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My own Darling One

Oh it is good to get a newsy letter from you at last - It seems years and years ago that you left me - it always does until our Correspondence is properly established again - Hearing your voice on the telephone is of course a great comfort but I knew you were tired when you left and until you have time to write ^{the usual syndy letter} me I know you are having a hectic time - but now all is well.

I've just taken ^{Gillian} ~~Penna~~ to school - and Penna is having her day sleep - form in the kitchen - it is 2nd day of Chinese food so nothing to do in that line so all is peace and quiet - It is pouring with rain - only mild - Sunday was a glorious day - "like a summer day" as Gillian said - and we took Penna out for the first time - Her cold is well again and her 14th tooth through - she is a picture of health & energy - Cheeks as rosy as tho' she had been out a lot - I put it down to the Cod Liver oil & malt - She calls it "Stiddy" - and Chinese food is "slicky".

I was very interested in all your news. Sorry Hilda is losing weight. Glad Mrs Parkinson is so great a help. Uncle Edward has paid MacTishers ^{for turkey} - so my fish bill is paid now for a long time.

What a clever Contortionist. Gillian will love your pictures of her.

↓ P.T.O.

When I was at Bath at school I could kneel and bend my head backwards till it touched the floor



That as you see is nearly the same bend as your Contortionists only resting on legs instead of arms which were on my hips -

Now put my arms so: → then turn



me upside down and you see the bend backwards of back is very much the same - but of course by resting on arms it is more spectacular -

The napkin ring came & Gillian's great delight the "thank you" letter she sat down & write turned out to be a picture of boats.

Glad you had a good time with Donaldson & Fairchild.

You couldn't get me on the phone I expect because of our air raid warnings. We had 5 in ten days. I think the objectives were Swansea, Plymouth etc. They were at quite convenient times - about 6-45 p.m. till 9.30 or 10. Gave us no choice about Gillian who not being asleep ^{determined to} settled down in her shelter - and went off quite nicely - the "all clear" sounded before I decided what I need do. Once I am settled with Gillian. Perna I did not disturb. Also I stayed on my couch in the front room - as there was no sound of anything but the siren itself and the Warden's running about.

Re telephone. I haven't a copy of the letter I sent or rather you sent me to send and I don't remember the date. But today received the details of my own trunk calls - so you can compare. I don't know at all why they jump the dates about so much - I'll have to take notes of dates I ring up. See December 13 - 17 - 20 - then later 14 - 15 - 18. I don't believe I rang up 13 - 14 - 15 - 17 - 18 - 20. That is every day except two for eight days. Of course are might have been to Chris. But I'll have to be careful. I know 18th all right, that was to Hilda, - and yes 17th was to you. Well I expect it is all right - Any way you can compare with yours.

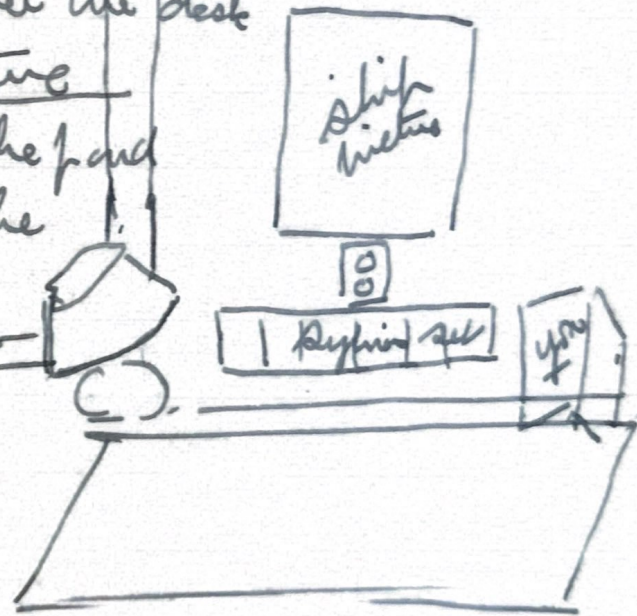
I thought I noted a raid on an East town ^{and wondered if it was Cambridge} - no casualties but can't find it now. So glad it did not disturb you - not even your sleep.

Yes I've got used to the new arrangement of the room. It is a great success as far as the children go. Dennis simply loves racing up & down the larger room - and Gillian is far more inclined to stay in it. My little back sitting room is very nice little retreat. I'm having

