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My dear Husband,

Your letter this morning was a great surprise to us all, for we never thought you would let your leave so soon. It could not be at a better time for you will be at home during the children's holidays, and they can always be with you. I have written to Althea today, and I have written to Lou, enclosing your letter and asking him to send it on to Althea. I have also sent a card to Frank. I have written a card to you at Cambridge, in case you should not get off so soon as you think, but I shall address this to Aden. So think me soon you will be with us soon. Be

shall all do our best to meet it  
a real good time for you. Every-  
thing now begins and ends  
with this - "Dear Papa comes  
home." I cannot write a long  
letter today, for I have a little  
neuridja, in consequence of  
a sharp frost which has set in  
suddenly. I hope it won't be  
so cold as this when you  
come home. You will get  
a welcome and no mistake  
Wool is better of his cough,  
and the rest are well, I think  
it will be better for you to stay  
the night in London, with  
Frank, and have a good long  
talk with him and then  
come on here by the train

which gets in at half past six  
in the afternoon, he will  
have dinner then. Get some  
ostrich feathers for the children  
will you, at Port Said. They will  
be wonderful for their hats.  
I don't even get quite build  
upon your getting home so  
soon, but I hope you will.  
All your own here well as  
usual. He had our brushing  
reading yesterday, fifteen  
of us, and very pleasant it  
was. The next Shakespeare is  
to be at Mrs Joseph's on the  
26<sup>th</sup> King Lear. I have a  
tidy sum of money in the  
Bank and there will be some  
dividend in January, so he

shall be all right. "Hany  
expense"! Let me be happy for  
five weeks.

Love from me. Ever yours E.

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