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My darling Dearest

If I had written to you this morning I should have written in the depths of dispassion on the servant question. I have advertised and had no answers.

This afternoon I went to the town to a registry office there and they told me that quite a number of girls were asking about situations after Christmas but they want settle up before Christmas.

Then I went on to see Emily Bennetton and told her I wanted some & she knew of a very nice cook who wants a situation in Godalming she is 25. She is having £30 at her present place so she ought to be fairly good. Emily is going to write to her tonight. The girls name is Mand Mercer, she has often been told about me Emily says and she is more to

have made me out to be the needest person in the world so I think we have a good chance of getting her. Of course she had a drawback she is engaged with the intention of getting married, but even if we only keep her six months it will probably tide us over the worst time for getting servants, and she may stop longer. Its a great relief to my mind to have this hope. I was afraid we might have to go in without any maids. Any way I am determined not to make myself miserable over servants or life wont be worth living.

I have secured a nice looking char woman for one morning a week, she looks as though she will be quick she is young & rather nice looking.

I have also been offered a sweet little tabby kitten a tom. So our household is really getting fixed up.

We must have two more chests of drawers of some sort, one for the night dress & one for

the maids room. I can get the one for the  
maids room down here I think but I should  
like to have a fairly big one for the night  
nursery or day nursery, something like your  
sea chest. I think I shall wait for you to  
come back for that if I can.

I have had a letter from you today from  
Paris saying you are going back on Friday  
or Saturday. I do wish you had not had  
such a lonely time in Paris also I wish  
very much that you had not had such a  
long gap without letters from me. I expect  
its because, partly, the letter with the  
address in was two days late getting  
here. I hope you enjoyed the opera most  
awfully, you do seem to have been being  
very economical. But oh my Darling I do  
want you so very very much. How much  
longer can it be!  
We have heard one piece of very good news

to day. Mary Munday has heard that her husband  
is alive & an unscathed prisoner. I went in  
to congratulate his mother this afternoon. ~~It~~  
It's so nice to have to do that instead of  
having to ~~writes~~<sup>go</sup> to sympathise.

Mr Troop has come to spend the week end and  
has been making animal noises for Class and  
they have been playing at binding up broken  
legs and fingers together. Class is very fond  
of that game just now.

My Montessori things have come but I have  
not had time to open them yet. It's an  
awfully big box, like a little ottoman, I don't  
know where I shall keep it. I think it  
will have to be in the drawing room somewhere.

I wonder if you read Lloyd George's speech that  
was published yesterday. I thought it good but  
how we can ever get everything done I can't  
think and yet it ought to be. I think I  
should suggest as a beginning that no man or woman  
may spend more than £100 a year on cloths, that would  
reduce the standard of dress enormously & be a great  
economy.

This letter seems full of nothing but

practical details, but my mind is so full of the dear house. Violet thinks she could manage with a small chest of drawers at any rate for a bit until we can buy another one which I think we shall really want. But we don't want another best one.

I am going to send you Ka's letter because I think you would just like to read it.

Violet has heard rather bad news of her Father he has had to have his leg set again. I'm afraid she is awfully worried about it.

My dearest One I keep telling you in every letter how I long to have you back. The knowing you may come soon makes me actively want you much more. I feel as though some thing in me were sort of stretching out toward you just long to have my arms round you.

It was nice going to the Halt this morning

and feeling I should so soon be in it. I do feel  
all the same as though I were cruelly turning  
Mary Anne out. She seems to have so many  
difficulties.

She seems to have such a fearful lot of  
possessions. Owen has nearly all the drawers  
in my bedroom full of old clothes as well as  
in the dressing room. They do make life so  
difficult for themselves.

We must weed out firmly when we leave  
this house.

Whatever shall we do with your uniforms, I  
suppose we shall have to keep them.

Dearest I send you all my love

Your very loving

Ruth.

