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11 a.m.

My own darling One

I'm sipping the very last drop of my Whicannio
and enjoying your letter which came first post.

It is good to hear a little of your news.

It is trying to rain - tho' mild. I plan to take my
first little walk if it clears up. It will only
be to the Bank to get some money & to Post
& get some hip-synup & then if I feel like it
along by the river or anywhere that it is nice.

The prayer book ~~was~~ is a beauty. Yes there is a
lovely one upstairs too - just the sort I like
but this one of Gillian's is small enough & takes
to Church easily. The red ones you & I got are
now rather beyond my eyes. I think at the
time we got them they were the best in the shop
- any doubt worry about me - I can always use
the upstairs one. When weather is a little better
I shall take Gillian & Church one Sunday with
me.

Yes, the entertainment certainly put new
ideas into both children. Gillian fixed up
her nursery for a show to which Joan
& I were invited. Then she & Penma
did nursery Rhymes & dances for us. It

was Gillian's idea but she was a trifle overcome by shyness when she actually started doing the nursery Rhymes. But Joan & I were very appreciative & that helped her & once when she was doing little Jack Hower & was just getting a little shy about it Penner rushed to her rescue & without the slightest hesitation or shyness said "He struck in his thumb & pulled out a plum & said What a good boy I am !!!" with appropriate actions - Gillian joined with us in a row of laughter & then was not shy herself again. Yes, your daughter Penner is fast leaving babyhood - and a charming little girl she is going to be. Yes she is "old" in her capacity of consideration - older than either Gillian or Joan - Yes I noticed the signal in the Bude paper - Hope it will get up on boardings - it may have done - but I don't seem to have been out all winter (I have once or twice & got pussy-willow) but I've worn out

indoor shippers + my outdoor shoes have scarcely been on me all winter - seven Coupons!!

What a busy week you have had - I'm glad it included a dinner at + Bungundy - Hope Russ's plans came off - You folk seem to be going ahead in spite of the war - Shall think of you + your paper on Wed - If I ring up it will be tonight + Friday - Glad you had a spot of sunshine - We have been short again -

Did you see the eclipse of the Moon? I did not - sorry to say - but I saw a total eclipse when I was about 9 years old + shall never forget it.

Later - Just had your call. It is good to hear your voice. Now to capture our conversation Gallagher has had a pretty rough time lately - all her family have been ill off + or but she remarks in her letter "I only wish I could come + help you get + give you a proper rest I think we have all had enough of this long winter" - Now does that mean to suggest that she is not free to come - or that she'd love to come not only for my sake but in order to get a bit of "Bude springtime" - Well I'll ask her - As for you are concerned

I'm so keen on Bude in early summer
- May & June that I'd sacrifice an Easter
holiday - which is still rather cold if it meant
a longer holiday a little later - The only thing
I fear - is that anything should stop your coming
altogether - the promised "Spring Offensive" -

Anyway I'll send Gallagher a little note
inviting her to come between now & Easter
say within the next 5 weeks - It would be an
absolute change of her and she always feels
at home & happy with me -

You will see by Chris's letter she feels
a bit tied to Boffie - but in my letter to
her which I wrote today I did ask if
there was any chance of their having a
holiday soon & said there's always a place
for her here & the Talcar is still going strong -

By the way you still have not remarked
on "Sero-calcin" for colds which Chris has
mentioned in her letter - Is it any good?

Metcalf's family is rather in the soup at the
moment - Mrs M is down with what the nurse
who visits Margaret says is lumbago - She won't
have a doctor - but between you & me I'm
pretty sure it is something much more serious
than that - She looks really ill to me - has

been getting thinner all the winter. You remember she was X-ray'd last year - result negative - well - I'm suspicious -

Poor Margaret looks pasty & drawn - her time is near now - I called on them this morning and they gave me 3 really new laid eggs -

Dolly looks fine in her postman's uniform. Well, I've said if the baby starts coming in the day time ~~they~~ ~~or~~ Tom can bring Julia here if that baby comes before M^{rs} M. is better they will be rather in the soup. I should only have Julia for the actual birth day - and if the day was fine I'd send Tom out with the two of them and have peace & quiet even if I had to get dinner -

I'll ring you up Friday night & hear how you got on with your paper -

I'm glad you get some sausages every week. I don't try for them, we did not care for the last lot we had - We often get a rabbit which we cook in the pyrex dish - it lasts us 2 days & the cats get the head etc. - so it suits us well. The other day when I was treating I sent Joan to forage - She got a very nice sheep's head which she cooked beautifully - We don't do badly at all - ^{slow walk!!}

I enjoyed a ~~run~~ ^{slow walk!!} out this a.m. with Penma -

We only went to the Bank + Metcalfe and P.O
 + back - and I did ache after it - + Penra had
 a real "Lillian sort of cry" after it - but the Chinese
 food (2nd day) set us up + we both had a long
 day sleep + I feel even so much better now. As
 a matter of fact I feel my morale is better
 now than it has been since that lovely
 surprise visit y paid us - was it in Sep or Oct?
 When I first started to rest - I kept falling asleep
 - a dozen or more times a day - so I think
 my mind has had a chance to rest as well
 as my body and when we get back my physical
 strength I'll find my mind very refreshed -
 So don't you worry any more - I feel very much
 more fit now + free whatever we may have to
 face this spring + summer - tho' we still got
 to get my strength up - we got an appetite
 today for the first time.

There this isn't such a long letter - I'll
 pack up a parcel for y tomorrow

So glad y saw the eclipse -

All my love -

Your own Ada -

"Look back + give thanks - look forward + take
 Courage" - so says my Calandar -