

Dec 16

My own Dearest

I have just come back at a quarter to seven to find Bridget still out so here is a good opportunity of writing to you.

I traveled from Godalming with Marjorie Watershouse and did a little shopping with her before coming here to lunch. I bought the servants presents. I found that Violet wanted a pink crepe de chine for a blouse more than anything else so I thought she had better have it.

So I bought her a very nice one. I also bought crepe de chine for Rose & Winson which I know will give the great joy, they are not quite such a good quality as Vi's. Then I went to a bead shop at Oxford Circus to try & get a present for Marby. I knew exactly what I wanted which was a pink jade necklace but the only one that was long enough was not a very good colour so after some thinking I bought one of the shorter

necklaces and some white mother of pearl beads
& I shall thread them up together.

That is all I did in the morning I came here
and had lunch with Bridget and in the
afternoon I went to Heal to see about linoleum
for the nursery. It was rather more than 1/-
a yard cheaper than in Godalming & much
more choice. This is 6/9 a yd. The choice
lies between light grey and rather bright
blue. I am afraid if we have grey that the
room will look rather cold as the walls are
white and I am afraid the blue is a little
too gaudy for the curtains. I couldn't get
brown which I had hoped for. I have
got patterns and I am going to look at
them in the room before ordering.

All the question of chests of drawers & a
child's bed for Clara I have left because they
said that by February they would very
likely have more than furniture in. They had
no children's beds except one at £15 which
is a ridiculous price. After that I saw

a very nice looking sweet shop & went in
and bought some for you and some for
Bob. I got them to give me boxes etc &
I packed them there & took them to a
Post Office to send off and there I found that
the P.O. would not accept any more parcels for
France till the 26th. I left them there stamped
in the little shop & they are going to send
them off on the 26th. You will have them
by the new year & they will taste just as
good then.

After that I went to see Nancy Graves. It was really
rather a disappointing visit, somehow we never
really got going at all. I think it was
partly due to the fact that she was expecting
Robert and he did not turn up, so she
was really wondering when he was coming &
listening for him all the time instead of
thinking about talking to me.

Also I think that she & Robert both pose
rather. They think they are very interesting &
unusual & romantically young. They don't want
to learn how to live life efficiently and well

because they are so taken with 'the babies in the wood' stunt. Any way there is no doubt that Nancy is happy and fond of Robert.

I am finishing this letter in bed.

This is an awfully cold house to stay in, no fire except after dinner & then it was quite a question if we should have one. Its not a bit warm today either. I think I shall wear my fur coat tomorrow. I should have today only it looks so swanky I think.

My dearest dear I do love you so fearfully much & want you back so much the good day must come some time.

Stephen suggested that you might be able to take a room in Calais & work in it in peace. I would be rather nice if you could. I dont think you would mind waiting nearly so much if you could get on with your writing & reading. I must go to sleep now its rather late.

Your very very loving



My love
My
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Time