

but around January, I had a new teacher
 and she passed her times scolding me
 but it made me no difference. So one
 day she took me in her office, and she
 give me the straps oh yes. Very badly to
 when I arrived home I was still crying
 my hands all swollen, and my eyes to,
 when father saw me, he ask me what
 happens to you. I show him my hands
 poor father we never had a slap from
 him, and to see my hands all swollen
 he turn and look mother and said to her
 I don't want you to let Estelle go to school
 no more, no one of those English teacher
 will strap my childrens keep her home
 and in those days if a child goes to school
 it was alright but if the parents want
 to keep them home it was O.K. to, so this was
 the end of my education. You see
 why. I am not educated. And please
 wrong my words, and bad spelling also.
 Fargine me for this I want you,
 well that spring father decided not to go
 back to the farm. he was making good
 money, and the boys to, so a neighbor
 from us in at agather ask my father if
 he could have the land for the summer
 and my father says yes. You can. So
 we stay in a rent in stockholm, but in
 June first, or before in may about the 15th
 my mother took sick also my little brother
 Lewis, they we so sick, my father went to
 Ven Bureau to get a doctor, as there was no
 doctors in stockholm, or priest at that

times this doctor came but didn't know what
 was wrong with mom and Lewis,
 a priest who came from Sacred Heart
 church, from Carleton, he came once a month
 to say the mass in Stockholm, my father
 bring him home to see mom, and Lewis

Lewis was so sick he was in coma since
 2 weeks, so my mother feel to the priest put
 and beg him to pray, so Lewis went died
 he was 6 years old at the time, my mother
 was getting better now, but June first
 we all took sick, and it hit us so hard, that
 all I remember was mother talking once
 we will take Jan to the farm, in it together
 she dress me, but on the way, I remember
 passing a covered bridge I said we are not
 moving to it together, and I remember to
 a big red brick building, and that's all.
 for 3 weeks I can't remember nothing, after I
 learn I was in presbyterian Hospital, and
 my sister Anna was in the bed, next me
 and on the other side, was my mother's
 daughter sick to, I find out we had the
 Thyroid fever. one day my mother
 came to see us, and she was with Brother
 Thelst. I ask her, I said why, father
 didn't come to, but mother answer
 father is so busy, he will come next
 time, and every time she came she
 was always with Thelst. And always the
 same answer father was too busy.
 one day to my surprise, I saw my
 brother Leonard, coming in my room
 and he was so pale, I almost not

know who he was. he came to my bed. and
 he told me, you dont remember. but we
 came at the hospital at the same time,
 and father is here to. He was in my
 room he said. but they moved him
 upstairs so he can be more quiet there.
 And he said the nurse told me if
 I get better before home, they will take
 me upstairs to see him before I go home
 and if its father who is well first he
 will come see us before being Discharge.
 poor Leonard he didn't ^{know} at the time what
 what he will learn later when he'll be
 discharge, as I learn my self to.
 after Leonard told me that father was there
 to. my bed was in front of a window
 and how I tried to see my dad maybe
 on the porch. but in vain couldnt see
 him. for 5-4 days in that Hospital they
 couldnt give me no food to much fear
 all they give me was little powder. that
 they had in a Cackets and little stuff in
 Liquid. they wash me in piece of ice
 and I tell you it was cold. Anna couldnt
 talk she was in Coma. I was so thin
 my bones was coming thru my skin, in
 the back and between my knees and
 hips I was marks for the rest of my life
 I was so hungry I thought I could eat a horse
 but the first times they bring me food I
 couldnt eat at all. and one day 2 Nurse
 came and said you will get up. Can
 you walk by yourself they ask me. ah
 I said yes let me down the bed.

