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My dearest George

Its been a horrid day for weather, cold and wet. This morning we took Clara and Mary Mussen to see the new calf but it ended in disaster for Clara managed to sit down in a pool of mud which meant some washing for Vi. After that I took Aunt Maude to the town with me, a rather slow job. It rained as we were coming back. This afternoon I did some cloth packing for the Holt and took up two boxes of clothes in Benqy's cart and fetched away their hens that Marjorie is going to keep for them. It was horrid it was nearly dark by the time I got home and every thing was wet. Its much nicer moving people in than helping them to get out.

I told you that something would go wrong with my domestic arrangements fortunately its not a very bad hitch. I had a letter

from the house maid this morning to say that one of her family had been very ill & died and that she had nursed them and now was so tired out and run down that the doctor said she must have a rest so she cannot come on the 13th. She wrote a very nice letter and said she was so looking forward to coming and felt sure she would be happy with me that she hoped very much I would get some one temporary and not throw her over altogether so of course I have written to say that I will wait for her. Also I have asked Flossie, Pullen's daughter if she can come and do temporary house parlour work for me and she says she can so that is not so bad is it. I am so pleased that the other one really wants to come. I have not had a letter from you since the

day before yesterday I want one to say
more about when you are coming back
but I dont suppose it will say that when it
does come. It does seem so very very slow.
Your box of books has arrived at the Halt.
I dont know where we shall put all the
new books that we have accumulated since
we left. I think we shall have to get
another book shelf knocked together as soon
as we can.

Dearst I shall be so happy when you come
back. I wish so much that you could come
into the room now, & I dont want to
miss the joy of knowing you are coming
through. I do mean to stay and be very good
at the Halt and to do it all very well. I
dont want to worry over much over Clare
but I do think she wants some ²improvement.
She was very silly and weepy this evening
Father says he thinks it may have
some thing to do with that tremble, honestly

I dont think it likely. She often so silly
and a cry baby. I think perhaps it will
be easier at the Hall when there are fewer
people & to be with her.

I havent much thats interesting to say somehow
and they have begun talking in here so
I had better stop.

Your very very loving
Ruth.

