

Earth Quake

In bed. Slept in room w mother - Father slept next door -

The window began waving like a mirror 5:15 or so in early morning. Father came rushing into room

Writing desk slumped against door making it so hard to get into room. Ink spilled off desk & brother stepped in it. (Mother & Alice slept in big front room - then Father's room & then brother with a wash room between Father & brother - then a sitting room. Both beds with all over floor. Father saying & "Pray Alice, Pray" "I was considered the religious one."

"Have shaking - Alice praying" got dressed & went outside. Chimneys from flats across street falling breaking the stairs. "Noise was terrific" Alice very frightened. "makes me frightened now as I think of it"

Swedish woman living w us at time doing coffee. She made coffee as long as gas was on. Brother stayed out to drink coffee - Alice came in (Grandmother lived in Flat away or in San Rafael - came to live w them after stroke)

Birds from chimneys everywhere. Nothing in our house fell down or got broken.

Began living outside. Couldn't cook inside. Everyone made stoves out of bricks fallen into street. Used pieces of wood - coal from house furnace. Slept in house at outside - Lived in tent at Presidio -

Argument about food - wanted us to put ourselves into a general fund but my drunk dad said I want to. "There was some trouble about it -" I'm praised for amercement with my aunt & Kelt

Father also taught her reading & arithmetic.

Father read alot of fairy tales. Alice loved them better than animal stories. "This always came out the way you wanted them. The good fairies power always come out."

Favorite - "Little Red Riding hood" - because she had a grandmother & my grandmother was alive & living with us. grandmoths stories - good little girl & bad little girl. Good little girl always said god bless you regardless of how many times grandmoths sneezed - bad little girl got tired of saying god bless - also sympathetic towards w. bad little girl. Sold should improve handwriting by father G.M. had 3 strokes & died with 3rd. "Seemed a romantic thing to happen - to have your grandmother die. I thought of myself with tears in my eyes. I read a story ~~was~~ of a girl with tears in her eyes that looked like wet blue forget me knots. & my eyes couldn't look like that because they weren't blue."

Going to school: "I wasn't scared because my father took me & he held my hand."

Pacific Heights or Judson near Filmore - further than a class school but mother considered it a better school.

Father had a clothing store Golden Gate Clock & Suit House - a corporation - but it in earthquake Fire after Earthquake went up other side of Market then wind changed came down a burnt store.

Then he had me on Filmore or Polk Street

Favorite memory
Circle Darius of Renoir - The tenderness of the way the man looks at the woman -

in baby carriage. My mother & aunt separated. Aunt wanted
a boat to San Rafael. Mother & Alice took boat to
Oakland - Father stayed to look after store - mice - birds
everywhere. Father's nephews in their room. Alice went
into a trunk. Mother & brother had bed.
Scared but lots of excitement for Alice.
Lived in Oakland for quite a while - Aunt in San Rafael
Nephews moved out. Father stayed in S.F. - camped out.
End of spring vacation. Came back into house to live
but still had to cook outside.

I had going to school - Loved stories - (English)

Wrote 1st poem - 8 or 9 - 10

Death of a Rabbi - Alice liked.

" Dear Doctor Voorzanger

gone forever

to a land where death comes near

Shine day Doctor Voorzanger abides

There he stays with god at his side.

~~The~~ Land so fair Oh land so good -
People of the ^{world} ~~earth~~ do as they should
make us like the one who's gone.
Make us like the one we mourn."

Liked reading aloud - Had to write in school - resented it because she wanted to write when & how she wanted. Loved to play outside hide & seek - "one foot off the gutter" - one foot off & one on = if both feet came off there you had to run across, if they touch you - then you were "it" Run sheep run very exciting game. Piano lessons - started taking when 7yo - French Jewers - Practiced 1hr a day then up to 1 1/2 - 2. Teacher told of others practicing 3 hrs a day. "Liked doing things I could do well. I could play pretty well - I liked showing off." Couldn't practice as much when I went to school "I loved to play outside - my how I loved to play outside."

Being part of a group - liked being out - running away - running - not to be caught. With friend from next door or a group. Had a doll house with Daniel Sharpen. Carpeted whole house then wanted to pull it up so it could be put down again. Friend Friendship began stopping before high school. With high school didn't see her any more. Alice - went to a private high school with cousin Sophia (2 weeks older than Alice)

Elizabeth Murison School. Girls school - 50-60 students 6-7 people per class. Love of English poetry came from listening to ^{Ely} Murisons read to class.

