sat. 16 Jan.

Went to Reading - had a most delightful chat with Miss Brooke - bought things at Marshes - saw numbers of people - came home to dinner quite well & was exceedingly ill (sick & purged) all night.

Sun. 17 Jan.

Rather better - Lucy a famous Nurse - in bed almost all day - had a charming letter from Mr. Haydon & read Malcolm's Anecdotes of the 17th Century.

Mon. 18 Jan.

A great deal better. Amused myself with doing up some gowns against the end of the mourning - read Burke's works. All day at home.

Tues. 19 Jan.

Quite well. Wrote a long note to Miss Brooke - read Scott's Visit to Paris & played with my beautiful puppy Miranda born at Stratford on Avon.

Wed. 20 Jan.

Received a long letter from Mrs. Rowden & began an answer all day at home.

Thurs. 21 Jan.

Mr. White & Mrs. Tuppen called did not see them - was Fir-topping with Luce & the pets. At home.

Fri. 22 Jan.

All day at home finished my packet for Mrs. Rowden & read Burke's works.

Sat. 23 Jan.

All day at home Firtopping - began Florence Macarthy - very much amused by it.

Sun. 24 Jan.

Got a letter from dear Miss James answered it - went with dear Drum to look for primroses - did not find any - Finished Florence Macarthy.

Mon. 25 Jan.

Mrs. Dickinson came to see us all in the rain - She was quite delighted with Selim & Miranda's play.

Tues. 26 Jan.

Went to Reading - saw a great many people - bought my new crimson bombazine - came home to dinner Poor Whim lost.

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Wed. 27 Jan.

At home. Dear Drum went to London & took my letters to Mrs. Rowden & Miss James. Read the Duchesse d'Angouline's journal while in the Temple.

Thurs. 28 Jan.

At home. Poor Jeremy Chamberlaine the shoemaker brought me some primroses & violets in pots - which he found in the fields.

Fri. 29 Jan.

Whim found again. Selim nearly killed a white kitten we have got for Sir W. Elford. I found today the first primrose this year in the hedge at the bottom of the park meadow.

Sat. 30 Jan.

At home all day. Read Junius - famous peppering - nothing so good now. Mossy very amiable.

Sun. 31 Jan.

Dear Drum came back again. Heard from Eliza Webb - wrote to her in answer. At home all day.

Mon. 1 Feb.

At home. Went out Firtopping with Mossy - Mossy very amiable - so was Miranda in the Evening - read Junius & the British Critic Review.

Tues. 2 Feb.

At home all day: Helped trim my new gown & read the Eclectic Review & played with Miranda.

Thurs. 11 Feb.

Walked about Farley Hill - Mrs. Dick. brought me & Mrs. Hofland home & dined with us - Mrs. H. went away at night. Heard from Sir W. Elford & Miss James.

Fri. 12 Feb.

Read Burke & wrote to Mr. Williams & Miss Eliza Webb - at home all day.

Sat. 13 Feb.

Went to Reading - called on Mrs. Tuppin - the Brookes - Mrs. Boyd - Mrs. Newberry & the Valpy's - saw a great many people & hired a Cook.

Sun. 14 Feb.

Wrote to Mrs. Clarke - & Miss Ogbourn & Miss James. At home all day - had the pets.

Mon. 15 Feb.

Mr. Williams called on me - went primrosing got the little basket full - wrote to Sir William Elford - read Forsyth's Italy - charmed with it.

On this day (Monday the 15th) Papa saw a pheasant's nest with 4 eggs, which was found by one of Lord Braybrooke's people at Billingbear whilst a party were coursing in the park - very early indeed.

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Tues. 16 Feb.

All day at home - read Forsyth's Italy - trimmed my black bonnet helped to contrive dear Granny's spencer - played with the Pets.

Wed. 17 Feb.

All day at home. Read Dr. Aikin's Translation of the Memoirs of Huet - very entertaining - played with the Pets. Helped to trim dear Granny's spencer.

Thurs. 18 Feb.

Called on Mrs. Dickinson - Cut Drum's hair - finished reading Huet's Memoirs & began "Emma". Had a note from Miss Valpy.

Fri. 19 Feb.

