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My dearest

I wish dreams were more satisfactory. I dreamed this morning after my first wake up, that you came back because you were not well, and you had never told me you weren't. About two little bits of the dream were satisfactory and life like but most of it was silly & tedious. My dreams always do tail of like that. I dreamed I had four children that was very nice. Clara was the eldest & then I had the ^{three} four Brock boys. I do think its lovely to watch ones own baby's intelligence developing. Clara has come on quite appreciably in the last three weeks. Although she cant crawl she can move about on the ground she can turn her self quite easily & quickly. Then if ~~she~~ she is on boards she can push her self backwards with her hands quite quickly Mildred said she showed great intelligence the other day when she was with her. She wanted some thing in front of her and the only thing she found she could do was to push herself away from it. So she ~~she~~ crawled

round & pushed her self back ward towards
it and she kept looking over her
shoulder to me how she was getting on.

I am glad you are an officer and not in the
ranks. Nokes, the cow man heard that his
son was killed yesterday. They had been a
fort night without a letter getting more & more
anxious. Then some one in his company went
to tell them. I suppose they cant help it,
but its rather dread ful that news of that
sort must travel through so slowly.

I have seen about your income tax that I
told you of yesterday and its all right
Its the extra from last year that Lloyd
George put on in a new bill. I've paid it.

I can tell you that Debenham seemed pretty
anxious that I should. He knew it would
take ages to get it if it had to go to
France.

Dont you think its very wonderful that
Ophelia should have become one of the
fignos of romance. Its a great achievement
as Shakespeare just. There is really so
very little about her in the play
she come in in only about three scenes
doesnt she, and there is very little
about her death. I saw Mrs Castles

yesterday who asked me much about Nurse
Munnos. She wants Eleanor to have her.
I wrote yesterday as she asked me to
and told Eleanor what a good nurse she
is.

I am glad that so far your nerves are all
right. You will tell me if you get
very tired or too full ill, about you. I
would rather know. It will be lovely when
you come back dear even only for Elvira
which is so dreadfully short.

No letter today, but I hardly expected
it after your post card yesterday.
There was a letter from Mr Caldwell
today. He says he is near you and
will try to get to see you. Show him
a photograph of Clara he is most awfully
keen on babies.

I went to Mr Rawworthy yesterday to suggest
that your £250 should be put into my
account to get rid of the debt, but
when he looked at his book he
found I was only £9 in debt which
of course is not worth bothering about.
So now comes the question of investing

your £250. I assume that you will certainly want to lend it to the government.

These are what Mr. Ramsey thinks the two best things. 2 year certificates at £100 they can be bought for £89 & I think 5% but he did not put that down. The advantage of that is that you get your money back in two years and you will probably then be able to invest it at a higher interest because capital will be so scarce.

Then there are the 5% Exchequer Bonds those get paid back in 1919 or 1921.

Please don't forget to let me know which you want as we ought not to have the money in the bank.

Do you want the whole £250 invested.

I said I did not think you would want to keep any at the Capital & Counties now because you have to use Coes. If you buy the 2 yr certificates you must also buy an exchequer bond with the £50 because the others are only sold in hundreds.

I hope this is all clear.

Forever and ever your very very loving
Clare has gained 1lb in two weeks she is now 31½ Ruth.