

Rosemary Cottage
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My own darling -

You'd have liked to peep at us about an hour ago - I had decided to put away all Xmas things as M^{rs} Tape is clearing out the downstairs rooms. So I put on the elec. heater on & we all went up with the things - Gillian - is certainly your child. She sat down to the desk and made a list of all we put in. I enclosed it. Quite her own idea.

Team Spiky brought us a jar of honey yesterday. Would you call that another Xmas present. Anyway it was very acceptable. While we were having tea with it, Mabel's sister Vera, who is now being a nurse came in. She is at Newquay - (Spelling!!!) and was bubbling over with enthusiasm. She had tea with us and quite took me back to St Marys with her stories. She had a smart uniform and looks a nice bright little nurse. She is doing well - to her own surprise - but not to mine. These Headons' are an interesting bunch - no two alike but I like Vera & Grace best tho I feel that Mabel will make a good little maid in time. She has borrowed Grandpa's old suitcase from me and is full of her holiday plans. She starts it tomorrow. M^{rs} Tape smiles and looks indulgently at me - I think she is rather looking forward to having the place & herself for a bit and I bet will tackle the kitchen tomorrow. She will come 4 days out of the seven.

I have a bit of a cold - so as it is bitterly cold I'm staying in - The children have been doing outings together or singly. They went together to the P.O. to send Winnie Greetings Telegram (from Morjilada) Gillian paid Similes book of me - Gemma got the greens from Bullens - then they both went in front of Parsans.

Thank you for your letter which came this morning you sound as tho' you are having a satisfactory time but I fear today will be a lull - shall be glad to hear your voice tonight.

I'm glad Donaldson's are so hospitable. So sorry about Clement's boat. I hoped he was getting over them - How exciting about the swing - I'll keep it secret till we can put it up.

We have had quite a bit of sunshiny - or rather I should say many sunshiny intervals since you left - 3 p.m. Mabel has taken the children for a walk. Her sister Vera is going to leave by the 9.40 a.m tomorrow so will go part of the way with her. Sun is shining now - but N. wind. Three of the pussy willows in my vase have reached the yellow pollen stage - great thrill for Gillian.

A long letter from Valerie. In to send it to May & Chris too so will let it do its rounds & finish up with you.

8 p.m. Here is another of Gillian's inspirations.

I was telling her about the Chinese Kitchen god - Just a painted picture of a Chinese Official. This is stuck up in the kitchen where he sees & hears all that goes on in the family - On New Years Eve he is burnt. that means he goes up to Heaven to report to God all that has happened in the family. So before he was burnt the stuck up his mouth with toffee so that he couldn't speak

and tell tales. Epithim was thrilled with the idea of a special
little god - decided to have her plastered angel for her
special god. I said "I think Jesus had some such idea
about ^(spirit) little children having a special angel only this
angel could see God's face any time they didn't need
to wait till New Years day - Then came Epithim's inspiration
"Well it is silly of the Chinese to stick up the kitchen
God's mouth - I wouldn't mind what my angel told
God because He would put it all right even if it
was wrong." Bless her she always gets to the true
heart of things with a bound while we are wondering
laboriously how to explain it to her.

I've put ~~you~~ a call through to you - will finish this when
I have heard your voice.

date. Am just off to bed - there's tea beside
my bed. Nursery fire already laid - only
waiting a match - so tomorrow night to be simple.
We were good to hear your voice but I expect
you will be glad of a good night's rest. It
seems years since you left - but you're only
just got home.

Mam called this afternoon - hoping to see you.

All my love my precursors are - We all
feel so much better for your visit especially you
Amr Ida