

developed a crop of rash all over. I wish I knew the cause of it, possibly it's a nervous complaint, & perhaps it isn't. She has felt very low the greater part of the day.

I finished off any points in the morning and cleared up a bit, for if I didn't, I should never find anything in my room.

After dinner and a good rest, I went out into the garden for a while till tea time tidying up and preparing for the holiday when someone else I don't know who will be doing the watering and it will have to be made easy.

We had just finished tea and cleared away when C & Gertie came in about 6pm hoping we would go out with the ( ) but we had too much to do and I went upstairs M got on with some N.A. affairs and one way and another we kept going until Ishmael McDonald spoke on behalf of the Youth Hostels Association. From the news this evening it seems that Italy intends to annex Abyssinia but it would be as well to watch Japan at any rate they are getting a spurt on at Woolwich and I imagine there is a lot going on that we don't know of yet. Also, Ames is out of the next test match. I don't wonder at that for he is right out of form lately So are Kent with seven defeats right off the reel. They started off well but have gone all to pieces lately. Yorkshire have quite a big slice of the next test time.

M has just gone down to post the result of our evenings activities and it looks as though we may get some rain. We want it badly and these parts have had a deluge or so lately but Welling seems to have missed it except for light showers and drizzle and that not enough to get through the foliage where thick in the garden.

Have just been listening to the wireless singers, very nice – old folks at home, poetry etc

Monday 22.7.35

Somewhat warmer again today but still well below some of the days we have had lately.

Had my usual visit to Wickham Lane and then went right down Northtown Road in vain endeavour to get some coal money and arrive back soon after 12 only to make another trip to the village to make sure of having the best and largest accumulator available and freshly charged for Hemsby.

The balance of the rent for ( )

Thur 12.9.35

( ) so I must assume she felt a little better for she could not have gone far this morning.

The ( ) must have been damaged in the towing for I found that the upholstery in the back dome had been Stripped and the blind displaced and no workmen to put it right when we got to there soon after 7 so had to bring it away & still have to put that right myself.

Today has been a summers day again, the first day over 70 for about a fortnight but the air has been very heavy and tiring

Didn't the Arsenal get their own back on Grimsby 6-1 and Grimsby beat them only a few days ago 2-1

Amos and Freeman seem to have had better luck & I see Amos took 2 for 8 when bowling the other day Lovett was keeping for Kent and had quite a good bag too

I am wondering whether I am going to Develop the cold my head seems a bit thick today hope not anyway. And that's about all up to now

Best love

Papa

Thurs 3.10.35 Page 3

After coming home, I went out again to the bank etc. Mainly to ensure that M had a supply of ready for her trip to Hemsby. She phoned and intercepted me at the bank. I was to go to see Coombs and found that he was in a muddle over setting out and after discussing things arranged to take my gear and fathom it out this afternoon but it rained & rained & rained so I went upstairs and tried despite many distractions to do some work.

M's coat came home and it looks very nice indeed. She has bought a green felt hat to match and turned out a green scarf of mine, a silk one which happens to be the same colour.

M was full of her proposed trip this afternoon – went out shopping just before tea- in the rain and came in again about 5 with a paper all headlines about the Abyssinia Italy affair. So, I don't suppose I got in more than an hour's solid work after all.

Of course, we eagerly listened at six o'clock and it seems that one or the other are lying most bare facedly. I suppose we shall be able to see daylight in a day.

I am just wondering if Japan will have anything to say to Italy.

I hear today that the British fleet is waiting orders at Portland and leave is granted to sailors only on the understanding that they stay in one place and fill in a form to be handed in to the police to say what they intend to do and where they are to be found immediately. Also, that certain air reserves are under orders to hold themselves ready to join their depot at 24 hours notice. Also, they are taking on men fast in the Arsenal Ammunition factories.

Well now as regards M's visit to Hemsby as fixed up at present she is going by train 12.25 from Liverpool St on Friday. The train journey is preference to coach as it is quicker and if I can find time for a day or two, I should not want to spend time travelling.

I think M is excited about it all but she has gone to the British Legion now and left me to get on with it.

I started this after tea intending to go upstairs after I had finished but it is 8 o'clock now and I don't look like doing much this evening although I must get ready a small modification of (Graves) shop before seeing him at eleven o'clock on Friday. I shall just about be able to see M off before going round there.

Your letter this morning came in good time (we both read it in bed) and whilst I think of it, we appear to have had a revolution in postal arrangements this month for one arrived the other evening about 9P.M. and I see the last collection is 10P.M. instead of 9.30 and 7.45 on Sundays.

Your ride seemed to be dogged by misfortune but I don't suppose you took any harm its not like walking in the rain and then the car was quite use

I shall probably fix up about C's shoes during the weekend. He is grouching about the piano being "off".

I am not at all sure about the (Singer) and the key does not matter a deal but you might send it one of these times.

