

Popple Wlectaway  
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Thursday.

Darling, What nice paper - just for that  
I'll write you a nice long letter -  
well, anyway, a long one - not for  
me to say it's a nice one - it  
honey?

Now let's see - I've got a lot to  
talk about - both of your letters  
to reply to - plenty of points to bring  
up & discuss - gotta get organised  
- alright then.

First of all a reassurance - I  
hope recent reports in the papers & on  
the radio haven't made you jumpy -  
you know me sweet, old H.M.  
Impregnable - so that's that.

And now the matter of  
utility furniture. What do I think eh?  
Well this is the way I work it out -

(a) We can get second-hand wardrobes or cupboards, if we care to look around a bit, at fairly reasonable prices.

(b) We can also get armchairs but at most unreasonable prices.

(c) As (a) & (b) are the items that we really need the bulk of the units should go to either of those two. Regarding the wardrobe the room would certainly look tidier with another cupboard but, on the other hand, it will be nice to have a little extra comfort.

(d) A respectable sized wardrobe takes 12 units (which cuts out anything else in our line having the book shelves which would be very handy, leaving one gash unit. (a curb?).

It really is a tricky problem requiring much thought but I've made up my mind. In my opinion we should get

two fireside chairs the shelves  
for books and either a crib  
or an occasional table - I leave  
the last choice to you - maybe  
you think we don't need either.  
I think we should buy from  
the Times Furnishing Co. if the  
Area given to us permits, & that  
we should pay cash.

That leaves us with the  
wardrobe problem on our hands  
& about the only thing we can  
do there is bide our time & try  
to pick up a bargain at  
Swoolays or Hinds. Anything  
ornamental for hanging clothes  
will do - maybe we can get  
one of those triangular affairs.  
Fair enough?

Phew! Big decisions are  
being made every day, aint  
they? Talk about the Second  
Front - what about the Home Front.



And what about this radio.  
As for size, price, etc. Well I'm  
not too well up in these matters -  
something very simple & on the  
line of that one we borrowed  
from Miss Whats-her-name. I  
don't think we should pay more  
than £12 for one & the cheaper  
the better. Don't worry about  
the technical aspect, Sweetheart,  
all sets are alike & it ends  
turns out to be a dud it's just  
one of those things - actually  
that very seldom happens & you  
can always return it for another.  
So you want some tape.

Well I don't know, I thought you  
just walked into the oil  
shop & asked for some -  
providing you pay your money,  
like any self respecting citizen  
would you get it! Ain't that  
so? Don't tell me they want  
coupons for that. The fool should

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look lovely after being polished  
with beeswax but be careful,  
darling, because that's the hard  
way of doing it & I don't  
want those dinky little knees  
of yours sport. It's all very  
well promising your wife that  
after the war she'll have all  
the labour-saving gadgets  
going so's the body beautiful  
will be saved from the despoiling  
effects of housewifery but if  
she starts going hell for leather  
at it during the war the  
skin you love to touch is going  
to suffer. Leave the graft to  
your old man sweetheart mine,  
she's got callouses already.

I haven't looked at the  
Pay-As-You-Earn dope very  
carefully yet & I don't think  
I want to. All these years  
she let them run my

Income Taxual life & if they want all the worry & trouble they can have it. But I'll certainly watch the usual pay people darling, in case they do try to milk me. No pay office is complete without the man who comes in every day to demand justice from the hands of people who consider it a personal affront if their pay sheets are correct - well, I'm that man as far as this pay office is concerned - they still owe me plenty though. I've had a letter from Alex. He's given me his phone number to ring & arrange for a meeting. I'm afraid it'll be a few days before that can happen as busy days are here again but I'll do it as soon as poss. In case it's any use



to you, honey, <sup>2</sup> his number is  
C — 203811 & he can be  
found these most days "about  
1:20 p.m. or 7 — 7:15 p.m." He  
tells me he's pretty certain to get  
72 hrs on Friday & Sat. I'm  
still working on the weekend  
idea sweet, but it's not so much  
"working" as watching & waiting  
for the opportunities — when they come  
I'll grab 'em with two hands  
& with a speed that'll leave  
all concerned gasping — the way  
I feel I'll be making the  
desired opportunities if they don't  
come soon.

Very interesting to read about  
Peggy's book — pretty good write-up  
wasn't it! I'd be very intrigued  
to see what she wrote about  
"H1 —" It must be very  
handy to have the power of description

that Peggy evidently has + knowing  
such a person personally makes  
me wish all the more that I too  
could write books + articles. I  
keep saying this I know, but  
one of these days I really will  
write something - heaven knows  
I've enough material - the trouble  
is so many people have the  
same idea.

Your parcels with the baccy  
+ washing have arrived honey  
& many, many thanks for same.  
You're a sweet darling! The baccy  
arrived just in time to prevent  
my pipe getting cold - good  
timing.

Leg.

(Doesn't sound right, does it?)

Love, Leg.

(but still)

I love you

Leg.

(Better?).



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