At home all day. Received a letter from Mrs. Hofland - finished Emma - the puppy a great pet.

Sat. 20 Feb.

Went primrosing - Got the Sheffield Iris from Mrs. Hofland with some verses from her to me - very pretty. Read Sir Robert Wilson's Egypt.

Sun. 21 Feb.

Dear Drum went into Hampshire. Jeremy brought me violets & primroses - wrote to Eliza Webb & Mrs. Hofland - at home all day - fed the pets.

Mon. 22 Feb.

Went Firtopping - fed the Pets - Mayfly, Miranda & a new little bitch called Fly given us by young farmer Webb.

Tues. 23 Feb.

Went Firtopping in the Plantations - fed the Pets - at home all day. Primroses very plentiful in the Plantations.

Wed. 24 Feb.

Heard from Miss Booth - went to look for violets - could not find any - then went Firtopping till I was driven in by the snow. Read Sir R. Wilson's Egypt.

Thurs. 25 Feb.

Heard from Eliza Webb. Staid at home all day - read the Collectanea Curiosa - very amusing - dear Drum & the pets came back from Overton.

Fri. 26 Feb.

At home all day - read the Collectanea Curiosa - wrote to Miss Booth. Nell went to Mr. Piles - poor love I hope she will be comfortable.

Sat. 27 Feb.

At home all day - Had a delightful letter from Sir William Elford enclosing some lozenges of his own making. Wrote to Sir W.E. & Miss James.

Sun. 28 Feb.

Heard from Mr. Haydon - wrote to Pen Valpy & Eliza Webb - heard from Mary Webb - went primrosing with dear Drum - read the Eclectic Review & the British Critic. Both stupid.

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Mon. 1 Mar.

At home all day. Heard from Pen Valpy - read the Monthly Magazine - Had the pets.

Tues. 2 Mar.

At home. Heard from Miss James - wrote to Mary Webb & Pen Valpy. Sent off my letter to Sir W.E. & finished a letter to Miss James.

Wed. 3 Mar.

At home. Sent off my letter to Miss James - went Firtopping - read the Monthly Magazine, & Anecdotes of distinguished persons.

Thurs. 4 Mar.

At home - went Firtopping - read "Anecdotes of distinguished persons" 4 Vols - very amusing.

Fri. 5 Mar.

At home - read Anecdotes of distinguished persons. Went violetting - found none - then went Fir topping with the pretty pet Miranda.

Sat. 6 Mar.

At home - heard from Eliza Webb - went firtopping with the pets.

Sun. 7 Mar.

Went to Farley Hill - heard Mr. Dickinson's Italian Translations - read Burdon's Materials for thinking - a very pleasant day.

Mon. 8 Mar.

At Farley Hill - Mr. Johnson & Mr. Northmore came to dinner - a delightful day - Mr. Johnson talked to me very much indeed.

Tues. 9 Mar.

At Farley Hill - the Miss Broughtons called - nobody dined but ourselves - in the Evening we had the 4th book of Virgil translated by Mr. D.

Wed. 10 Mar.

At Farley Hill - dear Drum came for me & dined as did Dr. Bailley - we came back in the Evening - a most delightfully pleasant day.

Thurs. 11 Mar.

At home - went primrosing - saw Mr. Dearesley - read Guy Mannering - played with the Pets - wrote to Mrs. Hofland.

Fri. 12 Mar.

Went to Wokingham - met the Whites & Tuppens & a large party - Drum went out coursing with them - I staid with Mary - wrote a note to Mrs. Hayward & Miss Wheeler - came home at night. Stupid day.

Sat. 13 Mar.

At home - received a very kind letter from Miss Booth - wrote to her - read Marriage - liked it very much - made me laugh.

Sun. 14 Mar.

At home - went violetting - found none - Dr. Dearesley called - read Marriage - & George Mathew's Narrative - wrote to Miss James.

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Mon. 15 Mar.

At home - went Firtopping. Drum bought me two new baskets for flowering - read Wanley's Wonders.

Tues. 16 Mar.

At home - went violetting to Mr. Davies's meadow - found a nice parcel - Wrote to Sir William.

Wed. 17 Mar.

