

Rosemary Cottage,
Granville Terrace,
Bude Haven,
Cornwall.

Jan 24th - 1942.



* Please
always send
to me if you
need me - don't
leave it till you
need is too great.
I'm making
helpful friends
now - could
part the children
somewhere
- I'm sure.

My own Dearest One -

I've been vaguely uneasy about you all the week - but
imagined it was because of the planes coming over S.F.
England. Oh my darling I am so sorry and I want
to come straight to you ~~now~~ when you are ill - tho' I'm afraid
if I attempted it I might only add to our problems*.
Well I'm glad you are going to try serocalcin - I think
it has been most helpful to us here especially Gillian
and tho' I've been distinctly under the weather the last
10 days I'm picking up at once now I'm taking the
serocalcin & I hope it will set me up. I had the
muscular pains too - mostly in my back - buttocks
and shoulders - in fact ^{all day Friday} ~~last night~~ they were so bad
that I had a hot bath & did not take the even
serocalcin but two Empirin instead - and I'm ever so
much better - in fact feel almost well today - a
glorious sunshiny day. You have all my sympathy
if there is anything I can do for you please let me
know. I got a bottle of rose hip syrup ^{there seems plenty on the market now} for you today
to go into my next parcel. I do hope M^{rs} Stevens is
keeping well and taking care of you.

I've given you our news over the phone - This week
I've let Mabel put the children to bed most nights. It has

given me a rest and they have come down to me to have their hair done. This afternoon I let them have a tea party while I went to change my library book. I met Mrs Russell + Jean + we let Jean join Mabel + our two to tea + ~~the~~ Mrs R. + I went across to the Violet tea rooms. We had a nice tea daintily served and a nice chat. The governess is proving a great help - Jean is a nervous sensitive child, a little difficult to understand - and has taken a great dislike to school.

On Mabel's half day the children were sweet with me - we all made toast at the fire for our tea. At last I tackled these two stick "horses" - I've put heads on them - one of an old baby mitten with thumb for one ear + the addition of another -



And one of a sock with two felt ears on the other -

They look like this, and are the administration ^{+ enjoy} of all the children + a great joy to whoever is permitted a ride - I told you about the Kolidescap + the rapture it causes. It is her "greatest treasure" she says. She is taking great care of it.

Sunday Jan 25. 11 a.m. The children have gone out for a walk with Mabel who has set the table - + left me with the salad to make + potatoes to cook. They've taken doll pram + a horse - it is a glorious summer day. I've just made up a tiny parcel of serocalcin for you - put it in an old tiny serocalcin bottle - I've put in 2 tablets from my new bottle of 60 which taken over 30 days make the prophylactic course. If you're ahead

got yourself a bottle and need it all - that is O.K. 3.
~~if you like I could~~ ^{I will} get another 60 tab bottle or
take out 24 tabs for yourself and send you the rest ^{to you} I've
got it & sent it straight away in case you have
no one to send for it & it gets delayed. It is a
simple matter for me to get as both Turner & Post
have plenty - & sell plenty - I think it is a good
thing. I'll send the rest of the Serocalcin in your weekly
parcel.

Penna was playing alone in the
nursery and made this
arrangement with chairs
& black out boards.



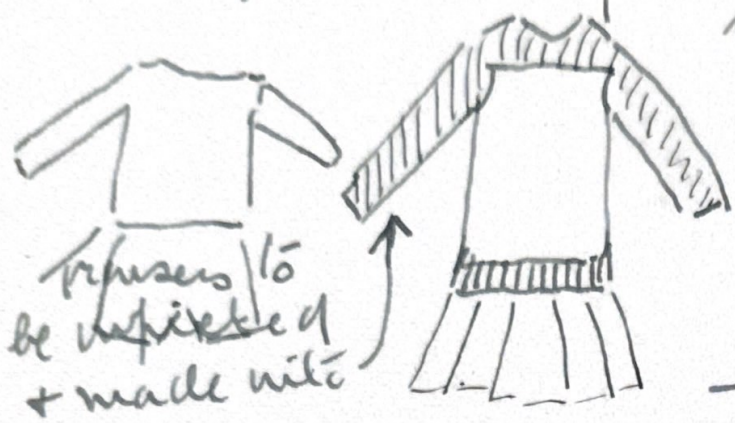
She did not know what
she was making - but Gillian was thrilled with it
and it did look exciting. More & more they will have
great times together. At last he covered the two
nursery mattresses - one orange - one green.

They look very nice -
Interruption Grace turned up wanted to go for a walk
with the children - Must tell them to meet her from
Church next Sunday.

Am sending some envelopes - more names - I got another b.d.y. I use
them as the children's things as well as yours. Letters for Gillian. Nice
letter from Nat Geog Society & the Serocalcin book in case you want
& stop it before starting your course.

Got a nice little piece of material this
coloured to make a skirt for Gillian. I'll put
a few pleats in it but it is too thick to take
many. It goes with the jersey of the

boys suit that May (Spear) made Pema Xmas 1941. 4
I'll unpick the trousers & enlarge it for Gilliam - this
will only mean knitting new sleeves & yolk - see picture. the



shaded part is what I will have to knit. But of course it will all be the same colour when finished. It is a pretty blue a trifle paler than her school coat and

will be a change for the second half of the term. Pema can wear the pink.

I feel so sorry when I remember that I altogether forgot to bind your coat sleeves. Wouldn't Hilda want to do it for you? Perhaps I could find some braid to do it with if she has nothing - It wouldn't take her long - Old Dummer Robinson always had the sleeves of his old coats bound - he just loved old clothes - He once said to me that on his tombstone you could write "He loved old clothes & children" something like you -

These dailies are - this is just a little bit of home chatter
Now I'll take it to the post & go over summer lease and think of you - I'll ring you up tonight -

All my love my precious one - Take the greatest care of yourself for all our sakes -
How high did your temp. go? Is it quite down now?

Your own - Aida -
The primrose is from our garden - There is a lovely white - jonquil
opened today.

2.
Cant remember what I sent you in the last parcel - but
the beam was less - let M^{rs} Steven get yours as I
if you havnt already got it for Laddo. I sent you a
bottle of rose hip syrup - seem to be plenty about now -
I ~~also~~ also sent you some iodised ~~tablets~~ tablets (put them in an
old loging box - take no notice of name on lid - name of tablets is on
the bag inside) I sent you black current jam & a super
drink if your throat is bad any time -
I'll send you another Cauliflower if it travels so
well -

I talked to "Grandpa" about Browning - we quoted him
to each other - He must have some sort of a soul
& be able to understand and appreciate Browning!

The Mabel problem seems to be working out O.K!
Grace helped her move in. Penna lent her two
dolls - Gillian filled her vase with snudrops &
violets - I put her a new cake of scented soap
& saw her bed was warm etc - (with a gas blanket extra!)
So she felt rather like coming home -

What Mabel is chuckling about (and I am too secretly)
is that Winnie, the sister who has been leading her
astray, has got the sack for coming home late - So
we all feel a little vindicated. Mabel has also broken
with her friend Veronica -

M^{rs} Patrick called yestid y. she could scarcely
believe Mabel was the same girl she had so improved
and had such nice manners - I told Mabel this to en-
courage her - Thank you for your guidance in this -