

Monday Sept 25

My dearest George

Do you think it would be wrong for ~~to~~ ~~to~~ describe to land where you are a little. I should for instance like to know how high the coast is from ~~which~~ you can see the land sloping down toward the enemy; then does it slope at all steeply or very gradually and what does it look like on the other side, green or all torn up as on this? and how far do you look across flat country before you come to hills again. Please don't answer any of these questions if you ought not.

You ~~said~~ said at the end of your last letter that you thought it was dull because you were in an unreflective mood. It was not dull but very interesting. I want to know all the little details of your life. I don't mean to say that I don't like the reflective letters but I like the one of practical detail too very much. I hope you don't find my unreflective letters dull because I think there are a good lot of them.

When I was reading your letter again last night I saw you said you wanted a thick waist coat so I shall try and get something today if we go to London but that still depends on when *Mosula* is coming and we ought to hear that by this ~~evenings~~ ^{mornings} post.

You asked me in what edition I am reading Boswell in. It's one belonging to Father. It's in four volumes covered

with leather and the pages are nice & the print fairly big. There are a lot of notes at the bottoms of the pages but I do not read most of them. I do like reading from an old leather covered book the pages & cream & they get a little parchmenty.

This letter will have to be finished before breakfast today so it won't be a very long one. I did get up a bit extra early as soon as I woke in fact.

I took baby to tea with Mrs Evans yesterday it was very nice and she behaved beautifully. She sat on the floor and played about with her shoes and socks which she pulls off rather often. She does not look upon them as at all an essential part of her dress. She has only lately begun wearing them, its getting a bit too cold for bare feet.

She really did look nice her clothes were so white & dainty she's a sweet new petticoat that Violet made her. I know its not any use telling you what it is like because you wouldnt understand or appreciate it if you did. I would rather have you with me dear when I am unhappy than any one else and when I am happy, I'd rather have you when I want adventures & a good time, I'd rather have you almost always than any body else, but not when I want to talk babies. By talking babies I dont mean talking about Clara. I like to talk about her to you, but I mean babies in general & of course Clara in particular & thro'

clothes and all the rest. I do like talking babies with another mother very much.

Woruld has not written so we shall go to London but try to come back in good time.

There is rather a fuss going on here. You remember the Pilehros who live next to us at the Holt. Well she had a Belgian living with them and she was out so late one day, that they became anxious & telephoned to the police. Then she came back & the police telephoned later to say she was not requested & they must come immediately, that was late in the evening. When they went the police were very rude and since then they have been brought before the magistrates & fined five pounds. Every one is very angry at the way they have been treated. It was chiefly not their fault that she was not requested & she is the wife of an eminent Belgian. Then the Pilehros have done a great lot in Godalming to help people & have been most charitable & kind and it seems a poor way rewarding them. So Father & the Radcliffs are going to get up a memorial to send to the Pilehros say we are sorry they have been treated so, but the point of course is that Father will see that it gets into the local press & that will be a slap for the police & magistrates.

I cant stop for more

Your very very loving

Ruth.