At home - heard from Mrs. Hofland - Miss Webb & Miss Wheeler came to spend the day - went primrosing with them - very pleasant day indeed.

Thurs. 18 Mar.

At home - went violetting in Mr. Pithers's fields - found none except in the corner by the field we sold to Mr. Dearesley. Wrote to Mrs. Hofland.

Fri. 19 Mar.

At home - Mr. Haydon sent me the Examiner - went violetting - did not find many - read Waverley - wrote to Mr. Haydon.

Sat. 20 Mar.

At home - Heard from Miss James & Mary Webb - finished my letter to Miss James - read Waverley.

Sun. 21 Mar.

At home - Went primrosing in Mr. Dearesley's Copse & violetting in our own fields. Read a pretty Tale called Altham & his Wife.

Mon. 22 Mar.

At home. Went violetting in Mr. Body's Fields & our own with Dear Granny & the Pets - did not find many. Read the Tales of my Landlord.

Tues. 23 Mar.

Wrote to Miss Webb - read Miss Jane Taylor's Display - & began Mr. Maturin's Woman - Dear Drum went to Town - At home all day.

Wed. 24 Mar.

At home - went violetting with Luce - found a great many white & some beautiful blue violets in a field near Penge wood. The Wood sorrel not out yet.

Thurs. 25 Mar.

At home - heard from dear Drum - Got caught in a shower - read Wanley's Wonders.

Fri. 26 Mar.

At home - went violetting about our own fields & Mr. Body's - Dear Drum came home & brought me my superb red shawl for a present - God bless him.

Sat. 27 Mar.

At home - heard from Eliza Webb - read Mr. Maturin's Woman - don't like it much - too dismal.

Sun. 28 Mar.

At home - went violetting with dear Drum & the pets in our own fields & Mr. Body's.

Mon. 29 Mar.

At home - Went to Penge Wood with dear Drum, Luce & the pets - got a few wood anemones & quantities of violets blue & white - Wrote to Miss Brooke.

Tues. 30 Mar.

At home - Went Fittopping with dear Mossy - Mossy very amiable indeed poor lamb.

Wed. 31 Mar.

At home - went Firtopping & walking about the place - never saw so many flowers in my life - Miranda a great pet.

Thurs. 1 Apr.

At home - Frederick Slade called - went to Reading - saw a great many people - called at the Brookes Tuppens & Newberrys. Read Undine & Dr. King's Anecdotes of his own Times.

Fri. 2 Apr.

At home - Heard from Miss James. Went violetting with the Pets, got quantities - wrote to Mrs. Newberry - Read the Eclectic & British Critic Reviews & Horace Walpole's letters.

Sat. 3 Apr.

At home - walked with Granny & the Pets - heard from Mrs. Newberry - read Horace Walpole's delightful Letters to Mr. Cole & Tom Crib's Memorial to Congress - Dear Drum came home sick from Reading.

Sun. 4 Apr.

At home - Dear Drum quite well again - Heard from Sir W. Elford. Mr. & Mrs. Newberry called - wrote to Mrs. Newberry & Miss Eliza Webb.

Mon. 5 Apr.

Went to Penge Wood with Lucy & the Pets - read Horace Walpole's letters to Mr. Cole - Delightful - & Dr. Clarke's admirable Travels.

Tues. 6 Apr.

At home - heard from Mrs. Rowden - Read Beppo & Mr. Rogers's Human Life - & Dr. Clarke's Travels in Sweden & Norway.

Wed. 7 Apr.

At home - went to Reading - saw Miss Brooke & many people - had a note from Mrs. Tuppen - read Dr. Clarke's Travels & Holcroft's Memoirs.

Thurs. 8 Apr.

At home - wrote to Sir William Elford - walked with dear Drum & the pets - read Holcroft's Memoirs which are very entertaining.

Fri. 9 Apr.

At home - Went to Wokingham with dear Drum - dined at the Webbs & called on the Wheelers - came home at night. A pleasant day.

Sat. 10 Apr.

At home - went violetting with Lucy about our own place & Mr. Body's - Betty Rapley sent me some Honeysuckle in full bloom.

Sun. 11 Apr.

