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My dearest

Here I am at twenty past eleven beginning my letter to you. I have been getting up, having breakfast and doing baby steadily since twenty to seven and I do like it. Of course I may be tired of it by the time Violet comes down back. I am not cleaning the rooms or I never should get my letter to you written. Mary Anne and Owen are coming today and Ursula. I seem to fill the house with my friends in the most disgraceful way. However I do think we are going to have a good time. I don't think I shall be able to get a very long letter written. Yesterday I went to The Hall to fetch The Dowager Empress of China book. Mrs Green more or less received us with open arms. She really was very

rice only I am not very keen on her  
way of being nice. Still I thought  
she was really keeping the house very  
nice, as far as cleanliness & ease goes,  
but her taste !!! <sup>Beside</sup> ~~Birds~~ Farthings bowl  
she had put one of those very ugly  
bright sham oriental bowls we never  
given for a wedding present. I don't  
know if you remember them I have  
always kept them on a top shelf  
in the pantry, but she evidently thinks  
them very precious. Then I saw that  
she had an old Sung blue bowl  
that ~~stands~~ has a black stand on a  
table in the drawing room with a pot  
on it. So I took my courage in  
both hands and asked her not to  
put pots in it as we both valued  
it very much, but I said she could  
use either of those bright modern  
bowls she like. However she did  
not seem to like at all, and

evidently thought them far nicer and more valuable than our favourite.

They have just succeeded in getting a gardener but the garden is not up to much.

~~At~~ Most of those fox gloves that I bought last year & should have been white have turned out wild colour, which I call a swindle. I do want to make a strawberry bed there. Would you ~~you~~ like me like me to? The thing is that I don't know where to make it. It must have sun. The best bed for sun is that one the iris was in. Would you mind having strawberries there. They are quite pretty plants. But please don't say you would if you would it.

I am going to tea with Mrs Green one day, I don't very much want to but I suppose I must. I do feel a bit relieved & quite pleased with my yesterday's visit there for I really think Mrs Green is quite taking pains over

the house.

I am going to send you cable today etc.

I wonder how long it will take to get to you. I do feel pleased about war

news, things do seem to be going for-

us now I wonder how long it will

last.

I cant help this being a rather letter

the others have been talking a lot

and I cant always absent myself.

Yours very loving

Ruth.