Rhetoric - wrote compositions. Liked science pretty well liked rhetoric & Eng. Every ~~day~~ morning before school had to recite to school. Because I was taking so many classes (German, French, & English) I had to recite once a week. Liked reciting & learning poetry. (School went from 9-3 - grammar about 6 blocks from home. Walked w brother)

Grammar School - graduated from 8th grade - then high school, 9th - 12th
 trying to get junior college status so Alice took part of her college there.
 attended Berkeley (C. U.) just before she turned 18.

Liked school - English & Rhetoric - Science - Math at end.
 Grammar School - school friend - had a crush on her - thought
 her heart would break when she moved away - in Eighth grade.
 Her first name was Margaret - straight light brown hair - medium
 build - Came once a while to her home to play. Worked her.

Grammar School - Real crush on Isabel about 3 years old.
 She played in neighborhood - Sit on stairs together with
 brother & talk & talk - about sex (talked to
 Janet about religion) Isabel knew a lot more - she
 had started her periods. Told us of the mechanics of
 sex.

In high school had a gym class - calisthenics & played
 basketball - loved basketball - Volleyball.
 High school app. "Ready to find fault especially of my mother" She didn't care enough
 about my father."

Died when Alice was 107 - ^{in spring} 1914 - typhoid pneumonia - 44 years old
 Sick for about 3 weeks - no one knew how she got it. Didn't really
 miss her. Was closer to her father "a solitary person" but
 not in grammar school - I met Janet years later
 was beginning to look like her mother who had been very fat & "I
 was so disappointed in her" - was no longer the slight attractive
 girl I had remembered."] Woman who had looked
 after mother when she was sick - stayed on after mother died
 taking Alice's place - serving as a governess. Liked her.

Mother ignored Ailie as a teenager - seemed preoccupied. Mother was having an affair - when Ailie was about 12. Mother told her & expected sympathy. Ailie said "if people did their duty, they would be content." "That should make them satisfied." Mother was very much in love w/ ^{Milton} Eisenstein. Feels guilty that she wasn't more sympathetic to mother. Relationship cooled off because "I was extremely fond of my father." Knew him until her death. ↘

Anna + Frieda?
Frieda + Eisenstein?

(When Ailie started college.)

Felt badly & guilty when my mother died - that I hadn't loved her enough or been more sympathetic. Suspected father had relationships with women in the store - but they weren't the intense thing they were with my mother. "Mother more intense than my father - a dramatic person. Mother had wanted to sing professionally but it was the thing for a nicely brought up girl to do"

Sang a little professionally after she was married - concerts - her teacher would give recitals & she would sing & sometimes for a women's club. Ailie liked her voice - mezzo soprano. semi love songs (Sung shadows on the grass - - - -
particulars ^{which})
(Thinking I see thee, thinking I see your smile
Thinking I hear thee " " hear thee call - - - -

Once a while father went to hear her. at concerts they brought out baskets of flowers - Ailie thought how wonderful - Both had would be filled with flowers - Sang under name of Frieda Silverman. Father both approved & disapproved. didn't think she should be doing this "It brought color to her life"

Mother liked "loved" pretty clothes - fancy dresses. Part of their arguments (father & mother) was that she spent too much on clothes.

quite a few arguments about money spent on clothes. House was cleaned through once a week (behind the picture) ^{with} She didn't trust others to clean it properly so she did it. Father 56 when wife died. People wondered why he didn't marry again. Alice had feeling it had something to do with her - that maybe he didn't want her displaced. Alice lived in S.F. & went by ferry boat stairs to C.U. Remembers walking with friend as bridges were being built.

Mother went to county in Summer - Marin county with Alice & Hawk (Small) when older ^{after mother died} Alice went with father (brother didn't go "he didn't get on too well with my father") on trip.

Once after father had pneumonia - doctor said he needed to get away so Alice went with him - to Oahu - Hawaii Island - summer resorts - Lake Tahoe - Yosemite Valley - Yellowstone - Old Faithful Lodge - Stayed 2-3 weeks.

Alice in high school or just before Father wanted her to meet people - would take her to nice (expensive) place.

Mother & Father didn't go out much ^{together} - never travelled together. Alice "was always taking her place even when she was alive." Alice wanted to be with young people but was always with her father - Some of the young people were brother's friends. Brother didn't go to college - didn't want to. Went into business w father. Because they didn't get along - went to the Oakland Store.

In college took English but was disappointed it wasn't as exciting as in high school & "I didn't love it the way I had." German, French Biology, Physics, some math trigonometry, economics