The "two miniatures in one frame" over the desk under Uncle Herbert's ship picture and the row of Sylvia in the panel under that. The light from the window shines

over my left

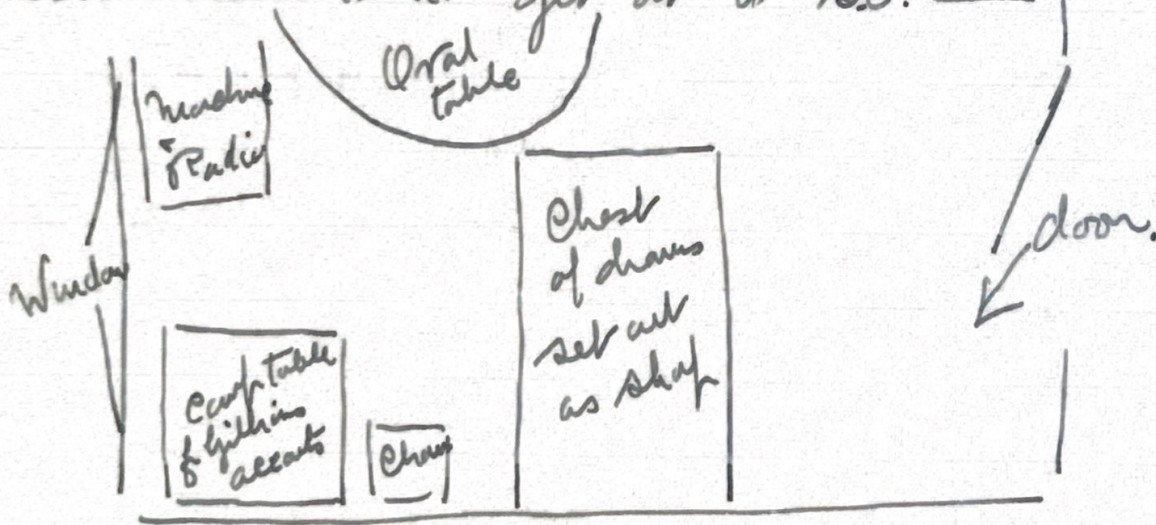
shoulder in day time. I drew this window in after writing - don't think the lines cross out my writing. The desk light is easy enough to fix away to the arrangements you made for lighting the house tree.



Dining in that back room is also more dining room-ish.

Gillian shall tend to Maria's birthday. The association of red. I told Gillian what red meant

to the Chinese and therefore to me. The next day she gave the good Samaritan red. I said "I thought you said red was bad." "Oh no," she said, "Now you told me about the Chinese I think it is good." By the way in spite of her nose bleed she thinks her own blood is yellow because of the pus that came out of her leg in California. Gilliam set out his shop the other day. I saw to it that Perna should not get at it so: —



You see I put the oral table so that Perna could not get near the shop. When I came back Gilliam had moved the

table & Perna was running about in her shop with the toy dial pan & brush. "Why did you let her in?" I said "Oh I like her in she is a great help to me she is sweeping out the shop." I think they are going to have good times together.

I'm sending you some bean. I saw a case in the paper about a woman receiving tea. but the thing was she bought it from someone else. I gathered that had it been a present it would have been all right. Anyway a family needs it.

matrons - and it is only the separation that prevents you gaining
by the babies need matron - there is no reason why you should
not have the bear we don't need. We never use foams and
after only take mine - or none at all -

I wrote you a line on Friday or Saturday - On Sat midday Joan
said her throat was sore - so I sent her to bed
- no temperature - gave her aspirin and let her ~~have~~ ^{start}
her holiday then - The next day which was her day off
she was well enough to go home and enjoy herself.
But my hands were full as you can imagine. However
we managed a walk between 11.30am & 12.30 - as
Penna woke up and the sun was so lovely & left
the potatoes & soup & cooked themselves - Yesterday
Monday - there was the business of getting Gillian to
school again - first day - and of making Chinese food
as I had a bit of pork - Gillian says her dear Miss
Woodroff is not there - only 2 new teachers - but she
says they both have lovely smiles - so she is quite
happy - That is the news up to date - and as I thought
there was so little I wrote one side of page only. I've reached
5 already - I'd better stop -

Later - just called you on the 'phone - so good to hear your voice
Jolly's bills last year for sheets blankets (here only) carpets & Curtains
came to about £50 - That did not include of course the red chandelier

the heavy orange ones and the heavy blue front door curtains ^{at the Chapel} & green study green. -
Then besides the new sheets & blankets last year - there are the siderd ones
and my very good linen sheets and other blankets & rugs - pillows, mattresses,
- The value of all these things would certainly be 3 or 4 times Jolly's
bill - if that is a guide - We have not an excess of clothes
but my good new leather coat etc -

Then there ~~is~~ is the complete covering of carpet upstairs - also and
Culting & silverware - Radio - etc - machine - When you come to think
it out! I don't think £400 would replace the above things - quite
apart from the furniture -

There I think that is all the help I can give about that -
Yes; today Genna has been a little squeally - when she
couldn't have her own way entirely. As I bathed her tonight she
put her head back and I noticed the two top canines are trying
to come - the gums swollen - so we may be in for a little more
trouble, but she has picked ~~up~~ up magnificently since the two
lower ones, so I'm not anxious. By the way the last trouble was
at the time of cutting her 13th tooth -

Gillian enjoying school very much - but a bit tired with it
- slept till 4.15 p.m. ^{day} into sleep - in bed again at 6.30 p.m. and
asleep before our phone call. We are reading "Alice in Wonderland"
which she enjoys thoroughly - She is much more of a "yes girlie" these
days. Well my darling - it was so good to get a little
chat with you. I'll post this early tomorrow - do hope you'll
get it this week. All my love my own darling one -
Ada -