At home - Heard from Miss Booth & Miss James - wrote to Miss Booth, Miss James, Mrs. Hofland, Mrs. Tuppen & Mr. Maitland - read Miss Edgeworth's Comic Dramas - not good.

Mon. 12 Apr.

At home all day - read the Lives of Haydon & Mozart & the Memoirs of the great Condé - not very good.

Tues. 13 Apr.

At home all day - Drum went to Wokingham & attended Mr. Palmer's grand procession to Reading - sopping wet all the morning - read Memoirs of Condé - stupid enough.

Wed. 14 Apr.

At home - Papa not well enough to take me to Reading - went to Penge wood with Lucy. Got a great quantity of flowers. Violets almost over.

Thurs. 15 Apr.

At home - Drum & Granny went to Reading to call on Lady M. Palmer - read Whistlecraft's National Poem & Cary's Dante. Whistlecraft very good.

Fri. 16 Apr.

At home - sate waiting for Lady M. Palmer dressed quite fine - tiresome woman did not come - wrote to Mrs. Rowden & read Cary's Dante.

Sat. 17 Apr.

At home - waited again for that tiresome woman who never came - heard from Mrs. Hofland & Mary Webb - wrote to Mrs. Hofland & finished my letter to Mrs. Rowden - read Hazlitt's lectures on the Comic Writers - famous.

Sun. 18 Apr.

At home - Waited again in vain for Lady M.P. - Heard from Miss James & Mrs. Rowden - read Cary's Dante & Hazlitt's Lectures on the Comic Writers.

Mon. 19 Apr.

At home all day - wrote to Miss James & to Miss Webb.

Tues. 20 Apr.

At home - went to Penge Wood - Poor dear Mossy got a sad fall & was very ill - wrote to Miss James - still expected that tiresome woman.

Wed. 21 Apr.

At home - poor dear Mossy very ill in the Morning but better in the Afternoon - Still expected that tiresome Lady Mad. who did not come.

Thurs. 22 Apr.

At home - waited again for that shocking plague Lady M.P. who never came - Dear Mossy much better almost well. Read Horace Walpole's Letters to Mr. Montague.

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Fri. 23 Apr.

At home - waited again for my Lady, Deuce take her - read Horace Walpole's delightful letters & Rose's Letters from the North of Italy - very good though vulgar.

Sat. 24 Apr.

At home - waited again for that shocking torment Lady M.P. - never came - read Rose's letters from the North of Italy - & finished my letters to Miss James & Mrs. Rowden.

Sun. 25 Apr.

At home - waited again - dined early - dear Drum went to the fields by Burghfield Bridge to get me Field Tulips - God bless him, dear lamb. Wrote to Miss Booth - Had Miranda to tea. Great lamb.

Mon. 26 Apr.

At home - Dear Drum went to London - I had & had had for two days a very bad cough - read The Quakers & Campbell's English Poets.

Tues. 27 Apr.

At home - rather better - dear Granny very good to me - heard from Sir William - wrote to him & dear Drum - read Mr. Campbell's Specimens of the English Poets. Like it very much.

Wed. 28 Apr.

At home - rather better. Heard from dear Drum - wrote to him - poor Mrs. Budd of Bedford now dead in childbirth - Went cowslipping in the meadows with dear Granny, Lucy & the pets - all very amiable.

Thurs. 29 Apr.

At home - much the same - Heard from dear Drum - Went to Penge Wood with dear Granny, Lucy & the Pets. Dear Drum came home at night.

Fri. 30 Apr.

At home - better - heard from Miss James - walked round the place with dear Drum - read a Walk through Switzerland - liked it pretty well.

Sat. 1 May

At home - better - went cowslipping with dear Granny & the pets - read Campbell's Specimens of the British Poets - very good.

Sun. 2 May

At home - much the same - heard from Aunt Mary - walked about the Place with dear Granny - read the Eclectic & British Critic Reviews.

Mon. 3 May

At home - better - walked about the place with dear Drum, dear Granny & the pets - all very amiable - wrote to Miss James.

Tues. 4 May

At home - much better - heard from Eliza Webb - walked about the Place with dear Granny - read Lebaume's Campaign in Russia.

