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Dearest

I have been spending a lot of today on the lining to your sleeping sack and now it is all ready and will be sent off tomorrow morning. I am sorry I have delayed as long as this. We didn't put it down in the list & I got into my head stupidly that you had taken the sack with you. I suppose my head was full of anxiety about the new baby.

Any way its done now & I think it looks awfully nice. Violet helped with the cutting out and did the machining & I did the bottom and button holes. I think it will have to go out in two parcels, it must weigh more than seven pound with the lining.

I went up to the Holt yesterday afternoon and met Beagly and arranged about the higher piece of fence being put up and he is also going to me to the rose trees under the loggia.

The higher piece of fence will block that window out beautifully from the loggia

and all along that top piece of garden.

I am more it well worth doing.

After that I went in to see Mrs Irvine. She is very worried about her nose. She is evidently very troublesome and selfish about the baby and wont let Mrs Irvine have any thing to do with it. She is going to leave as soon as Mrs Irvine can get some one else. I am worry for her she looks as though she has been worrying a lot and sound very and looks unwell. I hope she will get a nice nose soon.

The baby looks a lot better but not quite normal get poor little chap, his eyes look rather funny to me. He has a nice expression but I cant think he will ever be good looking.

I do think I am extraordinarily lucky in Violet. I wonder how she will take the news of another baby. I dont think she will like it. I shall have to tell her fairly soon, as soon as I am absolutely sure because I shall have

to stop helping her up the hill with
the foam and I shall have to lift
Clare as little as possible and not at
all the specially careful times. I simply
must not run any risks. By the sum-
mer Clare will be walking and that
will make things easier. I can't think
myself there is any doubt there is going
to be a baby, if any thing goes wrong
now I shall think it's a miscarriage
& not that one was never there. Oh I
hope nothing will go wrong.

It was a lovely Christmas present for you
to give my dear, I hope after coming for
it tenderly for nine months I shall be
able to spare you back a lovely boy.
But a girl is not to be welcome to
either of us is it. I know you would
prefer a boy but you must promise that
a girl shall be unwelcome.

Good night dearest I expect I am sleepy I
went to sleep in the dressing room quite
accidentally before dinner.

I have had a letter from you it came this morning. I was glad. It was a lovely letter too. You said about your leave exactly what I felt only I cannot say things so well as you can. I am very glad my parcels got to you safely. The chocolate cake was the last and may yet arrive. I am going to the town this afternoon with Clare to get what you want such as mason oil. Violet is out this afternoon at which Maude laughs. But I am glad she should go out a lot later on she wont be able to so much.

I am glad the men enjoyed Christmas day so much. They must have got very hungry before the road book came.

I am sorry I cant answer your letter now but Clare is taking some of my attention most of time & I must stop to take her out.

Your very loving
Ruth.