

Sept 27

George my dearest

This is a funny life here I don't know how long I could stand it, but I do wish they could have some one here to help them & look after them a bit. I think its not very possible because frankly I think your Mother would slightly bully anyone who was bullyable. She would never even toy it on with me because in the first place I belong to the family and am in no way her inferior and in the second place I am not bullyable. The maid who is here now is going to leave & I don't see that there is much chance of her getting any one

who will stay. There is nothing  
to make the place attractive. The  
work is not light, the wages are  
not high, their part of the house  
is not at all attractive or pretty  
and I don't see what they should  
stay for. They are for one thing  
expected to do all the cleaning  
I'm pretty sure your Mother never  
does it. I did most of this weeks  
for her this morning. One  
pair of socks & three pairs of  
stockings. They were in such a  
bad state that they took me  
nearly two hours and I wasn't  
attempting to do well, I was  
only filling up holes as hard as  
I could go. Well that's enough  
of reports but I do think



its pretty hopeless I know I  
wouldn't stay if were a maid.  
I do wish though that some one  
could be here to help your  
Mother she does need it.

I had another letter from you  
this morning, it was written  
on Wednesday so it came very

quickly. I'm glad your are  
enjoying a French town again.

I do wish I could be with you  
very very much. I should love

to go abroad with you, specially  
to France. We will often after

the war. We shall be very much  
at one with the French after

having fought this great War  
side by side. I'm <sup>most</sup> "having

a history in common for five hundred years will make a very great difference. This attack by the Americans and French seems very good but we shall know more about it in the evening paper I have had no time except to glance at the paper at breakfast time as yet.

Your Father is back again & brings with him an atmosphere of brightness and fun as usual. He says he has bought a large cake packed with currants and raisins that will arrive soon.

I went this morning to ask a certain lady if she would help with church decorations. I found her Russian husband just sending the two children out for a walk



he was nearly distracted and said  
he wife was very ill with  
diphtheria. I wanted to help him  
awfully but I did not see how  
I could do anything then, he did  
not know who I was + I knew  
nothing of him and his circum-  
stances. I told your Mother +  
she went round + is going to  
stay, she wants to have the  
children. here but I dont quite  
see how they can. I learned  
more is what I think they  
want. Your Mother is going to  
get on to the doctor + find  
out why they havent got one.  
If its money I shall stay + help  
Its all I possibly can do as I'm  
going tomorrow. The poor Russian

has I believe lost most of his  
money in the Revolution.

I shall get to Avie about 12-0  
tomorrow. I shall have a day &  
a half there which will be  
well worth having then I shall  
be very glad to go back to  
little Clara & Beony.

I don't think I shall have  
much more time for writing  
today, your Mother is  
interviewing a possible lady  
help sort of person who  
certainly isn't a lady. Then  
I'm going out with her to  
some wonderful toy-shop  
I shall be riding Elsie Wilson  
Holmes bicycle which is miles  
to small for my but see



shunt go far or fast. Of course  
if one were here for long one  
would do all these things, but  
it's only a week & I do any  
thing that's suggested or  
wanted.

Your Father has been staying  
with someone called Cecil, you  
will probably know who he  
is. He has been ill & is  
supposed to be on a light  
diet and he and your Father  
dined last night on mutton  
 chops & tomatoes & apple fritters.

Dearest, this letter is full  
of silly trifles but my  
excuse is that my day is  
spent in a whirl of trifles  
constantly interrupted for  
more of them.

I will write you a nice  
letter about Avi tomorrow

Your very loving

Ruth