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The Flat.
Sunday. 12th
Oct.

Go darling,

You do say the sweetest things, and there's no doubt that the latest epistle made my heart thump alarmingly. And if that's how I react to paper and pen, then whoopee! for the day when you suit those words to actions. Hum!

After all that, anything I may say is bound to come as an anti-climax - so I'd best try my hand at something extra lovey-dovey one evening in the near future, when I am feeling love-sane. As passionate as you? Yes I'm sure I am. Sometimes I surprise even myself.

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So you used the film to take
some studies of the local beauty-spots
eh? I'm looking forward to seeing
the pictures, both from the interest of
seeing these sights you describe, and
also to see how my hubby's artistry
is developing. You really sound as
though you are making a study of
photography & I know that it is
supposed to ^{be} an absorbing and fascinating
subject & hobby. You bet I shall
join in and compete with you
when we get together again & acquire
our own camera!

Well yesterday I took my trip
into Kewishan. Gee it brought
back memories to tour around the
shops that we used to visit, and

to see the awful blitzing that the market place has had. There were swarms of people about it was a lovely warm sunny afternoon.

I made straight for the electric light place & tried to find out what points they were using in 12 Blessington. Unfortunately they could not tell me, but said that whatever points were there at the time of the blitz would be re-wired. So we can only hope that there were points in our rooms. I should imagine there were cos. I'm sure Mrs. Thompson ran a wireless set at least.

If we should require any new points installed after we move in

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I am told that we have to go
on a waiting-list as there is so
much work in the district. So--
I am keeping my fingers crossed.
I plan to buy a small electric fire
I think, honey, as I'm not sure
what the coal situation will be like
this winter. And in any case it
will be useful to have in when we
come home cold from the office and
are waiting for the coal fire to burn
up. Any suggestions, darling, you
know more about electrical stuff
than I?

They had lots of standard-
and table-lamps on show & I
had a look at a few. Gee they
are a frightful price!!

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Same cos I'm rather fond of indirect lighting - I think it can give a lovely atmosphere to a room. Still there's loads of time to buy that kind of luxury, and the purchase tax may be cut with the next budget. *Mons esperans!*

From there I found my way to the Gas Co. They had some smashing white enamel stoves on show, but I was informed that these are not let out on hire, but are for direct purchase at £22. I know for a fact that, when the war was just beginning, they were producing a stove - all enamel with a lid which shut down & enclosed all the top grid - so that it looked like a frig does.

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Very nice too, and maybe when we get our dream home we shall have funds enough to run to one of 'em.

However I ordered a three ring stove with a regulo control so that I can set the oven to whatever number it says in the cookery books & then leave the stuff to cook itself. Sounds easy eh? And I also stated a preference for a quarterly bill rather than the shot-meter idea. I think it is easier that way don't you, Sweet, and I believe works out cheap. What an economically-minded wife you've got - I hope I don't sound too mercenary.

¹ One snag. They are installing
so many stoves in the district that
they can't promise it before six
weeks. So there may be delay
in making in, though, in view
of the fact that there are other stoves
being put in in the house they
may do 'em all together at an
earlier date than six weeks. We
shall see.

The main business of the day
done I tripped around looking at
furniture & enquiring re delivery.
Nobody could promise before 2-3
or even 3-4 months! So I
think I shall order it from Naples
who said 5-6 weeks when I phoned
'em last week.

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I hope you approve the choice of the medium oak, darkish, it seems the most attractive for a dining room. I can picture the reflection of a coal fire on it & think it will be lovely.

In Cheeseman's I asked for under-feltie & was told that a 9' x 9' would cost me £2.19.6 - I saw the felt & it is very thick & strong - much better quality than the stuff under our red carpet. They said they could do a cheaper one for £1.19.6 - but there was absolutely no comparison. However I did not order it as I thought I'd consult the maestro first.

^a Actually though sweet unless you've
any better suggestion I think we'd be
wise to order this as vinyl floor-
covering is so scarce that I am
amused he did not ask for a
priority docket. As soon as you
reply on this point - if you agree of
course I will buzz along and
make the order.

See, did I feel weary by the
time I arrived back in Wellis.
My feet ached, I felt parched and
I had a pain in my arm. I
would willingly have spent a quiet
evening at home by the radio, but
Vera had called on us while I
was away, and as she had both
babes & it was getting dark, I could

hardly refuse to accompany her home. There we had some fish & chips which I bought in Welling & sat and jangled for a couple of hours.

Tuning is still out of a job, but they are not worrying unduly yet. Freddie Kidd is on leave & maybe the gang will get together this week sometime, as flux is also due up.

~~Notes~~ Sunday is usually spent doing the chores, polishing the furniture & generally getting shipshape for the week, and this has been no exception. I still felt unlibre Charlie around, so mum & I spent the evening at the Odeon - "Ruck of the Irish" - James Regner.

Very old film, but quite
enjoyable.

Came home to a lovely supper -
Cold meat, tomatoes & fried spuds
are from lunch - rounded off with
the remains of one of your tins of
peaches. Muscians, darling, & thanks
a million. It is really years since
I have tasted these delicious tinned
fruits.

And so to bed darling, weary
but happy.

Our room looks wonderful, &
your pipes & baccy jar bring your
presence right into the room.

I love you so,

Clare

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Close to her.

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