So, Kathleen giving up her work. It seems a pity that all the money and time spent should be wasted. I suppose she will be married at Bexley Heath.

I hope to get (Graves) contract for building signed tomorrow and then I shall be able to draw 2/3 of my fee. I shall be glad to see some of the results of my labours bring forth fruit before things get too much disturbed by the Eastern Affairs, I noticed that various insurers whose interests, especially shipping, are raising their rates and commodities seem to be stiffening in price. Flour especially seems to be on the upgrade. I don't bank too much on the coercion of Italy especially if the question of white versus Yellow comes to the front as it will do most likely before too many years are past.

What price the labour party and sanctions it seems that all parties are backing the government's attitude over the league of nations.

I wonder if I shall get fed up and clear off for a day or two. I fancy I am getting a bit stale for its been practically 7 days a week for me since you went back. Well, I'll let you know if I go.

Best love

Papa

Rodwell  
Welling  
Once again  
Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 35

My Dear Babs

We have not heard from you & as it is Tuesday we wonder if everything is alright or if you have sent your letter on to Hemsby. Pa cannot be sure if he told you we should come home on Sunday but anyhow we did, left Yarmouth at 5.20 and arr. L. St 9.10 got here about 10.20. not too bad but we chose that train as the later one from Yarmouth did not reach L. St till 10.20.

Pa came down on Friday evening. It was a bit of a mess up. I went to Yarmouth to meet the 6.55 but he arrived by one at 6pm for when he got to L. St to catch the 3.20 he discovered there was a much faster train leaving at 3o/c so naturally he caught it, went to ( ) & got himself some tea & walked up towards the P.O. to meet me from the bus. It was a lovely moonlight night & on the whole the 2 days that Pa spent there were lovely.

We finished off the garden on Saturday & directly after breakfast on Sunday set off for a walk to California. It was a lovely morning, we got back just before 12 when I set about dinner & packing up etc and we eventually left the bungalow at 4.20. (A ) to Yarmouth, feeling very sorry for ourselves that we were obliged to come away while the weather was so nice. We sat & had our dinner with the doors open on Sunday. The sun was beautiful although of course the place soon got cooled down after the sun went and was pretty cold some evenings. It cost 8/- for 8 lights for 10 days so you may guess from that. Well, here we are again at home and Pa seems to be working against time almost. Yesterday he had to go up to town for some prints which he expected by 1<sup>st</sup> post yesterday morning so that he could get on with them last evening. They have to go to the Council today.

When Pa next sees Coombs I have asked him to tell him if he is not making the (screen) to let me know and we will get one done elsewhere. He had been messing about now for 3 months or more.

Do you know anything further about ½ term and the wedding. Is it likely to come together. If it does it will make a nice long spell. I should think the brown dress will suit you better than the rust, although the little suit we bought at Yarmouth always looked nice I thought. Well, I don't think there is much more now. Pa will probably write this evening and no doubt we shall hear from you during the day.

Much love and a kiss

Mama

P.S. I wonder how ( ) has liked her first experience at ('Kings)

Rodwell  
Welling  
Sun Dec 16<sup>th</sup>

My Dear Babs

This will only be a short note but as I have to go out just before 5o/c thought I would post it then. So sorry to hear about the food trouble but hope you did not feel any further effects of it. We hope to hear in the morning what you think of the watch idea for Charlie as we have to send away for it. Also, what about the puppy. G and I had our day in London on Wednesday, the weather was fairly decent and we had a good roam around. I wanted to go to Selfridges to get a new atlas for Pa. It is a fine thing 144 maps and extensive index bound in stout cloth board. I think he will be very pleased with it, as he has once or twice said when looking at the advert how much he would like one. 10/6 it was. I gave Gertie 10/- to buy something for herself when in London and she bought stockings, 2 prs vests (2) knickers (1) and a modesty front, just shows what can be done with 10/-. She was very pleased besides a present for Mrs Cummingham.

Well on Friday I went to the Odeon manager and asked for permission to have ladies with boxes in the entrance, after some persuasion he agreed, but could only give me yesterday and today (evening) very short notice in which to get boxes, helpers etc, anyhow we managed it and last evening the result was £2-1-6. Pa made some labels to cover the boxes (Rose Day) and also 2 cards to hand around this week. They are what I have to go out for at 5 o/c to take them to the two ladies who are doing first turn tonight (have just put the light on) you see they came for the boxes yesterday evening but the cards were then in ( ) and I arranged to meet them when they started this evening, there are two doing from 5 to 6.30 and 2 6.30 to 8. The manager says that by that time most of the people are in for the evening on Sunday. Of course, it is for the Hamper Fund and it looks as if all told Welling will produce something like £60 so it will be worth doing

but "some work" So now as it is 4.10 and I have to change I will pack up. The first 2 will be bringing in their cash at 6.30 so not a lot of time.

Much love and kisses

Mama