

Rose Cottage

7 Lymanville Tee

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My own Darling One

I'm writing for your phone call so will begin this letter as you'll be wanting to hear all about Dorelay's visit -

Thursday, Mabel's half day - just as I had finished putting the children to bed and they were all pink and sweet after their bath, as I came downstairs Mr Dorelay tapped at the door. So I took him up to see them in bed - They looked delicious and behaved beautifully - Mr D. said he and Mrs Dorelay had just arrived and would I go over and see them when they had tidied themselves up & had some food - So I went over to the Lymanville at 8.30 p.m. & stayed till about 10 p.m. I was rather shocked at their appearance I thought they looked thin and so much older and sad - or rather serious I should say - We had a nice time talking together - interrupted at 9 p.m. by the news which was boomed all over the lounge of the Hotel - Mrs Dorelay

said she must see the children and as²
they were leaving Bude about 9 am, would
come over and see them before they went to
school. I'd just finished Gillian's pleated blue
skirt - so dressed her in that & the new blue
jersey & Pemma in the pink set - She was
chained with them both - Gillian took her
to her room & got down the book on England
and showed her some of her favorite pictures
in it with great enthusiasm - Nelson's Column
etc, etc. She just let Mrs B get a peep into her
brilliant little hair. Mr Barclay meanwhile
was mending a puncture & slipped into the
kitchen & wash his hands with Vin - rather
took Mabel a back - They loved the little
house - Mrs B - noting the beauty of the oak
floors - & the Delatole tiles - The view from
bedroom & the date of the bed itself.

Talking about houses I called at the "Look Out"
and made enquiries re its possible sale -
The lady there said that she & her husband
(Army folk) rented it through "Andrews &
Jones (~~Solter~~) Solicitors The Strand - Tel Bude 41"
She thought it had been taken over by
the Board of Trade. They rented it furnished

I'll make enquiries about it. There is no notice (3)
to sell it anywhere about.

The weather was either raining or cloudy all the
time the Bavelays were here - so they did not
see Duke at its best. However the sun came
out about 10 a.m. so they are having Cornish
Sunshine if not Duke Sunshine -

Gallagher arrived ~~about~~ at 5.9 p.m. Friday -
and we are having a great time. At
the moment she is off to her favourite
point - Gillian was back for school 11 a.m.
so we went to the breakwater - The children
had their school party 4 to 6 p.m. so Gal:
& I took them and then went to Crockett's
beach & spent the afternoon on the beach
then gradually coming back - by the Canal
Mabel fetched the children & later put them
to bed - Meanwhile Gal & I had tea in the
garden & then clipped the hedge and trimmed
the dead wood out of the American pillar.
The children returned in time to sweep it
all up for us before Mabel put them to bed
and now I'm waiting for you -

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you know the house next to the Petrus
where we got a room for M^{rs} Stevens? Well
last Tuesday everything there was sold by
Auction. We looked over the stuff in the
morning and I saw two things I'd like to
bid for - one lot included two pewter mugs
and the other were odd cups & saucers & plates
of a blue willow pattern of that peculiar colour
of my mother's little tea set. The place was
packed & much bidding - but I was interested
to see your friend M^r Geo there - He bid for
those two lots!! He didn't realize I was bidding
& I soon stopped - I felt it was no good
to bid against a dealer - There were 10 pieces
of China & I think he got them for 19/-

Anyway afterwards when he realized I'd been
bidding he said he'd let me have them
cheap - so I must visit him - I wanted
the pewter mugs for your birthday. Would
you like them? There was a pewter ink
pot too and two Japanese pewter boxes. One
of these he said was ... well I can't remember
- but he was all wrong - it was Japanese stuff & cheap.

but I didn't disillusion him. He said the
fewer mugs were good. I felt very proud
that of all the things in that house I picked
out two lots that a dealer felt worth bidding
for. The holidays begin Tuesday. I'll
go and visit him.

Did I tell you that I just simply forgot to
put sugar in your last parcel. Gallaghans
brought her ration with her including
some sweets she had made herself - so we
are well away from sugar and ~~it~~ I hope
you used a little of your reserve if you have
any. I'll try and not forget next week.

I'm sending you a little soap with the
mathematical instruments - as I don't
like to put it in with your cats parcel.

Oh I must tell you a funny incident.

Gillian is always so keen on flag days etc etc.

so that when a lady called about the penny-a-
week fund - I started a sub for each of
them and thought they'd be thrilled to give
a 1^p each week when the lady called - they
are generous children. But when G. came
in and I told her she was in a fury -

she absolutely refused to pay it - so I have
had to withdraw her name and substitute
ans. - I thought of the Charity your
father started for you & expected you to
continue - We mustn't repeat our parents
mistakes -

Well darling I shall look forward
to your letter & your news of your
hobby week - This seems to be rather
a ~~one~~ one sided letter but I will close
it now and post it early tomorrow so
that you shall have it soon - I'll
tell you all our Sunday days with
Epilaghon after she has gone - She will
be in in a minute so I'll go and
get her supper -

How I wish you were here too - All
my love my dear darling are -
Your Ada -