

3 Centurion Drive

Dreols. Jan: 6<sup>th</sup> 1939.

Dear Susan & Geoff. Thank you for welcome letters. I am glad the parcel arrived safely. I did not think you would get it so soon as I allowed for custom delay. I thought you would get the letter some days before the parcel. Yes, I am sure it was better for the parcel to be opened before I was, it would occupy the children, & they would enjoy having their gifts more spread out. I put in the crab & tongue to make weight up & thought they would make a little change. Norman & Jeanne & B. went back to Aekworth on Sunday Norman riding his cycle park way (about 50 miles) & then the car overtook him - he said he had a sore throat, but he had been cycling in the heavy rain the previous day & was also caught in it before overtaken so it is little wonder. Their house was nice & warm as Jeanne's maid had been in & lighted the Beeston

Stove in the kitchen while has radiators  
in the hall, sitting room & bedroom.  
We had a heavy snow storm - the first this  
winter - on Wed<sup>dy</sup> it began about 2 a.m. &  
snowed heavily the whole day so that we  
could not go to Chester as arranged - it  
is the first time weather has presented  
me. we went one day in a thick fog - I was  
very disappointed. Norman went to see  
Brian on Sat<sup>dy</sup> & was very pleased  
with his progress. the snow was about  
6 inches or more deep & is still lying - now  
frozen & very slippery. Dad has had  
Geoffrey out in it each day, in the pram.  
it was hard to push the first day but  
is easier now. He asked 'why does it  
rain snow?' when he first saw it. They  
are now scattering sand on the roads &  
paths wh: makes it much safer. The  
thermometer in the hall registers 34 degrees, so  
the house cannot be called a hot house !!  
but I have a nice big fire & this room is  
not cold. Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Well here's a thorough  
thaw, & the walls are all damp & the fire-

future & mirrors. matches with light. it be-  
gan on Friday. & the byroads were very  
slushy - Auntie C. & I went to Chester yester-  
day aft<sup>n</sup>. Brian was pleased to see us &  
I gave him the watch I got for him before  
Imas - a wrist one - he liked it & I think  
it will be an interest to know the time  
as there is no clock in the ward. We went  
by train to Hamilton Square & there walked thro'  
Budge St. (just opposite) & took the bus from  
Woodside to Chester wh: passes the Hospital  
so we had practically no walking. Capt<sup>n</sup> Cox  
goes by that bus where he goes. Auntie Mary  
helped me do up your parcel & Harold took  
it in the car to the post. Yes! I did have  
a fall, but was well wrapped up & was  
not hurt at all. a man passing kindly  
jumped off his cycle to help me, but I was up  
at once & did not need his kind services.

We are all glad to have warmer weather, a  
South wind & rain threatening instead of  
snow. it is blowing pretty hard. Some friends  
- the Fishers - are coming to see Auntie's bus

afternoon & taking their sons in their car  
for a drive & afterwards they will have  
tea at Aunties & stay the evening before  
driving home to West Kirby where they have  
a house wh: they use in holiday time but they  
then go back to Bishop Auckland where  
one is headmistress of a large girls' school -  
Jack & family are expected tomorrow un-  
til Wednesday - they come often there wh:  
they lived near Birmingham as it is con-  
siderably nearer. Harold cleaned the car this  
morn: & Jeffrey helped him - he got in the way  
a good deal & several times narrowly escaped  
a shower bath with the hose pipe. We were in  
L'port on Tuesday. Aunties are having a new  
couch & chair for dining room. The old ones are  
not comfortable & need recovering & as they are  
so large would take a great deal of material so that  
it will not cost so very much more to have new  
ones. The new have horizontal parallel springs  
from side to side wh: can easily be replaced &  
all the cushions left out - they too are sprung -  
the couch arms let down & would make a bed -  
I hope you are not having very severe weather & are  
all well - with dear love from

Your ever loving Mother.

*Via Southampton*

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