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My own Darling One -

It was good to hear your voice - I am better but was feeling so depressed that I could not even bring myself to take an interest in my tea which Joan had just brought in. "I sighed to myself - "If only something really nice would happen to buck me up". Then I blamed myself saying "No woman could have more than you have - a lovely little home, two of the loveliest children - a little maid etc. etc." but still I felt so flat & rotten - suddenly the telephone rang - My darling One - of all this week you could not have chosen a moment to ring me up when my soul needed you more - You cannot know how much I needed you just then. Thank you so much -

Last night I had the best night I have had since I was ill - and both children slept well & till 6.30 a.m. so I feel very much better today - my throat is still stiff & sore but my tongue is clearer I'm rubbing my neck with Iodex - but think I'd better go a bit slower with Euphrin as my ears are ringing - But I'm much better and now and only need to build up my strength as Gillian has done so nicely the last three days she has quite fattened out again & has a good colour. Dennis's nose needs occasional

attention - but now I'm about now her temper is quite recovered - I don't mean I amuse her - but I think to a little child when mother is in bed or lying on a couch all day it is as tho' their God had hidden his face - thick darkness - Tom could do nothing with her - There was just a continual moan & whine from the nursery furniture treated with a squeal if Tom went near her - Gillian could do best with her. Then I'd have Penma brought into my room - tea with me or sweetie - and so far as I could see she was perfectly well and as long as she was in my room would be perfectly happy without any attention from me - Had it not been that I feared for her the infection of my throat it would have been a simple thing to have her by me all the time - If I had a rheumatic attack I'd do that - and she could do lots of little things for me & run messages -

Meanwhile Gillian has made great strides - While actually in bed she played all day long with her educational toys - or read or drew or set herself sums - real Martinisavi - When she got up she added dancing & ambling physical exercise and taking care of hummie!! Bless her -

She used to make up my fire & sweep up the hearth - carry my tea tray & the kitchen

when I had done with it - and pay my bills & do messages. when at last she was allowed out - and even crossed the road to pay Funness - Another tooth is out - with her lovely eyes full of expectant mystery she told me to put it under the mat as the fairies might give her a $\frac{1}{4}$ ^d or even $\frac{1}{2}$ ^d of it - This morning suddenly a little dressinggowned figure carrying the little owl lantern appeared on the stairs - "I'm going to see if the Fairies have been" - & later "I'm very satisfied with $\frac{1}{2}$ ^d the fairies brought me - they are wonderful mother" - This of course was all the thanks I needed - but the darling, fearing lest I should not realize that she was thanking me and yet not wanting to put the fairy idea out of her mind she said "Thank you mother for all your goodness to me she truly has a lovely mind -"

Penna rather worships her mummies body - rather surprising in me so young. As I get into the bath I feel the most delicate finger stroking down shoulder, arm, leg etc - & "I'm just loving your warm mummy" - Then "we got no feyffers under my warm mummy - you have to get a shop & buy me feyffers for my warm and bottom!" I told her Daddy had feathers in his chest - "has he?" she said delightedly -

don't be surprised if your ~~young~~ youngest ^{open} daughter pulls open your pajama jacket to admire your chest and stroke your feathers! Oh I forgot - another of Gillian's recent accomplishments has been to put up the blackout boards - the smaller ones - . . .

I was interested in the Cuttyre Daisys S. D. idem also the Jack & Jill programme -

Congratulations on having a great nephew - Was it a breech? I was hoping it would be twins so Susan might in truth have had her brother-sister -

A letter from Mrs Fairburn who has just discovered how near she is to us - may have a visit some day - also letter from Gallagher which sent us out to find some signs of spring for her - will send her pansy pills etc -

Children happy & occupied this morning as we have brought down the dolls house - they have each taken two rooms and are working together very nicely - will they share this house like that some day?

Reminder of Gillian's insurance has just come - must send the money this week -

Also Petrie's bill of Churney - I can meet this - it is very reasonable I think - £1-17-6 Total analysed this - Labours 14/- lead sheet & cement 1/5 - new lounge 2.1.2.1 - Churney 2.1.2.1

Joan's sister Margaret is expecting her baby
 anytime now - Her husband is here today for
 the day - lucky girl - you remember
 she saw him off the day I saw you off -
 Were your visitors as thoroughly nice as?
 Sorry you've had no sunshine - We get
 some bright intervals most days - but
 it is still bitterly cold. ^{thought}

Thank you for the programme of your weeks
 engagements - I find it helpful in telephoning
 I shall attempt phoning this week on Tuesday
 & Friday -

Shall think of you firewatching on Monday -
 I'm getting tired now & Children's "peace & quiet"
 is over so I'll close this and Gillian
 shall take it to the post -

Will send you "Gallows" & M^{rs} Fairbairn's letters
 when I've answered them -

How are you off for clothes? I've been
 mending a very hopeless sort of vest
 for you - but it'll do for a while more - also
 he mended pants & socks -

All my love my own precious
 husband - your own
 Ada.