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Darling Maudie,

I just received your letter of March 19th and if wishes could waft you here you would be here this moment - Darling, I know how hard it all is, but you just must be brave and carry on like my little soldier - I have the same to do at this end, but know you have all you can carry so do not unburden all the little things to you because after all I am so sure we are just going over the top that they don't worry me as much as they did., and I know you are too unhappy to be burdened more. But I want you to unburden to me as much as you like. Darling you must grit your teeth and be happy if it is only a walk with the little wee doggie. I am so sure - I can't tell you how sure I am that the end of next year will see our troubles far behind us. That doesn't mean that I think we must wait for a year - I think they are dawning now!

I am having the most ~~gush~~ ghastly worries at times - You know what they can be - long white nights when I can't sleep - only twist and turn and worry about where the money is to come from to meet some particular crises - but it always is hurdled - and I must smile and pay the bills and not even Mrs. La Motte ~~knows~~ knows what I go through with. She is a dear but my affairs are not hers and I know just how far I can enjoy telling her my woes and where I must stop - so sometimes I must nearly scream with worry and smile and spend everything I have with out knowing where there is enough for the wages at the end of the week. You must know this if you think about it. But, dearest, I don't really want you to think about it - that I have to is enough. I don't mind anything now for I am so convinced that everything is coming alright - I do not know whether Lester is to be it or not. I know he will be the immediate solution and very soon, but I know so many nice things are going to happen to me and you will have to get used to living at West Wing without me but with enough money to take care of your self and the doggies - How would you like that? Now that's a new angle isn't it? Just think it all over! No, I'm not going to tell you anything more! And don't you get excited and tell Pitter or Mama any surmises - they will probably be quite wrong. Wouldn't you laugh if I was in love? And wouldn't you laugh if he was very rich! Well, guess again! ~~Q~~ And wouldn't you laugh if I'd never let my beloved Maudie down, never until the day I died! And then I wouldn't! All that for five shillings or less!

Etienne telephoned and I went over to dine with him in his wee flat the other evening and we sent you a cable

I did not see him when he arrived from America - he was only here a few days and had to prepare a concerta which he had to play somewhere abroad, and also found that the old ladies whom he rents of were in financial trouble and ~~the~~ rates or rent balliffs were in and his furniture was about to be sold and he was in a dreadful stew - Robin came to the rescue and paid up the situation and took the floor underneath him - I think she has bought the lease, The old ladies have the basement and ground floor, Robin the next, and Etienne the two top floors as before. Robin will be quite self contained, drawing room, bedroom, kitchen, bath and maid's room - She only wants it as a pied a terre - she has taken a house, I believe, in the country - she is down in the country now. I should think that Etienne is not going to marry her somehow. I had thought he probably would, but this arrangement looks to me as if Etienne definitely has made her understand not. He seemed quite fit but is going to take a cure shortly for he has a bit of reumatism in his hands - He is playing with more feeling than before I see a big improvement over a year or so ago and am anxious to hear his next concert. How he loves you - we talked and talked of you and then he said "let's send Maud a cable" - When we got into the telephone room he said quite as if it was Hampstead, "I'd telephone her but the time is so different she'd probably be in bed" Then I laughed and we both laughed at how much that would cost - and then sent the cable and forgot to mark it, "Night letter" - so I don't know what it cost - anyhow he must pay it on his bill - He is sweet He shewed me his last will and testament - in which he had left all his possessions to his dearest of which you are one - He said he has only his bits and pieces of which he is very fond but he would rather they would go to friends than be sold or bundled off to store - I didn't read it over - but I've made out my will leaving all my plays to you and mama jointly with right of survivorship to either. - together with anything I may die possessed of. ~~xxxxxxx~~ I would want you and Mama to have anything I had and either one of you to have it all were there only one of you left. Now occupy your time a little by writing your will ~~you~~ - if you write it out in your own handwriting as you would a letter it does not require a witness or anything - and then you can be sure that the things you love will go where you want them to - The dogs are mine without question.

I have also thought of something ~~else~~ you should do at once - no delay - I shall be bitterly disappointed in you if you don't do this with all the time ~~on~~ your hands that you complain of.

Sit down today - I am sending you a copy book - and begin to write your life story - now don't please yourself by saying "I

and if I had the power to confer happiness - I would give it to you in heaping measure - Let us hope that this next year will bring you all the happiness you can use - It 's a new year and full of great possibilities ! When the New Year's bells ring out think of that, dear, - look forward happily and anticipate every good thing for yourself - it is the only way to attract good things.

Give Pitter my very best wishes for a very prosperous New Year - full of good health and prosperity - I am so sorry she has been so ill , but glad she is taking care of herself. I learned something new about antique china that I bet she doesn't know. Ask her if she ever heard of pottys being made to match the dinner service and why? I bet you don't know either! Robin stumbled onto in in the castle of a dear friend and very old family - I'll tell you if neither of you know - I laughed!

Do you know how many newspapers it takes to make a baby? English of course!" A Sportsman"and"ALady " , a number of "Times" and no"Observer."

That will do for tonight won't it -But I know another one - Don't tell these to Pitter - she would be shocked!

Two lady cats were sitting on the fence one evening - Along came a beautiful black persian boy cat. Said the first lady cat -"Isn't he beautiful though!"Answered the second lady cat - "Very". First Lady Cat -"Oh, he is handsome - I wouldn't mind a night out with him." Said the second lady cat - "I wouldn't if I were you - he talks of nothing but his operation."

Now I think I'll say goodnight and get this in the post - it is ten oclock and the post box is a long way away - I'll have to send this ordinary post - as I haven't any stamps but one.

Goodnight, dearest - and know I love you and will always do all I can in every way for you -

In - Yenna
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