

Sunday - February 12th 1939 -

Dear Susan & Geoff. Thank you for your letters. I am sorry poor Cristie had to go. The winter is hard on old horses & people too where they have no one to care for them. There have been so many deaths of old people lately - many over 80 & 90 years old. Mr. Dixon keeps wonderfully well but he has a good housekeeper to look after him - Mr. Naigh's mother too is still active.

The material came yesterday & they enclosed 12 stamps ($1\frac{1}{2}$) = $1\frac{1}{6}$ - A gentleman came to see how many I could take in if need arose - I said I could not manage children, so all to have older people, & shall not have to cook up for them - anyway we hope the need will not arise & I do think Hitler will be very reluctant to have war - he has built many very fine buildings & roads & will not want to have them bombed - also I am sure they need money very badly. Their bread is poor & they badly need butter & fat.

We have had a great change of weather -
still showery, but very mild. The bulbs
are all springing up out of doors. They
are more advanced than any one indoors
got! The cyclamen is still flowering -
Barbara & Harold gave it one before
Anna & then it was in full flower.
Barbara & family & Aunties were here
to dinner on Thursday & also to day -
Auntie E. is better but oh yes really
recovered yet. Tho' she goes about as usual.
I forget if I told you that Jack has dia-
betes. The Dr. dieted him severely &
he has responded in a very satisfactory
way so that the Dr. says he will soon
be allowed a less rigid diet - & that it
is curable if taken in time. We were
very surprised to hear of Elsie's sudden
visit to her father & Edie & very sorry
that Edie has had the break down -
it must be hard for them all, & so
difficult to know the best arrangement
to make for them all. Life is like that, - oh
equal number of hooks & eyes - too many

hooked & no eyes to correspond or vice versa -
In England we have too many old people & not
enough young folk to look after them & they
so many young are in offices, living their
own lives - like self made men, not much credit
to their creators. Auntie & I were in L'pool
on Thursday, I bought 2 new dresses - the
first since before I went to Canada - one cost
19/6 & the other only 5/- I have to alter them
& they may be able to send patterns. it is such
a help to be street size. Saw a long way from it &
it means a good deal of alteration - for which
they charge a good deal at the shops.

How does Amy like the new work & was she
successful at dressmaking finding it
really useful? Tom is very advanced to
be standing already, it looks as if he will
walk before he is a year old. I have been read-
-ing 'Eliza for Common' by U. Douglas & like
it so much. I am now reading 'The Citadel'
by A. J. Cronin & find it also interesting.
We are planning to see the Superintendent
Doctor on Wed. We shall have to leave

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Sunday. Nov: 20th 1958 -

Dear Susan & Geoff. Thank you for your
welcome letters wh: we all enjoy. It is
a great relief to me to know you have
someone you like to help during the bad
weather. It must be also a great conve-
-nience to have the bureau - Susan. I do
know what a convenience it is to
have a safe & easily got at place for
papers & writing - you will need a lock
up drawer now there are 3 little chicks
with inquiring minds - & predatory fingers.
My bureau is in constant use - I am
writing at it now. The wool you don-
-tion has not yet arrived, but it may
come any day; perhaps you will let
me know the address so that I can
write if necessary. There was some
wool advertised in L'pool at 1/11 per
lb - we saw it in the window, but there
were such crowds of really poor folks

wanting to snatch it up I did not think
I ought to try for it. It is still wild here
& today is foggy. it is hard to imagine
the cold you are having. Aunties went
to meeting with Pollic Conway this morn^g
& it rained heavily after they were there
so Harold took his car & went to the
meeting house & brought them home -
they thought the damp & waiting about
would be bad for Auntie Mary's rheuma-
tism. I went to the Presbyterian Church
& afterward to Dad's to dinner.
Harold was busy fixing some electric
lamps & Geoffrey went in & asked -
"How are you getting on, Daddy?" it
sounded quite grown up! It is still
raining. Everyone is sorry for the treat-
ment of the Jews. The Germans must
be very badly off to have to confiscate their

money & Property. They (German rulers) don't show much sense, or they would not set the world against them when they are wanting their Colonies back again. I am sure the German people are not like that. It is just the Junker spirit in the leaders. I am glad that Harold & Sadie are looking better. I wonder why Allet Marsh moved - he was even there a long way from amenities. Little Tom must be a darling. I hope Vaneh will like her new mode of living - she will enjoy having Amy's company. I like Dr Dalton very much he preaches such interesting sermons & is always helping some one & they say his wife is just the same. Are you continuing to have Church at Poplar from this winter? We get nice rating apples now Jonathans 2 lbs for 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ - oranges are getting dearer, 5 for 6^d. Large ones. Bananas 1^d each. Auntie & I were in L'pool on Thursday, we had a big lish of things to get & were

very weary before we came home. Tho' we
were home before four o'clock, we started
at 9 o'clock. The new trains don't seem
faster, but it is pleasanter to go all the
way without the former wait & change
at the Park. The doors open automati-
cally at the stations & shut before
the train starts. Tho' they can be opened
by pressing a button. I expect to send
a parcel next week. With dear love
hoping all are well

Your ever loving Mother

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