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- Wed. 5 May At home - much better - heard from Miss Booth - went round the place flowering with dear Drum - wrote to Aunt Mary.
- Thurs. 6 May At home - almost well - Mr. Morfitt & Mr. Armstrong dined here - wrote to Eliza Webb.
- Fri. 7 May At home - still better - heard from Aunt Mary - read Les Parvenus by Madame de Genlis.
- Sat. 8 May At home - quite well - Mr. Voules & Mr. Walker called & Mr. Dickinson - corrected some proofs for Mr. D. & wrote a note to Mrs. Dickinson.
- Sun. 9 May At home - quite well - wrote a note to Mr. St. Quentin - walked with dear Drum & the Pets. Looked over Mr. Dickinson's Translations.
- Mon. 10 May At home - Dear Drum went to London - walked with dear Granny & the pets - read Campbell's Specimens of English Poets. The Dearesleys called.
- Tues. 11 May At home - heard from dear Drum - the Dearesleys called while we were at dinner & we did not see them. Mr. Green called in the morning & was very pleasant - read a ten years [sic] in Tripoly.
- Wed. 12 May At home - heard from dear Drum - Capt. & Mrs. Tuppen called - heard again at night from Drum & Miss James - Dear Drum sent some lovely lillies of the valley - Read a ten years residence in Tripoly very entertaining indeed.
- Thurs. 13 May At home - Dear Drum came home - Poor Mossy was sick - dressed the flowers - read Coleridge's Zapolya, very good - & Miss Benger's Life of Mrs. Hamilton - very bad.
- Fri. 14 May At home - wrote to Miss James & Sir W. Elford - Mr. & Mrs. Dickinson drank tea with us - Dear Mrs. D. brought me some wild lilies of the valley.
- Sat. 15 May At home - went to Reading - called on Mrs. Tuppen, Mrs. Newberry, Miss Brooke, Miss Anstruther & the Valpy's - bought some things for Granny & myself - read The Rivals - famous.
- Sun. 16 May At home - went to Wokingham - dined there - Mr. Palmer was there - came home in the evening & read the Wheel of Fortune - middling. Dear May Fly married at Wokingham to Warrener & Whistle.

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Mon. 17 May

At home - dressed my flowers - walked about the Place - read Florence Macarthy - liked it better than at first.

Tues. 18 May

At home - dear Mossy married to pretty little Fly - Heard from Mrs. Hofland - Drum went to London. Mr. Dickinson called.

Wed. 19 May

At home - heard from dear Drum - read a Picturesque Tour through France & Switzerland (stupid) & Mr. ORegan's Memoirs of [?] Do. Dear Granny's new bonnet came home.

Thurs. 20 May

At home - dressed the flowers - dear Drum came home & brought me a pretty blue handkerchief & some lovely lilies of the valley.

Fri. 21 May

At home - walked with dear Drum & the pets - the may finer this year than I ever saw it, particularly in my lane - read from Charlotte Smith's Young Philosopher - pretty but too dismal.

Sat. 22 May

At home - heard from Sir William Elford & Miss Ogbourn - read Lord Byron's 6th Vol. of Poems (Manfred, the Prisoner of Chillon & the Lament of Tasso) & the last vol of Miss Benger's Life of Mrs. Hamilton - Sir William came in the evening.

Sir William Elford came on the Saturday Evening to tea having left his friend Mr. Champernoune who was to have accompanied him ill at the Bear - he expected him next day - but instead of him came a note from Mr. Bulley to Drum to say that Mr. Cham: had taken an opening medicine & could not move: so Sir William went to him after tea. [added later]: poor Mr. C. died after a very few weeks] - Dear Mrs. Dickinson dined & slept here.

Sun. 23 May

At home - Sir William Elford with us - expected his friend Mr. Champernoune who did not come - Mrs. Dickinson called & dined & slept with us - Sir W. went in the morning to see Stratfield Saye - went away in the evening.

Mon. 24 May

At home - Mrs. Dickinson still here on account of the loss of her carriage horses - Drum & I dined at Wokingham to keep Mr. Webb's birthday - met Mr. & Mrs. Holton, two Mr. Wheelers, & Mr. & Mrs. W. Hayward - pleasant day. Came home at night.

