

Thank
of
welcome.

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My own Darling One
I've just realized it is Thursday morning
and I usually like to get your letter posted at
the latest on Thurs: a.m. to reach you Sat. If this
stays suddenly you'll understand, won't you, or
I may send you a p.c. to say 'expect it on
Monday'. The fact is that with Barclay coming
today & Gallagher tomorrow I've put a spurt on
with my needlework & stuck to it till finished.
The green coat is finished all but two buttonholes
for which tho I have not been able to obtain "twist"
I have sewed in hand - silk - and the
blue skirt is finished. The former is a little gem
of a coat - Grace says nothing Miss Ricketts
produces compares with it - and her blue coat
for which we paid something like £5 - is a
dowdy old fump compared with it. I don't
think including everything that the green coat
has cost £1. Of course it has used much of
my time - which from a professional value i.e.
as State Registered Nurse is worth 3 or 4 qu a week
- so actually the green coat is the most
expensive!!! The blue skirt is pleated so

should look very nice. If ^{to} Baveling (2.)
sees Gilliam outside - it will be in the green
"set" - with no hat as that isn't finished yet - if
inside it will be in her new blue pleated skirt
and jersey. Penma shall be in pink - I've
had to let down her pink coat as she seems
to have grown inches. These things have kept me busy.
I have your Sunday letter to answer.

Last week's beech days were just over, but
at the moment you are in the midst of
another beech week - Are you keeping well my
darling? Will you take a few days "off" at Easter
even if you do not come here? Shelford Church
is generally lovely at Easter if I remember
rightly -

I've got you a little mathematical set (at
Edmonds) of 2/6. Not very grand but they
claim to be accurate. Actually I believe
that among my leatherwork appliances I
have a compass. If this set doesn't suit
you put it by of Gilliam and I'll hunt up
my own compass. I forgot to put you any
sugar in the last parcel - so will send some
with the math: set. You are trying to find out

how I can send you sugar. If we make a pie³
during the week we use all our ration - if we have
- say sweet puddings & syrup - or doughnuts & syrup
or any pudding with jam, we are getting all the
sugar we need apart from the ration. But I
admit I've been drawing on an emergency
supply - I felt justified in doing this as you are
living alone & are reestablishing your health after
the operation so I felt that this winter was a
time to do this. Don't you agree - but of course
I can't continue this indefinitely unless the end
of the war is more surely nearer in sight than
our most sanguine hopes. We also give the
children & myself raisins - a rather Sultanias
with their lunch.

Mabel is not fond of sugar
(fortunately) but eats enormous piles of bread, marmalade
and jam - so gets her carbohydrates all right and
is getting as fat as John was.

What a wonderful dinner you must have
had. But my imagination fails as to what
you ate in war time - Oysters? Champagne?
Did you have a good time at the Grange
- or rather the Red Horse - I remember both
places of course -

How interesting about the landing stage -

about clothes coupons -

Berna has 44 left.

Gillian " 40. "

Ceda " 49 "

Total - 133

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I also have
many pieces
of material
waiting to be
made up.

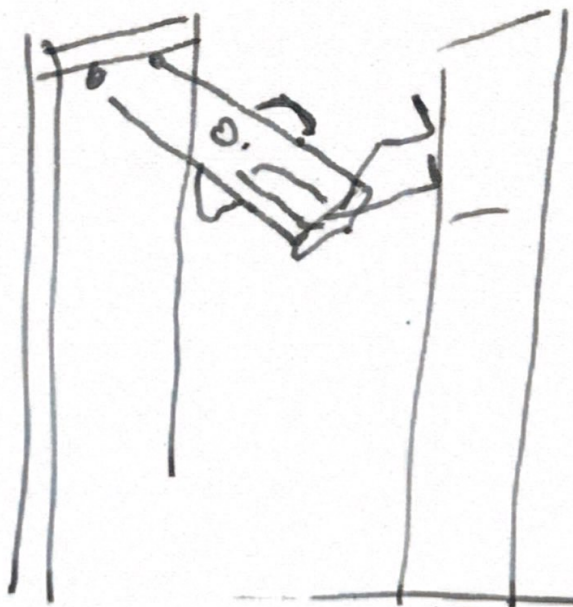
Berna rarely gets anything new except shoes.
Gillian ~~got~~ has got 2 new coats this year.
I need very little as I do not go out much
except to Mrs Russell (who has neither sufficient
clothes nor coupons) so I do not need to dress up.

So you see my darling are if you need
for underclothes is great great - and I'm sure
it is good better get some here at Medlands
or Abbot with some of our coupons or take
my book along to Almonds.

