

And I' cannot do the impossible, and as I'
 only have my trunk, to put some clothes
 I' ask Emile. Wont you bring me some
 carton box so I' can put my baby clothes
 so he bring me boxes, but after I' took
 them upstairs, I' lost them and I'
 couldn't find out where they disappear
 to, and Emile keeps bring me box
 every times he went down town
 he said are you eating all those
 boxes. I' said I' couldn't use one
 some lady took them. Years after
 Emile sister Elvira told me where those
 boxes disappear to, she said if you
 go look in the attic, Annare have
 your box there so you wont use them.
 one day, ma'am in law give us each
 one new shirt and a pair of pillow
 cases, me and Emely and Elvira and
 Annare. I' was glad, it was the first things
 that she gave to me, I' place them in
 my trunk. And I' thought I' will use this
 when my baby come, but when my
 baby come my shirt and pillow cases was
 gone. I' didn't have them no more, and
 I' knew damn well where they went to
 but I' didn't mention this to ma'am in law
 or Emile. 3 days before my baby was born
 I' didn't feel well, but I' thought, this
 must be the food I' ate, I' went with
 Annare to pick Hazel nuts to sell,
 ma'am in law pick some and we have
 to pick some to. so I' feel bad all day,
 and the next day we went again.

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but the third day we were picking ~~the~~
on farms below, and I had so much
pain I said to Aurea, I can't pick
thats no more. I am going home
so she came home with me, I went to
bed, and Joe's wife she just had a baby
5 weeks before, she was there and came
upstairs it was crying, she ran to
mom in law and said I still is sick
and as soon as she saw me she said
its your baby coming, father in law
ask me where is I mile, I said I don't
know, he find Horie over uncle Adelaid.
and he was mad, he sent Horie to
call the doctor, and when he came back
home, his father said what kind of man
are you. Your wife is having your baby.
and all your care for is run around with
Rams, why don't you stay home once
in a while, the doctor Archanbeault
came and not very long after my baby
came into the world, a very and nice
a sweet little girl, I name her Laurette
like one of my Cousin, I was so happy
I thank the Lord for my baby girl
and said dear Lord give me all the
babies you want I will love them and
take good care of them I promise you
I will give my life for all the children
you can give me, my mom in law said
you will nurse your little girl, Battle
is no good for a baby, but I was so weak,
it was awful, in those day we had to
pass at least 9 days in bed, and we

Couldnt change the bed. She said it not good
to change your bed. the sheets are cold
and you might take some fresh air.
at 7 days in bed. I' Couldnt stand no more
I' said I' got to change my bed. So
mom in law took a sheet and pillow
cases and said to Emile, sleep on this
tonight so this will be warm. to change
the bed tomorrow. and the next morning
all was wet me and him and the bed.
oh she was mad. I' hear her screams
in the kitchen. so now we had to
change the bed. We pass the winter there
but after Laurette was born. she was
crying all the times. starting at three in
the afternoon up to 3 in the morning
I' could not stop her from crying. she
was thin. and cry. i' didnt have enough
milk for her and I' couldnt give her
a bottle. and father in law couldnt
stand to hear a baby cry. so i' pass
all night up with Laurette. to try to stop
her from crying. I' become so tired
I' thought I' would die all I' weight was
92 pound. and I' was not 16 years old yet.
it was terrible. one night I' fell asleep
with her in my arms. and she roll
to the floor. Anne came to pick her
up. she wakes me and said. your baby
fell to the floor. the next morning
Both my baby knee were black.
at 3 month i' start her on food. and she
stop crying and gain weight. and she
was a good baby.