Tues. 25 May

At home - Mrs. Dickinson left at about 1 o'clock - Heard from Sir William Elford. Read Fellowes's Journey to La Trappe & La Vendee - liked it very well - poor Mossy lane.

Wed. 26 May

At home - Heard from Miss James - read Hackett's Narrative of an expedition to South America. Wrote to Mrs. Hofland. Walked with Granny & the pets - very amiable.

Thurs. 27 May

At home - Heard from Mrs. Dickinson - cut dear Drum's hair - wrote to Mrs. Dickinson - dressed the flowers - walked with dear Drum & the pets.

Fri. 28 May

At home - walked about the place - saw some fine foxglove [sic] out in the lane, very early - & a fine pansy, very late - the syringa coming out beautifully.

Sat. 29 May

At home - heard from Miss James & Miss Ogbourn - lay on a Haycock in the West Orchard, & read Repton of Landscape Gardening & Miss James's little Tale of Jenny the spinner.

Sun. 30 May

At home - walked about the place with dear Drum, dear Granny & the pets - wrote to Sir William - read Miss Edgeworth's Moral Tales - very pretty.

Mon. 31 May

At home - went about the garden with dear Drum, dear Granny & the pets - read the Eclectic & British Critic Reviews - wrote to Miss James.

Tues. 1 June

At home - dressed my flowers - walked in the garden with Granny & Mossy - read Barrow's Account of Voyages to the North Pole - wrote to Miss Booth - syringa very beautiful.

Wed. 2 June

At home - Papa went to Watlington to stand to Mrs. Hayward's little girl - I wrote to Mrs. Hayward & Miss James.

Thurs. 3 June

At home - lay in the Hay (my own little Haycock) in the West Orchard. Walked in the garden with Granny & the dear Pets.

Fri. 4 June

At home - lay in the Hay - went Firtopping - Drum came back from Watlington - read Mr. D'Israeli's Calamities of Authors.

Sat. 5 June

At home - Dressed the flowers - lay in the Hay - walked about the Place with dear Drum, dear Granny & the Pets - read Blackwood's Edinburgh Magaz.

Sun. 6 June

At home - lay in the Hay - walked down the lane with dear Drum & the pets, very amiable - the wild roses out - read the Edinburgh Review & a Year & Day - pretty enough but too dismal.

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Mon. 7 June

At home - dear Drum went to Town - walked with dear Granny & the pets - read the Quarterly Review (No. 38-39 & 40 are to be indexes) & The White Cottage - which is too dismal.

Tues. 8 June

At home - Heard from dear Drum, & Granny heard from Sir William Elford - wrote to Sir William & dear Drum. Walked with dear Granny & the Pets.

Wed. 9 June

At home - heard from dear Drum, Mr. Haydon & Mary Webb. Lay in the hay - walked with Grany [sic] - wrote to Mary Webb.

Thurs. 10 June

At home - Heard from dear Drum - walked with the pets - Dear Drum did not come home at night but sent a note & some most beautiful flowers - red lilies - ranunculus - pinks - moss roses - sweet peas & double anemones - God bless him, dear love.

Fri. 11 June

At home - heard from dear Drum - dressed the flowers - dear Drum came from Town & brought me a present of the two Peter Bells from Mr. Taylor - both which I read & liked very much.

Sat. 12 June

At home - heard from Miss James - walked with dear Granny & the Pets about the Place - read Captain Ross's account of the Polar Expedition.

Sun. 13 June

At home - lay in the hay - walked with Drum & Mossy - Read Capt. Ross's Polar Expedition - stupid - the Captain very timid - did nothing but christen every rock & hillock he saw after some great person or other - Lord Melville, Mr. Croker & so forth.

Mon. 14 June

At home - went to Reading - called on Miss Brooke, Mrs. Tuppen, Mrs. Newberry - & bought Granny a new gown & some other things at Marsh's -

Tues. 15 June

Dear Granny's Birthday - at home - Dressed my flowers - lay in the hay - wrote to Mr. Bacon & Miss Brooke.

Wed. 16 June

At home - Went to Reading - bought the materials for a new bonnet at Marsh's - saw the Brookes &c - a very pleasant morning indeed.

