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Dearest

I have sent off the night shirt, and the coat & waistcoat are going this afternoon. I forgot like a stupid to take the tailors address when I went to the Holt this morning so I could not send them off at the same time as the night shirt.

I wrote you a rather gloomy & gumbly & not very nice letter yesterday, I hope you wont get it till you have got this.

The difficulty about the coal is over they have delivered most of it and are finishing today. The bicycle shed will be completely filled as well & the cellar & other little shed. I have at present put the bicycles into the scullery but I think we had better have a cheap door put to the covered place between the bicycle shed and the other and use it for the bicycles. There will be plenty of time to see about that when you come home.

I was gloomy yesterday but I have quite stopped being now and I have had two letters from you one last night and one this morning.

I only got the letter your father posted by the evening post. I dont know when he ought to have posted it, but the postmark was 10-15 in London Thursday morning. I am glad you have had such

splendid days first on the moors and then at  
Fountains Abbey. It was a brilliant idea taking  
off your coat and shirt, but did at the rain drops  
trick down and make you rather wet under  
your knickerbockers! I wish I'd been with you, a  
thunder storm and wild hills, lovely!

I hope your photographs will come out, I shall  
love to see them.

That best bed in our garden is good now, it will  
be fun when you come back going up to look at  
the garden to gather, there will be seedlings ready  
to plant out by that time I think.

I have designed a centae for the last plate I don't  
think it is one of the best but I think it  
will go all right. Father likes my last border  
very much I hope you will. I have brought all  
my plates here today & I mean to try hard to get  
the set finished off before September

Are you going to stay in Cambridge till Wednesday  
that is the 18<sup>th</sup> I can't think what you will do  
all the time. There's the bell for lunch hoosh!

I've just been making a tour of the garden  
and eating plums & cherries & mulberries, greedy  
but very nice.

It looks as though they are getting along all right  
in the Marchinelles, but Russia is horrid

do you think it is possible to get for the  
Germans to get to Petrograd? Or do you think  
they may break themselves up in taking it.  
We saw Mrs Radcliff and Mrs Kenway in the  
town this morning. Mrs Radcliff is probably  
coming here with the children to tea on Tuesday  
I am glad you think its all right about Mildred  
I am sure it is.

I shall get your letters much quicker when you  
are at Cambridge.

I am sorry for the French-Italian girl, it must be  
horrid to be with nothing but foreigners any way  
I wonder why she wont believe you are married.  
I have doubts as to whether you look very married  
myself.

Please put a day or date on your letters its so  
hard to know for certain otherwise when  
they were written

Your loving  
Ruth

