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My dear Husband,

I am glad to tell you that my cold is about well, though I do not feel quite in my usual health yet, but that may be the consequence of the weather, which has been unusually hot for the last week. Ernest left us on Tuesday. He is really a very pleasant & agreeable lad. He was so good to the children, going about with them and practising them in tennis. It was his birthday last week. I gave him that Japanese scarf pin and a pair of sleeve studs to correspond. I think he enjoyed his visit. The Josephs, Coland Beers and Mr Darrow were very kind to him, and he was constantly going about for amusements, so that he could not feel dull. I had been I hoped he would soon come again. The children have had plenty of going about these holidays. They

all went with Mrs Beards yesterday
to Leabury, thence by carriage to
the end of the hills, and walked
down along the ridge to the Wind
Point, where they had tea, and
got home about nine. They left at
eight in the morning, so it was
a good long day, but they did
not seem at all tired. See Joseph,
are coming to tea tomorrow and
they so there next week. I expect Mr
Broadhead will come some
time this month. I don't think
I told you in my last letter that
Mamma got downstairs last
week, one day when all the children
were out, and went round the
garden in a Bath chair. I don't
think she was very well for I and
I was very glad she was able to
make the effort once more. It was
a lovely day, quiet and calm and
dunny. We have had the most lovely
weather now for three weeks. What a

bleeping it is for the country. Did I
tell you I wrote to Mrs Knard, and
had a letter from one of the Miss
Knards, saying that their father
and mother had returned to Callake
had at once, on hearing of the death
of Mr Carr. I shall manage very
well with the £20, for Aunt Susan
has to pay me for the things which
Mrs Dolly has got for her and then
I have five cooperative pounds.
We shall still be able as usual, this
year, to invest all the dividends, but
I expect it will be for the last time,
as next year Eilian will be going
abroad to school, and from that
time until Noel is settled, our
expenses for the children will in-
crease. There is Noel, Harbors
man, next year. I shall if possible
go with him. I have not been out
anywhere for an excursion, since
the middle of July last year, when I

was eight days with Aunt Susan
at the Lakes, so my travelling ex-
penses don't come to much. And
our clothing, for all of us, myself
and the children I mean, this
year, will be under twelve pounds.

It everyone says, the girls look ladylike
and in good style. I suppose it is the
plainness which makes the style.

I have just bought an interesting
book, the "Thoughts" of Marcus Aurelius.
Do you know it. It is a regular book
of devotion, in its way. Mr West
has just sent me a delightful little
book of poems by Macdonald. Do

you know people come to our house
not on purpose to see the pretty
things, we are getting quite a reputation
for Indian curiosities. But as my
life is entirely lived at home, I
like it to be as pleasant as it can be.

Will you tell me the name of that
Madonna, and I will sit one lit. It
before you come home. Mamma will
be very pleased to have a letter from you
ever your loving Ep.