

Did you
like the
ham? -
got your
letter saying
it had come
at a good time -
but you had not
tasted it yet.

Rosemary Cottage,
Granville Terrace,
Bude Haven,
Cornwall.

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My own darling One -

I'm so glad I got through to you - in less than an hour too - I suspected that you might be having difficulty getting through - so decided I'd have a try tonight - your voice was rather faint - but quite distinct. As we were speaking the siren went - did you detect anything in my behaviour - I was trying to hear whether Joan was bringing the children down. Actually she was standing outside Gillian's door in case Gillian heard me calling you and wanted to talk - but Gillian was so dead asleep that even her beloved siren and coming downstairs and all did not wake her - Penma was awake - had had two days sleep and not settling well - but the siren is her joy too - she loves to imitate it - and Gillian woke for the "all clear" and hearing Penma she said "That's the spirit Penma!" (Penma has her 12th tooth -)

Now to our talk - re the Red Curtains. Now you are fixing up another room for Pissiter don't you need them. Do keep them if you ~~can~~ can use them at all - I don't want the little inside ones at all.

The fruit trees are planted - and look very nice and healthy -

Heta has sent Gillian a star. She is so excited

To have it and sent such a nice thank you letter -

The Grenville Garage was opened yesterday - and there were three great guns - I wonder if they will fire them through the windows - or if they are only being stored there -

These colds have delayed, I'm afraid rather badly the chance of getting our photos done before Christmas.

By the way there ^{is in the Reader's Digest} is a paragraph about using the sign Xmas and Christmas - the opinion expressed is what you'd feel I believe - but the Editors answered this "The word 'Xmas' was first used in 1551. The N. Test. came & is in Greek. The Gk word for Christ is 'Christos' (ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ) 'X' in the Greek alphabet being equivalent to our 'Ch'. Early scholars frequently used the forms Χ for Christ and Χριστι for Christian and Χριστος for Christmas." That is how I think of it. The word Χ just brings back to me the lecture hall in Woodbrooke and men like H. G. Wood lecturing and writing the word "Χ" on the blackboard. I try not to write it for you - but if I do it never jars me not because I'm slovenly but because of Woodbrooke lecturers and their lecture notes.

Gwyneth Cheshire has got to Barnant. I'll let you see her letters when you come. Through this

incident I've discovered who would help me. Do you remember that tall masculine sort of woman who I admired teaching her son to swim and her obedient dog. Well I met her the day I was looking for a place. Her name is M^{rs} Bolt. She was terribly concerned - and went to so much trouble trying to find somewhere for me and finally did find someone who would take in the mother and two girls. Miss Weir too was a brick - would take one or two girls at once and during the holidays would take the lot - but if we really couldn't have found anywhere - she'd have let them go into her room she keeps a sickroom. Anyway I said I'd have one of them. ... but the point is M^{rs} Bolt has proved my friend - and she has a bicycle and would any time do anything for me like that to help me travelling - Her son, who swims so well, finds it very difficult to roller ~~skate~~ skate - he is astounded at Gillian's skating and full of admiration. Did I tell you of her triumph at school with the roller skates.

Tralhy is still here. It never went away again after it had emptied itself. Wonder if it is going to put up here for the winter -

Sund - 11 a.m. - Joan's holiday - so I am busy - but she has kindly offered to take Gillian to Church - risking having to come out with her!! - I've got peace and quiet and would write more - but must get on with my jobs. Penma is better today - ate a good breakfast and is asleep now - but still a bit rattling in the chest. Full of beans tho' - they both are - Oh my darling as the time draws near for your coming I don't know how to wait for you. God keep you and your dear one -
your Edna -