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My dear Husband

You will be pleased to see
 these two letters from Macmillan. I take
 care of the second one, containing the terms
 for the book and send me it back. I wrote
 the little story the last hot weather I was in
 Allahabad, but I did not send it to Mr
 Macmillan until a month ago,
 having in the meantime entirely re-
 written it, as I found I could improve
 it. The idea of it came to me in a dream
 one night during that hot weather. I
 hope the children will have as much
 amusement in reading it, as I have
 had here in writing it. Mr Macmillan's
 letters are very pleasant though I do
 not consider him a liberal publisher.
 Still one likes to have one's stories brought
 under such a first class name, and
 £35 is not bad for a fortnight's work. I
 shall not receive the money until
 next Christmas, when the book comes
 out, but it will come in very usefully
 then. I feel a great deal more delighted about
 this children's story than about my
 novels. Any sort of a novel can it pub-
 lished, but Macmillan is very particular
 about his children's stories.

I enclose a list of books out of the steady which
you might bring home. I mentioned the
tiger skin and rug, thinking you would
be in Allahabad such a short time after
returning to it, that it would be scarcely
worth while keeping many things there to
be taken care of, but perhaps it will be
better to leave the tiger skin, only be
sure that the bearer looks after it properly.
I am afraid, from Mr. Robinson's ac-
count of the chairs, that bearer does
not do his duty very efficiently. I wish
after all you would bring the old rug
(Indian) It is so distinctively oriental,
more so than the rugs that are made
at Mirzapore, that it would be very
valuable in the dining room here,
and for a few shillings you could buy
an English one here which would
brighten the drawing room at the Par-
sonage. So please bring it, but do not
on any account buy a new one. We
can wait for that until afterwards. You
can bring the old rug very well as part
of your cabin furniture, and then there
will be no trouble at the custom house.
What a famous lot of purchases you
are making and what a delight it
will be to open them all out. I am par-
ticularly looking forward to that Cash-

mere box and the Meerabad were.
also the Japanese plate. There is a first
rate shop in Meilvern where you can get
rigged out as regards properly cut gar-
ments for the members of your profession
and then you see, you will be able to have
the benefit of my judgment, too!!
I had your letter early this week. It is a
great comfort to me to know that you are
so happy and contented about the chil-
dren. I do believe they are getting on very
well, both as to their minds and bodies.
I must say it will be a great relief to me
when Miss Lytes leaves. I never was so
oppressed by common place in my life
before. She will only be here about a month
longer now. It is a great disappointment
to me that Mrs. Knoss is not coming to
Meilvern. I still think she would have
found it quite as desirable as Jersey.
What a very pleasant arrangement it
would be if you and Mr. Knoss could
be together after your return. I suppose
he would take up his abode at the Par-
sonage. You have been very fortunate
so far, in having good and helpful
people to join you. I am sorry Mr.
Mickel has been sent away again.
It must be tiresome for himself too,
and what a loss to the choir.

It must be very refreshing to you to have
Mr Robinson back again. His clear
headed way of looking at things is such a
contrast to the going on of some other
people. How chance that you do not hear
from the Petersons. I think of inscribing
my new children's story to my little bride's
maid, Minnie Peterson. It will be a
pleasant remembrance of their kindness
to us both then. How much I should en-
joy a long talk with them again. And
that reminds me, I called on Mrs Joseph
yesterday and saw her husband, Canon
Joseph, who is an invalid. We had a nice
long talk together, and I think you will
very much enjoy meeting his acquaintance
when you come home. He is a very good
churchman, perhaps too much so for me!
But you will not let him the more for that,
and he has more of the Unitarian about
him. I think we both of us enjoyed our
half hour's chat. Their children and ours
have taken very much to each other. He
enquired after you as Waldemar Stapleton
and I was obliged to explain to him that
you had only had a narrow escape of that
dignity. He and all very well and send
love to you, from the eldest to the youngest.
Don't you think you had better come straight
home. Yours ever E. J.

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