Thurs. 17 June

At home - heard yesterday from Miss James & Mrs. Hofland - lay today in the hay - walked with Drum, Granny & the pets - read the Hear: of Midlothian & the Criminal Trials to illustrate it of Porteous - Wilson - Nichol - [?] &c - very curious.

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Fri. 18 June

At home - wrote to Mr. Dickinson & Miss Allin - read the Heart of Midlothian - walked in the garden with dear Drum, dear Granny & the Pets. Wrote to Mary Webb too!

Sat. 19 June

At home - lay in the Hay & helped haymake - walked in the garden with dear Drum & the pets - read Tour to Alet - liked it pretty well.

Sun. 20 June

At home - dear Drum & Granny went into Hampshire - walked about the place - lay in the Hay - read Shaw's Travels very learned & curious.

Mon. 21 June

At home - dear Drum & dear Granny in Hampshire - lay in the hay - saw to the haymaking - wrote to dear Granny Mrs. Hofland & Miss James - read the Beggar Girl famous.

Tues. 22 June

At home - dear Drum & dear Granny still out - expected the Miss Webbs who did not come - finished my letter to Miss James & wrote a note to Mr. Palmer. Got the hay in good order - lay in the hay.

Wed. 23 June

At home - dear Drum & dear Granny still out - heard from dear Drum & Eliza Webb - wrote to dear Drum. Lay in the Hay - Luce & I drank tea together very comfortably.

Thurs. 24 June

At home - Drum & Granny still out - heard from dear Granny - Luce made my white bonnet - read the Beggar Girl - had Mossy all day - he was very amiable poor lamb indeed.

Fri. 25 June

At home - heard from dear Drum & Sir William - dear Drum & Granny came home - dear Granny not quite well - God bless her.

Sat. 26 June

At home - heard from Mrs. Dickinson - wrote to Eliza Webb & Mrs. Dickinson. Read the New Tales of my Landlord.

Sun. 27 June

At home - heard from Eliza Webb - read the new Tales of my Landlord - dear Granny better.

Mon. 28 June

At home - was so showery & could not go to Wokingham - Did some of my flowers - had my pets - Mossy very amiable - dear Granny better.

Tues. 29 June

At home - got flowers - lay in the hay - read Fuseli's lectures on Painting - wrote to Sir William Elford - dear Granny quite well.

Wed. 30 June

At home - walked with Drum & the Pets - sent off my letters to Mrs. Dickinson & Sir William Elford with notes to Mr. D. & Mr. Palmer.

Thurs. 1 July

At home - heard from Miss Booth - went to Reading & Wokingham - called on Miss Brooke & Mrs. Newell - dined with the Webbs - met Mr. Carter there - very pleasant day - came home at night.

Fri. 2 July

At home - read the British Critic & Eclectic Reviews - so cold & wet that we had a fire - cleared up rather in the Evening & walked with dear Drum. Sent some of my Poems to Hampshire friends Woodburns Holdens &c.

Sat. 3 July

At home - dressed my flowers - heard from Miss James - read Camilla - Walked with Granny Lucy & Mossy about our own place.

Sun. 4 July

At home - lay in the Hay - read Zeneide by Madame de Genlis - stupid - Mr. John Deverell came to dine & sleep - he stupid too! Walked in the evening with him & Drum & the pets - the pets very amiable.

Mon. 5 July

At home - lay in Hay with Mossy Marmy & Moses - read an Autumn near the Rhine - wrote to Mary Webb - Mr. Deverell went away.

Tues. 6 July

At home - began a letter to Miss James - had Mossy - read Lord Mclesworth's account of Denmark in 1693 & Miss Aikin's Memoirs of Queen Elizabeth - Mossy very amiable.

Wed. 7 July

At home - read Miss Aikin's Memoirs of Queen Elizabeth - walked with Drum & the pets - Mossy very amiable.

Thurs. 8 July

At home - read Miss Aikin's Memoirs of Queen Elizabeth - dressed my flowers - walked about the place with the pets.

Fri. 9 July

At home - Mr. Elliott & Mr. Spurling came here & settled to take to the place at Michaelmas - they both behaved very well - Harry Marsh came to meet them & dined here - heard from Miss James.

