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My dearest Pippa

Donnez-moi votre  
patte. The production of "The  
Fair Arabian" is the most exci-  
ting thing I have ever heard. I  
do wish I could have seen it.  
How did they do the tent, and  
was there a desert scene in the  
background when the purdah was  
lifted? I expect I shall see  
it when I go home as it is  
sure to have an enormous run  
when acted by Bourschier and  
Violet and I shall expect you  
to give me a box and drive me  
there in the brougham which you  
will no doubt have set up by

them on the proceeds. Mind  
you tell me of further develop-  
ments. There are pictures of  
'Press Cuttings' in the illustrated  
papers this week and I have  
read the book of the words which  
you sent me with much amuse-  
ment - Really that Censor!

I am joggling along as usual  
and am looking forward to (1)  
arrival of Maggie in November  
(2) departure with her on 18  
months leave in March or April.  
My leave is not absolutely pucea  
yet but I have scrowed a sort  
of half promise out of Ding  
which is more than I expected.

George Huddleston makes a very  
much more genial Agent to work  
with than W.A.D. who is really  
rather trying at times. I am  
sorry to say that George is not  
at all well; he had a very  
slight attack of his old disease  
a few weeks ago and has been  
very much pulled down since. He  
is at present making a tour of  
the line chiefly for the sake of  
having a rest I think.

Ben Severn is in the hospital  
with fever which the doctors have  
at last made up their minds to  
be enteric, after it is practically  
finished, as he has been normal  
or thereabouts for some days and  
is nearly all right again we hope.  
It has been a mild attack but  
he will very likely have to go home

to recuperate.

Oliver is always very cheefferal when I see him. It is very difficult to tell what his real state of mind is but I think he has got over the worst of it. I see Miss Bompas occasionally - she is very friendly, loves India especially the sun and says she is changing all her most cherished views of life and becoming a complete reactionary - This is probably the result of living surrounded by a guard of armed police.

Fare thee well my dearest dear

Ever your loving

Ralph



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