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My Own Darling Wife

I have just had a visit from whom do you think -- why Nurse, who arrived after such of her [duds?] as one left behind. She sends ever so many kind wishes to you and the little one and promises to come and see you in September as soon as you get home. After all her hurry in leaving us, the Bethlehem baby - a boy - didnt make its appearance for five weeks from that date, so that you might easily have had the advantage of an extra ten days. She inquired particularly about your breasts and when I told her your experience said that she would on no account advise your trying to nurse Tots, as it would be merely useless martyrdom.

I came up early today to get a little rest before going into the final struggle tomorrow. I have sold for Hughes-Hallett all the securities and have the satisfaction of knowing that they fetched far better prices than they would have done had I sold in July when he first wrote. He owes me by the way \$125 on Sept 1 which I trust he is going to pay up.

I had my hair "driven in" today and indulged in a shampoo of first class

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character. The "artist" who put me through succeeded in erecting a mass of soap suds on my head that was something stunning. I went to P. & C. today and picked up a few books for us to read. Nell showed me a satire on Dr Schliemann just published in the same form as the imitation Egyptian Papyrus we bought for Uncle Ned in June. There is also a new "Caricature History of Napoleon" which looked interesting and which I shall try to get from the Library in September.

I cannot help feeling a great deal of worry about Cockcroft and his financial arrangements. Tomorrow morning I certainly expect an answer to my last letter if it does not come I shall be hugely disgusted.

The Chas. Harding Estate has panned out "nil". The attornies [sic] in Elkton [underline] Md. [underline] to whom I wrote about the matter reply that after carefully examining all their records, they can find no trace of any such persons. I have had to write this to England and shall of course get no fee lacking of this, I see that the London Gazette publishes this month in a supplement a complete list of the suits in which unclaimed money is now lying

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in the Court of Chancery. The aggregate sum is in excess of Four Hundred Millions of Pounds Sterling. Only think of that.

I have been enjoying soda-water ever so much since I have been at home - you don't know how a glass sometimes helps work along. Springmann does very nicely in furnishing a midday dinner-lunch. He gave me sirloin with tomato sauce today and chicken pot pie yesterday, both first rate.

I hope my dear little love is not getting very tired of the talk and other surroundings where she is. I am so very, very anxious to get to her.

God bless you my Darling Love. In less than forty eight hours I shall be with you and Tots

Your Own Loving  
Larry