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My own darling One -

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I've put a call on to you (I was delay)  
and while waiting I'll answer your letter -  
So glad you were feeling better when you  
wrote and glad you stayed in bed - Is it  
that at last you have learnt the wisdom  
of staying in bed (for you at any rate) the 1st  
day or two of a cold, or is it that  
your cold was a very bad one - I wonder  
if the cold Hazel got was one one.

I'd like to lie in your bed & see the view  
you describe - the view from my bed here  
is pretty good - if I could spend a  
day in it.

I was on the alert for your Sunday call  
which never came - I usually call you  
on Tues & Fri - I'm afraid to start call  
on Sunday lest I keep you from church  
If I've waited a couple of hours for my call  
I always ring them up to find out what  
has happened - they get a wave or then  
usually I'm through in a few minutes -  
you try that -

Glad you had a good time with Winnie & Jan

W. & I had several talks - mostly on the beach but did not mention Hilda - One talk had a lively holiday background scarcely suitable to bring up anything that might be painful - tho had we had more quiet I should have spoken as I sensed she'd be glad to talk about her -

You seem to have had a lot of visitors lately. Hope they did not eat you out of house & home. Sent you a parcel this ~~week~~<sup>morning</sup> - no egg today - but an orange - & a piece of choc. We'd share all these things with you if together. It makes me ache to try and imagine how you manage on one persons rations - Have you drawn your own choc or sweet ration? The 4 weeks ration of 2oz a week finishes this week. Be sure to get it if you haven't done so. Next 4 weeks period allows 3oz per head.

If you can you might we get a med prescrip<sup>er</sup> of the glyce & black current layers of the children. Nothing touches the spot in quite the same way. The osqum light has come & he put it in my room instead of the blue. Very good indeed. Sometimes the blue got left

an all day as it didn't show then - but  
was using full bolt electric - the osqium would  
not waste so much if this happened. I prefer  
the warm pink light & the blue sky - thank  
you darling.

I do not know how Ken's death will affect  
Glan - and I've not yet written condolences.  
I noticed in the paper about Miss Cholwell's death  
Poor thing - a happy release.

I did show M<sup>rs</sup> Russell the top room. She  
was so surprised that it was done already  
- thought you knew how to put things through.  
She was thrilled with it. I've seen a  
good bit of her lately - but more of that  
when I've finished moving you.

I think you have found the cure of my  
night sleeping or lack of sleep - The lumina  
is most satisfactory - that is if I remember  
it in time - or know the next day is likely  
to be trying. Anna says she always takes  
luminal if she wants something to act quick  
but does not like the following headache next  
day. I daresay my dose was too small. The  
last tabs you sent seemed to me twice as thick  
as the first ones so I took 1/4 of one instead of  
one. But I should think 1/2 would do me no harm

I meant to take some yesterday a.m. ready to be sure of a good night's sleep - but forgot. I lay awake till 12 mid then took ½ tab & was asleep before 1 a.m. -

It also involves a deep afternoon nap which is much more helpful than the 40 winks I usually get although I always lie down till 3 p.m.

If I take Empirin next a.m. to clear up the headache I'm grand.

Thank you darling I genuinely think you have solved my problem. Furthermore I like the more happy & carefree temper I have under the influence of luminal - yet my mind feels clear & not drugged as with sulphonal.

Lillian is free of her trouble at the moment than she has been for a long time.

At the moment I'm giving them ~ Children's Linctus and Cod Liver oil regularly - and getting better results - weather also has helped more.

The Radio went beautifully when it was mended for a few hours and we thought it cured - next time we switched it on it was dead. This time he couldn't put his finger on the spot so it has gone to the shop. They sent a nice man - elderly

and are of their experts - I talked over the whole  
 business of these Radio repairs thoroughly. I  
 feel it best to stick to Harris - just as you  
 would stick to a family doctor - there are so  
 many worthy attention and they take them in  
 strict rotation - He advised me to get it looked  
 over (cost of 2/6.) and then ask for an estimate  
 for the cost of repair. The valves <sup>were</sup> ~~are~~ all  
 right - and he thinks that if they can't get  
 one no one can. However I'll take it up  
 tomorrow and find out if they have got to one yet.  
 Re filling Watermeadows with us all - you  
 do know, don't you that nothing would suit  
 me better either - Oh, for that day! and if  
 Cires: make it impossible to keep two homes  
 going - we'll come back to you jinxed -  
 Gillian's education is the problem - but with  
 her capacity for reading she'd soon catch  
 up the actual studies tho she'd miss the  
 school life -

I'm reading some memoirs of John Ruskin  
 Here is a remark he makes and I endorse changing the last  
 word. "I have been happy in many things, but all my  
 other good fortune has been as dust in the balance  
 compared with the blessing of an incomparable  
 wife" (I say husband) "Darling you are all the

world to me.

This <sup>last</sup> week has been spent a good deal in the company of Mrs Russell and her family. We all get on well together. I like her very much and she seems to like me. We have much in common. She was a teacher before (& after) she was married. Her boy Jack age 9 is a keen naturalist. He and Gilman are great pals already. Little Jean seems nearer Pennas age tho 5 years old - and Anne Fielding joins us all in our picnics so we are a happy crowd.

Grace 13 Jack 9 Anne 8 Gilman 6  
Jean 5 Penna 3 + Savetiny Peter 2.

