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My dear Husband,

I shall begin  
my letter to you today, for I  
came a quiet afternoon up in  
Mamma's bedroom. Mr. C. has  
gone to Malvern, Mabel is spend-  
ing the afternoon with Mrs. Peard,  
and Noel has gone with his school  
to play a match at Colwall, with  
Mr. Black's boys. Just before they  
all started, a photographer came  
to take some views of the garden.  
He took three, and if they turn  
out well, we may have some  
more. I thought they were very  
cheap. 2/6 each, and after copies  
for if Mrs. C. come home  
we must have some more,  
but I wanted to get him in  
as he is not a permanent



institution, and I was afraid  
if I waited even until Dilley's  
return, he might have departed.  
Mr. Dawson is going to have some  
taken too. He comes again on  
Saturday to let us see the proofs.  
See morning papers, bring news  
of Mr. Gladstone's resignation  
and the probable formation of a  
new ministry. I look at it from  
a selfish point of view, for I fear  
if the Conservatives come in,  
they will push us out with keefia,  
and that would mean your  
not getting your leave. Oh, I  
shall be thankful when you  
are safe home, and all that  
Indian life is a thing of the past.  
Your account of that poor  
chaplain is a sad one (Singapore).  
It is always such a relief to me when  
I see your writing each week, and  
know that all is well with you. Do

take care of yourself. Ought you to  
be in that room on the ground floor  
now. I thought it was not healthy  
during the rains. I hope you will  
not, for the sake of a few rupees,  
risk yourself. Do be comfortable,  
and "keep the expenses". It is  
getting near pecking up time  
with you now. Please bring home  
all the linen you have, and  
any forks and spoons, as they  
will all be useful. By linen  
I mean bed and table linen.  
Mrs. Arros, a friend of M. C.'s,  
called the other day, to ask if you  
could not, or enquire about  
some bells for hawking. It  
seems this pastime is coming  
up again, and Mrs. Arros is  
very interested. Mr. Viley, a  
friend of Major Keates, was  
in for A with much eagerness.



We have heard that superior bells  
can be obtained in the North  
West Provinces. I have enclosed  
a note about it for Mr Mielod  
as he may be able to hear of some.  
Will you post it to him.  
Please do not forget to send me  
that letter of Alethea's which she  
wrote to Silian, as without it I  
cannot at all understand  
Silian's to me. I told both Alethea  
and Silian that the regular lessons  
with Miss Sallou must not be  
interrupted, but I never told her  
what she seems to have gathered  
from the letter, and so I should  
like to see the letter which Silian  
sent on to you. I sent on the  
papers as you wished. Please don't  
forget about Noel's birth certificate.  
We had a very good report again  
from Mr Douglas this week.  
I have been busy dispoaching for Silian  
and Mabel, for I expect Silian will want  
refitting when she comes home. I shall  
be very glad to have her back again  
Yours lovingly  
E. P.

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