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My own darling One

Sep 15 - 1942.

Your precious little letter came today and told me all the things I'd been waiting to hear. Now I've just rung you up & only got Mrs Stevens - but hear you are having a Chicken tonight and hope all is going happily by now - and that the Chicken is not overdone -

So that was why we were cut off. I rang you up later but they got no answer so hope you were in bed -

So glad you got two new pyjamas. How I wish I could help you pack. I gather you do not return to Shelford till after your visit here. Now anything you want washed or mended give to Winnie to post or here - unless you want it at her house. But I could wash things for you & post them either to Winnie, Daisy, or keep them here for you. Shall I send you soft jaegee bed jacket. I know you have another one but don't think it is as comfortable as the one here. I'm so afraid that when you are courtesying and not moving about much you will be cold especially over

as Winnie & Daisy may be economizing
 fuel. Now I have 3 p^{rs} of the softest
 thinnest woolen pants (drawers I think
 you call them) They were Grandpas - I
 chose them for him & got very soft ones -
 May I send you one or 2 p^{rs} of these if
 you think you'll need them? Let me know
 later - you'll sure & say "no" at the
 moment.

Oh my darling love how thankful
 I will be to have you here after it
 all. I've written asking May if
 she could come if there was a need
 for we to go to you. M^{rs} Russell
 says she'd come here & take care
 of the children & house for me at a
 moments notice. So darling are don't
 hesitate to send for me. But I too
 feel that if all is straight forward with
 you my place is still here.

How lovely to have you for my birthday.
 Strange that this year in which we
 have seen so little of each other we

should be together on our birthday
shall I send you some of the "Readers
Digests"? They would be easy to hold in
bed. - Ho of course

Re my servant problem - Vera is still
in London - returns here on Sunday and
will come & see me then - Mrs Pymms
speaks very highly of her - there are 2
reasons why she might not do. (1.) her
own health - If it was merely that she
was not strong this would be a softer job than
N.F.S & might set her up - but ... I feel
I ought to get her overhauled by Dr M. or
someone to see if she has T.B. or not -
(2.) The labour exchange might not let me
have her. She is 22 I think.

There is nothing I'd like better than to keep
Mrs Tape for one day at any rate - and I should
certainly try & make Grace feel she is still
one of the family - If I could only have Vera
till Grace is 14 (next Aug 7.) it would be a help
& Vera could show Grace the ropes -

The only reason for ~~having~~ not holding on
to Mrs Tape ^{as well as Vera} would be expense - But I
feel that if I can get Vera I will keep the
three!!! of them till after your visit.

Grace has a fortnight's holiday beginning next Wed - and as it will probably take a little time to fix Vera up, it will be good to have all Grace's time for a bit. I think I must write out some of my "dealings" with Grace for your amusement when you are in Hospital - She is deliciously unspoiled by hard environment - and yet, after all, is her environment hard? It is natural & free - and not in the least mechanized - she has never been in a train in her life - nor had a dolly -

Gillian was delighted with her quill pen - here is a letter she has written with it - She also loved Gummets & your letters - *note to ZGG.*

Minnie is a sweet little mother and her kittens are doing nicely - They'll just be jolly by the time you come -

Will you be in a private ward or with all the others - or in a nursing home or what? I suppose a letter addressed to Mount Vernon Hospital - Watford Midx would find you -

I'll send you another orange or two and some sugar - & anything else I can think of to the Hospital - Let me know if you think of anything

that I don't.

I'm trying to get ahead with needlework - or rather I should say trying to catch up with needlework. We see quite a bit of the Russells and she & I have great times planning out garments - with war-time economy. They have got a little house at last, between Tanghill & Bude - much nearer to us than before.

Fielding's are back - but I fear things are wrong there. Rivell will let them stay till the end of the month - I've run over once or twice but could not get a reply to my letter. Think they have no maid.

Aunt came in this afternoon while I was changing my book - but did not stay till I came back. She came in & borrow milk yesterday. I expect they will be in for sweetener soon. I'm very sorry for them - but Mrs Russell is more the type that would fit in with us - Mrs J. needs men friends & has plenty in the army - at least she needs them for her peace of mind - but actually for her children's sake she needs women friends. It takes all sorts to make a world.

I want to post this tomorrow in case I don't get another off in time -

How much my thoughts will hover round you all the next weeks -

All my love always -
Your own Ada -