I've seen something of Mrs Fielding to lately. Capt Fielding was here last week end & she has joined him at times for a couple of days - but I think she will also fit nicely in with Mrs Russell & me. We are planning a combined picnic.

We have had beach picnic & bathing. but today we had a picnic in a field near Panghill - lit a fire and boiled our kettle. ~~John~~ John's garden - & great fun.

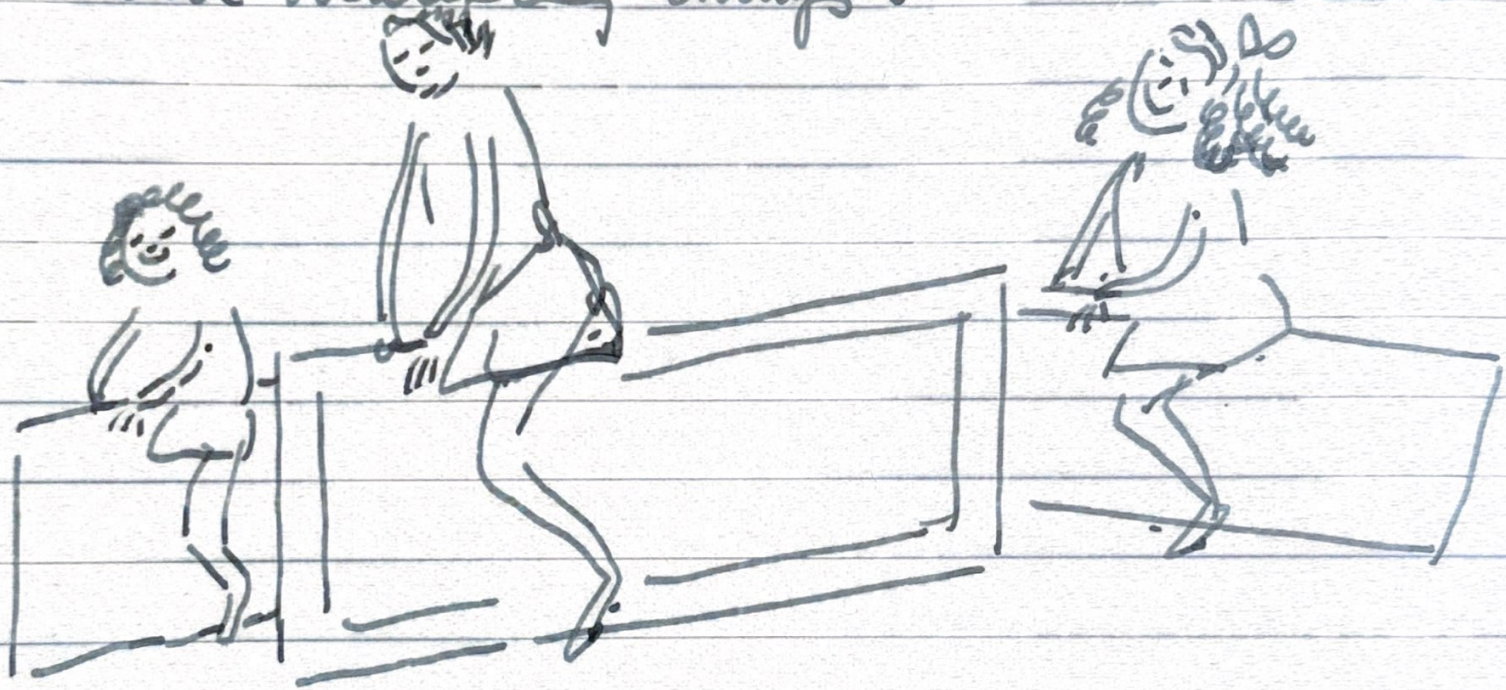
Grace's holidays end this week. Actually I think it is just as well. She is the greatest blessing

to me the first two hours of the day - and school or no school that time she can always give me - Do you remember the book "Annemarie & the Circus" Lythian has - Grace is like Annemarie - Anyang a month with me has changed a little rather overanxious worried little girl into a veritable imp of mischief and as happy as the day is long - it reminds me of when we had Janet or Sylvia or Peter with us - 13 is rather a nice age for a child - but she is a child - with a child's faults and my darling you must go spoiling her - she needs & likes discipline - Mrs Russell tells her she'll thank me so much save day for it - But she is quite a dear - I'm not keen on giving her money gifts - it is not good for her family and she is too much of a child to understand its value - Of the 5/- you gave her she gave her mother 2/- lost 1/- on the beach & so quickly put the other 2/- in her money box - but is spending it gradually on herself & gladly on the movies - But it was dear of you to send it - Her 1/- a week is quite enough to spend in her child's irrespressible little ways - I buy her sweet tarts for her.

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I could write an about many things - all  
trifling in a way but of interest to you  
+ me but I've got to page 8 - + it is 10pm  
so I'll stop + say goodnight -

We are a jolly household now - Gilham says  
"It is so exciting having Grace - we do  
such interesting things: -"



This is one. I found them all riding round  
the nursery on the blacked boards - "Hurray  
look at our horses - How they kept them  
up I can't think -"

Mickey is a huge cat now - 2 lbs heavier than  
Minnie -

All my love to your darling one -  
your own Ada.