Sat. 10 July

At home - lay in the hay - walked about the place with Drum Granny & the pets - read Lord Byron's Mazeppa liked it very much.

Sun. 11 July

At home - went with dear Granny to Wokingham - found them all dismal on account of Mr. Webb's operation which is to be performed Tuesday - came home to dinner - lay in the hay.

Mon. 12 July

At home - went to Reading with dear Drum - made a great many calls changed my books - a pleasant morning - Came home to dinner - lay in my hay - finished my letter to Miss James.

Tues. 13 July

At home - Dear Drum & Granny went to Lockinge - dressed my flowers - lay in the hay - walked down the lane with Luce & saw a beautiful glowworm on a weed in the ditch.

Wed. 14 July

At home - dear Drum & Granny at Lockinge - lay in the hay - walked in the hayfield - a little bird by my hay has been very tame for the two last days - read Colonel FitzClarence's Indian Journal.

Thurs. 15 July

At home - Drum & Granny still out - laid in the hay - my little robin kept eating close to me - walked in the hayfield. Betty Rapley dined here - heard from Miss Eliza Webb - read the Magazines.

Fri. 16 July

At home - heard from dear Drum - Drum & Granny came home - very glad to get them - lay in the hay - walked down the lane - read the Monthly & European Magazines - pretty good.

Sat. 17 July

At home - dressed my flowers - lay in the hay - read Sir Joshua Reynolds's works - fed my tame robin - began a letter to Miss Booth. Twice caught in the rain & obliged to change my things.

Sun. 18 July

At home - lay in the hay - read Crabbe's Tales of the Hall liked them - wrote to Miss Brooke & Mrs. Rowden - walked down the lane with dear Drum & the pets. Mossy very amiable.

Mon. 19 July

At home - lay in the Hay - read Crabbe's Tales of the Hall - walked with Drum & Granny & the Pets backward & forward to the white gate.

Tues. 20 July

At home - lay in the hay - dear Mossy not well - Bobby brought a relation to eat bread crumbs both of them very amiable - dear Mossy better in the Evening - read Reynolds's works.

Wed. 21 July

At home - Poor dear Drum taken very ill - giddy & sick - sent for Mr. Sherwood who bled & physicked him. Dear Drum better in the Evening - Mossy quite well to day - read.

Thurs. 22 July

At home - dear Drum much better - God bless him - dressed my flowers - lay in the hay - walked in the wood - dear Drum brought me some fine Jasmine from Mr. Davies.

Fri. 23 July

At home - Dear Drum's throat very bad - sent for Mr. Harris who came to see him - dear Drum better in the Evening - lay in the Hay - read Traits of Nature. Walked with the Pets.

Sat. 24 July

At home - Dear Drum much better. Heard from Mrs. Dickinson Mrs. Rowden & Miss Harley - lay in the hay - Marry very ill - wrote to Mrs. Rowden - finished my letter to Miss Booth - began one to Sir William.

Sun. 25 July

At home - finished my letter to Sir William & sent off that of Mrs. Rowden's - dined at Wokingham - dear Mr. Webb much better - a very pleasant day - came home by Reading to get a parcel for Miss James containing two long letters from her & Mrs. Hofland a pretty handkerchief bordered with roses & Professor Brown's book on cause & effect - Marry quite well.

Mon. 26 July

At home - wrote to the Miss Webbs & sent them some apples & French beans - lay in the hay - read De Rance & Madame de Genlis Zuma - the first very bad the other pretty - wrote to Mrs. Dickinson.

Tues. 27 July

At home - called on Mrs. Vowles with dear Drum - lay in the hay - read Professor Brown on Cause & Effect - wrote to Miss James.

Wed. 28 July

At home - heard from Sir William - wrote to Sir William & Miss James - dressed my flowers - walked with dear Drum & the pets.

Thurs. 29 July

At home - wrote to Mr. Haydon. Called at Farley Hill - Mr. D. just gone out - dined at Wokingham - very pleasant day - had a wandering band to play to us - we drank tea in the shrubbery - Came home at night.

Fri. 30 July

At home - Lay in the hay with Mossy & talked to my Bobby - Bobby very amiable - I think he'll soon talk too! Read Miss Plumtre's Tales - very amusing.