but my feet had just touched the floor
 I was on the floor. The nurse caught
 and pulled me up and sat me in a chair,
 after 64 days in this hospital. They told me
 you are going home tomorrow. I was so
 glad to go see my father at last. I would see
 him I thought. but how I hate to leave
 my sister Anna there alone. The next
 day morning came for me I cried. I didn't
 want to leave Anna there, but I had
 to go. so after being out I saw my Brother
 Patrick. He was waving at me from the Hospital
 window. he was sick to. but I have seen
 him few days before. I sat on the porch
 but he couldn't come in my room.
 after being in the car, mother was with
 Thelma again, and she told the driver, don't
 forget to stop at the rectory but not a words
 more. so he stop at purple Isle Rectory
 and mother and Thelma took me by the arms
 and took me in. there was a priest there
 he helped me to sit in a chair, and
 he started talking to me, how badly sick
 I been and I had to be a good girl so
 I won't be sick again, I had to be good for
 my mother, and one words lead to the
 other at last he said, God come to get your
 father, he won't be far from one of his angels
 so you must be a brave little girl,
 I was so shock. I couldn't say not a
 words or cry nothing, my mother was
 crying also Thelma. but me I was to
 strong. I couldn't do nothing, so we left
 and mother took me home, no not home

because after father pass away, our
 Neighbors, didn't want mother to be alone
 in her rent. with us in the Hospital
 4 of us. so my mother was staying with
 some good people who took her in with
 Tilly and Dennis and Thelma. and she
 was pregnant beside from 4 months.
 so when we arrived there seeing Tilly and
 Dennis and no father. now I start crying
 and I was crying so much. my mom
 said don't cry & still remember what the
 priest told me. but there ^{was} no priest or
 nothing. I didn't mind to be rich again
 I didn't mind if I died. God have took
 away my father and he was only 44 years
 old. and I would have likes to go with
 Dennis to. poor mother she was crying
 so much to. and also Tilly and Dennis,
 it's not fair I thought I am an orphan at
 11 years old and my Brothers and sisters to.
 at night my mother give me a bath. and
 find out my head was full of lye, big one.
 so she took a fine comb. and comb me
 my God it was terrible. I don't know if
 I didn't had a good care at the hospital
 as it was so much fever. it was just terrible
 after a while my hair all fell off and where
 it grows back it was so curly. it was hard
 to comb myself, the next ^{day} after I got
 home from the hospital. mother took us
 home on the farm. Anna came home
 2 weeks after me. and on the farm
 all we hear was crying. mother she was
 crying all night long. and me I toiled and

and cried so mother wont see me cryed -
 and poor Leonard. we kind him everywhere
 on the farm crying I'm telling you
 this had been a sad years for us
 specially to mother, in those years when
 the father died the Widow. Could not
 have help like today. she had nothing.
 father have some a little money, but
 mother spend every dinar on father
 funeral. after Leonard was strong enough
 he works here and there for awhile
 to help mother. it was advance in August
 it was to late to plant nothing on the
 farm and the gardens. peoples we good
 for mother they give her food and
 clothing for us. The best stay to work
 in Stockholm. so in the fall. my
 Brother Pat. came to Bringus home with
 him. so we stayed with them. There was
 a small shed behind the house, and Pat,
 put this shed for mother kitchen, and
 the bed was upstairs over pat. and wife
 2 kids more. my mother kind a job.
 at the Venier mill. also Anna and Leonard
 I keep the house for mother I was 12 years
 old. I wash and dress. Gilly and Lewis
 and send them to school. and I cook the
 food and do the washing with a Board
 and a tub, and wash the floor with
 a Brush. I was use to work because
 our mother show us how to work
 very young. we were poor but a little
 happier. Anna and Isabel was married
 now. so we were still 6 in the family.

