

March 25

My own dearest George

I have had a letter from you this morning, a short one written on the 18th. You had it time for a long one because the man was just coming for it. It has been slow coming has it? They do seem to vary much a lot in the time they take.

On reading Mary's letter again I see she says she is bringing Barbara on Thursday not Tuesday, and she is going to stay with us till Saturday. That will be very nice I shall enjoy seeing her.

Violet has just come rushing in in a state of great excitement because she has found a hen laid away nest in a big bramble bush, she can't get at it so she and Marjorie have gone off to get a stick and jag hook to cut & beat their way in.

Marjorie has had another letter this morning wanting her for a situation. This time to look after two cows & two

poneys, scientific chicken keeping & to run
an electric engine & to look after a garden
with an old man and boy to help her.
She is writing about it but I don't
expect she will take it. The other place
sounds nicer because she would have two
other girls to live with. This second
place would give her rather more money
but that doesn't matter much.

I am looking forward to getting
your next letter and hearing about
your reconnaissance in P. I think you
like going off and exploring & finding
out about new places. Dearest I do wish
I could do it with you, it would be
thrilling. I should love the expeditions
with a spice of danger in them, specially
if I had no babies. I should n't be
much use now for very strenuous expeditions.
If I had n't got babies or a husband I
think I could be quite brave.

We shall have to be very careful our children
never get frightened about Switzerland. It

would be horrible if they were frightened when
sent there for climbing holidays. I simply
shouldn't go in that case. I know how
horribly frightened you can be when you
are a child, specially if you love your mother
very very much. ~~Nobody~~ Nobody must
ever talk about climbing accidents or dangers
when the children are there and they
mustn't see photographs of narrow ledges
& steep precipices below and people walking
along them. I have never got over the
thrilled horror that a lecture Mr Husely
gave about Switzerland filled me with.
He told us of a perfectly horrible climbing
accident, the people were saved but almost
by a miracle of good climbing on the part
of one member of the party. One was a
woman with children at home.

Do you mind having to share a dug out? It
can't be as nice as having one to yourself
but I expect you will have to do it a lot
this summer because you won't have so
much time for making dug outs if you

more often as we hope you will
What you say about St Quentin in interceding
I hope they will move out of it and
not give us the slow business of dairing
them.

Its after lunch now and Clare is in her
playing room. She really is ~~very~~ attractive
and although she wont try to talk her
intelligence is coming on a lot of ways, she
can understand a lot more than we say to
her and wants to do things more. Her
poor cheek is very red today because a tooth
is coming. She has those at once coming
through now. Its funny but those on the
right side of her head dont seem to
make her so hot & cross as those on
the left.

My own dear I send you kisses & ever so much
love.

Your very loving
Ruth