in the spring we move in an old house
 belonging to a Mme Tageret, it was near
 the black lake about $\frac{1}{4}$ miles from the
 village I was glad to move there because
 Hilairie didn't leave my baby alone
 one day I saw spitting in Laurette's face
 and when I told him why are you doing
 this he said I hate her. and start crying
 as if I have slap him, he ran to his
 mother and said: Estelle don't leave me
 alone. so she was mad at me. Calling me
 Names and a good for nothing. Hilairie
 was the baby and nobody could say
 nothing to him. he fell on the floor
 in a fit so nobody dare to say nothing
 to him, he was so spoiled he was like
 a little Devil, so when we move near
 the lake I was glad. Emile's father let us
 have an old stove and brass and Emile
 made us a rough table, and Laurette
 said that I bought her with my
 money I made from Crocheting for the
 Company. I paid \$40.00 for it, it was a
 nice little table, and our bed,
 2 old chairs and Laura let me have an
 old rocking chair. to rock my baby.
 I kept this old house clean. I was always
 alone as ever, Emile went one day or 2
 some times far Salted Park, and
 Buckwheat flour. When Laurette sleep
 some times I went fishing at the lake
 I liked to fish, and in the fall we move
 with Laura. for this old house was to
 cold to pass the winter in. Laurette was
 one year old. but she eat a lot to.

Emile hunts Rabbits, and he took them down town to sell them all he could work was one day or 2 a week for his uncle Hubald. to buy some salt pork and Buckwheat flour, uncle Hubald give him his potatoes, and this little house that Laura lives, it was so cold we couldnt wash the floor, the water freeze as soon as she touches the floor and when Laurette went in bed, it freeze under her, so i put her in bed with me, and Emile to where he wants the bed, the boarder of the bed was frozen in the morning we had to put the wash on a line out door, and my god it was cold, behind the stove there was a window and it was broken, so Ozine put 2 Burlaps bag, at the place of the window glass, and we had to keep the potatoes, in the stable to keep them from freezing, one day Ozine bring home one doz. eggs, and they put them in a box in there bed at night so she could use them the next day. poor Laura she had suffer a lot to Ozine was as rough for her. i saw him many many times throwing all he had in his hand, in Laurs face piece of potatoes piece of pancake, back and Dishes anything, she didnt had much to eat to, Ozine was not working to, at first Emile try to be rough to me to, one day he was squeezing my neck so bad, it made

me to his scabs behind the ear. The marks at his nail. Taura comb one one day. because she was always combing mine she loves to play with my curly hair, and she saw those scabs. scabs. she said what kind of scab have you behind the ear so i said smile squeeze my neck to hard. she was so mad. she said let me put my hands on smile i will squeeze him to. i said dont Taura this will be worse. so she didnt say nothing, but he never throw me anything, he was good to give me names. and all sorts of things, but i said hit me once and you will stay alone, it will be the only reason. that i couldnt have stand but he didnt hit me. never. but i was very scared of him, because every time he got mad. he hit and sharpen his razor or hunting knife. and he always look at me at the corners of his eyes. and its was scaring me so much. i always been scared of knives after this. i was pregnant again that winter. i was sick a lots and Taura took good care of me. she was good for Tarette to in the spring i tell you i was glad that the summer was coming to warm myself in the sun. smile fix a little Hanger. behind his father house there was no more grain in this little Hanger. he put some red paper around inside. and we move in. Tarette

was a very smart child she was 18 months
 old and she talk alot and she was potted
 train, so in this summer, as I
 remember, I had not be Confirmed
 and the Bishop was coming to Daigle church.
 I went to see father Wilfred Quillette
 the same priest who'd married us.
 Well he said yes, but you will have
 to walk to church for 3 weeks with
 the other kids to be Confirmed.
 Well I says father its impossible I will
 have a child soon. Well he said its not
 my fault, I came home and mad.
 but in about 2 week father Quillette
 was transfer to another place.
 and father Emile Rabitaille took his
 place a daigle. I went back to see
 father Rabitaille, and told him about
 father Quillette wanting me to walk for
 3 weeks with the other kids. oh no
 he said, Come the Sunday morning
 that the Bishop will be here, Come to
 Confession and Communion, and in
 the after^{noon} you will be Confirmed, so I
 was glad. The day I was Confirmed,
 after the Cereus, father Rabitaille
 comes to me and said, you will have
 a baby soon. I said yes father. He said
 in case you cannot have that baby
 Confirmed, he is Confirmed in you today.
 so I said thank you father. I came
 home happy, it was July 29, and
 my baby was born August 6, my first
 little boy. I name him after my Brother