The next spring mother took us back to the farm. because my father pass away it was the only place. that she love to stay. so Leonard was with us. so he plants some potatoes and oats we still had our horses. and he also plants Buckwheat for flour. my mother she bought a hog to fatten for next fall she made a big gardens to. and after Leonard got true the planting he went to Stockholm to work. Anne had stayed in Stockholm to she was 14 and had a steady job. she help more all she could to. there was a man his names was Thon peltier he was depth Deft and white to. he stay home but he was so lazy he didnt want to do nothing. not even go get a pail of water for the horse. so me and mother had to do everything. but mother couldnt see nobody in misery so she took him in. I work in the neighborhood all summer to help mother to. to wash the floors and windows. and all kind of works. and they give me chickens or eggs or Butter. and stuff that mother didnt have. but after Leonard had work a while in Venice mill. one of my Cousin. to made a smart at himself and to play a joke on Leonard while Leonard pass in front of a Steam pipe. he open the shut off and the steam. took Leonard on his left arms and shoulder. and how

badly he was burnt, my Cousins Names was Walter Bourgoine, the Boss at the mill ask him how come you open this shut off. While you know it was a steam pipe, well he said i thought the water was cold in the pipe, so there was no insurance at the Vener mill, so Walter & Boss took Walter chief every week and sent it to my mother to care for Leonard, he was burnt so bad, he pass the rest of the summer house suffering so much pain Leonard, passing the floor all night some times, mother didn't know what to do for ^{him} this burn. in those days they didn't have anacis to ease the pain, i help mother to cut the hay, and the Buckwheat and oats in the fall digging the little potatoes we had. and my mother she was very good with the horse, and after the crops safe. we move back to stockholm and mother, took her same job at the mill and Leonard was well enough to work to Anna and the last was working all the times and in the next spring we went back to the farm. Leonard came with us. But in the fall. as my mother was ready to move to stockholm for the winter Leonard went to the mill with Buckwheat for flour. and came home with 1000.00 pounds of flour, and put the flour up stairs in a room for the winter, and he also took the rest of

The Breakfast and put it upstairs to. For
 the seed for the next spring,
 so 2 or 3 day before going back to Stockholm
 I ask my mother if I could go pass
 2 or 3 days with my sister Laura.
 She say yes you can go, so I went.
 now before going further, I would
 like to tell you. I told you when
 Father died my mother was to have
 another baby. But I been out of the
 Hospital and we came back to the same
 mother last her baby, Laura and her
 husband Ojine Albert, stayed with us
 for a while that winter, now going
 back forward. I was gone to see Laura
 before going to Stockholm, and one
 night that Matt and dist man Leon
 Pelletier I talk to you about was home
 again, and said Estelle your mother
 wants you, you are going to Stockholm
 day from tomorrow, so I got ready
 to go home the next morning, so
 Ojine said I'll take you home it to
 far to walk, it was about 3 miles from
 home but I was use to walk there
 some times, so Ojine get the wagon
 ready and me to, and Leon Pelletier
 had his gun, so he told us you can
 go and pass time to woods to hunt a
 bit. So I left with Ojine, but
 when we arrived home I saw
 smoke. I said Ojine look there no
 more house and no more Blacksmith
 shop. only smoke. Ojine said yes

i see, we came over, i saw some
 bones in the bottom of the cellar
 where the beds and everything had fallen
 I start to cry and said look Opine mom
 and the kids are here to look there
 bones. Opine said stop your crying
 we will see the neighbors. they must
 know some things, so we went to
 the neighbors. they told us that mother
 and Fily and Lewis were safe but
 Leonard was badly hurt, and mother
 took him at presque Isle Hospital.
 With a man from the neighbor hood.
 he had a car, and Fily and Lewis
 was over the next neighbor,
 so we went there poor Fily and Lewis
 they were dress in things so small for
 them that some body had given them
 they look so miserable. What happen
 I will try to explain it to you,
 the day before my Brother Leonard
 went to Frenchville to buy what my
 mother needed, and he bought a 5
 gallon can of kerosene, and the next
 morning Leonard got up and light the
 stove, and tell mother dont get up
 now its early, and i need to make
 an errand down the neighbors
 below, and when i came back
 i call you, and you get up, so now
 stay in bed, and about an hour later
 Leonard came back, the stove had died
 he put back some wood and took the
 5 gal. of kerosene to start back the fire