I'm so glad you are getting all those new
clothes but I think that next set of
coupons you have will have to go to a
new brown suit - you see if you take to
a suit and wear it steadily without
changing it to another at frequent intervals
it wears out quicker - and falling into the

river could not have improved it -!! (5)
So when the d.s.d. will meet your clothing need
the carfars need not hold you back. Bless you.
I've had the sun blind put up - and with Keats
man discussed the swing. Your suggestion
about a beam is the one we also decided was
the best. I'll go & see if M^r Petrie has one. Keat
questioned the possibility of being able to find
one. Here is the problem:

In the hall - that supporting beam & post
are not steady enough for a swing - tho
it would be good support for a weight falling
from above. Also Childs feet would go



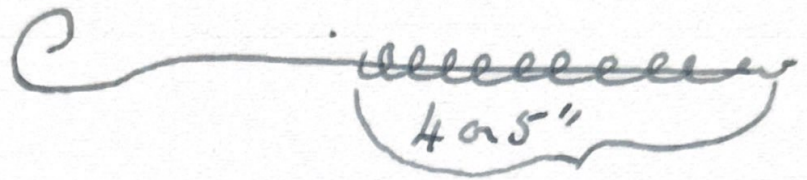
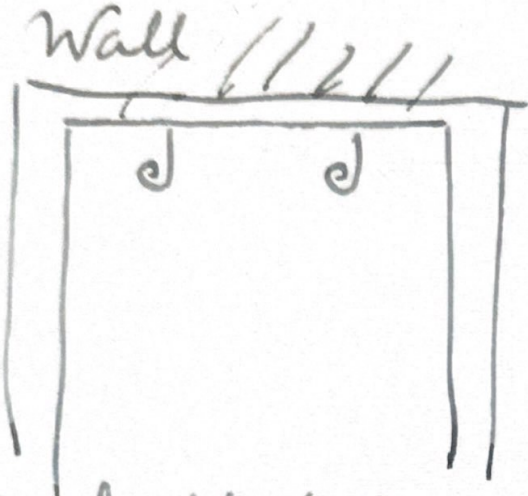
straight through
the front door glass

The only place
where there is

sufficient room
for the legs when

the swing is in motion is the nursery door.
Keats man said the risk there is that we
do not know the thickness of the lintel. It
may be only 3 inches which would not hold
the screw hooks unless we put a ~~nut~~ ^{nut}

at the end of them - we cannot of course get (6.
 at the ends when they just go up into the wall -
 The screws are long with



about 4 or 5 inches of thread
 part and if all this were

embedded in a beam would probably
 hold - but if the beam is not very thick
 they'd need nuts →



Anyway the next
 step is to see

Mr Petrie, and as it has passed with
 the last two days we are held up a hour. It will
 be a grand thing for the first part of the holiday
 Suggestions re Dennis's birthday. A torch she
 wants badly - but I could get that here. I'll think on
 pump her. The shops have nothing tempting... Oh
 yes - she saw a wooden train or engine or wheel
 she wanted - I'll think about it & keep my eyes
 open and let you know.

Ps. 24 would just suit Gillian - as to Ecc 3-1-8
 I think you must read that & her a introduction
 it. We tried to with some little success but

rather fear to touch it again lest I put her ()
off - You've made me realize the importance of it.
She knows the Lord's prayer - and might start in
the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittas -

The other day when Tenna was convalescing
in her nursing she had the Radio &
came to me for her "Prayer book" as they
had started prayers. I gave her the little

New Testament you sent her - Later
I heard the Lord's Prayer and her
little voice following it - I passed
the nursing door and this is
what I saw -

Being like me she chose the
heavens of her altar !!!

So glad to hear James is the man who made
the music - He meant a lot to Gillian at one time
I've written to Chris asking her to read and forward
the three books to me but not in that oily green
paper wrapper.

Glad Frederick will give you a hand with the
garden - Hope he will bring some rats for
that hearty appetite of his - If you let me
know when - I'll send some. I sent a tiny
Xmas pudding for you to have on Easter Sunday



(8)
You could beat it yourself.
Miss Weir told me about your letter which she
loves so much she hates to destroy it!!
You are in the midst of your difficult meeting
at Addenbrooks - Good luck to you.

I watched the dancing class on Monday
and Miss Brooke the dancing mistress says
Gillian has a marvelous sense of the
dramatic -

Do the children get interest in the money
Hilda left them right away? If so I
propose that Gillian starts piano next
term and Mawenna starts dancing next
autumn - using that money - I'll elaborate
this later - But my own regrets in
life have all been that I did not get
training in music, dancing, nursing etc
while I was young. School was very broken
up for me & between 16 - 25 years of age
I had no education beyond what I gave myself
and did not get my nurses training till 37 years.
Now I must go to make beds, dinner
and finish my needlework -
All my love my own piece
Your Ada.