Louis, he was a big baby and a good
 baby, but my bottle was ready to give
 to him when he was born. The next
 day that I was in bed. We had a thunder
 storm, and they had to put, 5 or 6
 pans on my bed. it was raining inside
 like a basket, the third day they
 leave me there alone to go pick
 Blueberry in St John, Laura and
 Opine went to. I ask Emile to stay
 with me that day, but talking to him
 was like talking to an object, so he went.
 I had no wood inside, it was a very
 cold day, Laurette was cold and me to,
 for my little baby. he was in my bed
 so he was O.K. so I had to do some things
 Laurette was hungry to, so I get out
 of bed, and put a coat on me, and
 I went out door to get some wood.
 to light the stove to warm Laurette and
 I cook her some oat meal to eat, and
 I eat some to, and late in the afternoon
 when they came home, I was up, and
 it was warm in side, my in law was
 mad. You go back to bed. You are having
 to be sick, but I didn't go back to bed.
 I was nursing him, but he had a bottle
 to and he grow like a weed. he was a
 very big baby, and today at the age of 5³
 he weight around 230 he always be big,
 when Louis, was one month old.
 Emile said if you write your sister
 Anna, and ask her if we could go live
 with her for a few week, I'll go pick

Potatoes this fall. As as Anna and her husband
 were also having potatoes picked she answered
 right back. and said we'd be glad to
 have you. So. Sept. 15 we move with
 my sister, and Emile went with them
 to pick. and he was a very good picker
 over hundred barrels every day, at 10 cents
 a barrel. and I was doing the house chores
 and one day I was washing the clothes
 and after I was done. I took my boiler
 on the stove half full of Castile Water
 that I use to boil the clothes. I wanted
 to put some water in a Bucket to wash
 my floor. I put the end of the boiler on
 the side of the Bucket. and that Bucket
 of boiling water upset on my right leg.
 I was burnt so bad. I took my stockings off
 and all the flesh. Came off with it,
 for a month I suffer so bad. now I know
 what my poor Brother Leonard have suffer
 the 2 times he was burnt. I pass the
 night sitting my leg beside the bed.
 it pain so much. one day mother came
 home she was leaving meers us. and she
 said get ready. I am taking you to the
 doctor. so I let Anna keep the 2 kids
 and the doctor took some thing hard.
 like a wax paper. and she scrub. all
 burned flesh. I was crying now was
 crying to. and after having benish to
 scrub the dead flesh. he put some
 unguentum salve. and gauze and
 wrap my leg. I felt better after that
 my leg start to heal and soon after

it was O.K. again. one day Emile came home with a nice big Phonograph. With 10 records, he paid 50 dollars for it. He was second hand but look like new. He know it look nice so he bought me this Phonograph. I was so glad.

he was working at the Fertilizer Factory now, and after the digging was over. He didn't say nothing about going back to Black Lake, I was so glad. my mother was Mear, and Anna and Henry, now are a farmers job, that Henry took year round, so we was alone now. but later on, Emile start gambling with his friends at the Federation plants. he came home very late at night and January first he said I got to go work, I know it was not true because the Federation plants was close that day. anyway he left in the morning as usual, and I had no wood not inside or outside no woods at all. And it was so cold in the house. Mear, came in the afternoon to wish me Happy New Year. I told her that it was cold inside I have no more wood. she went home and not long after, my step father came with his horse and sled, and with a small load of wood. And he was mad about Emile, the next day it was Sunday, my step father came back, Emile was just getting up, he arrived at 11 o'clock. the night before, no more mear, he last