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Dear Hardy,

"But Oh, Beaumish nephew, beware of the day,
If the Snark be a BOOJUM, — for then
You will shoo^{softly} & silently vanish away
And never be heard of again!"

(not "oppresses"!)

It is this, it is this that oppresses my soul,
(when I think what my dear Uncle said, .

→ It is this, it is this that oppresses my soul,

→ It is this, it is this that I dread.

I wouldn't swear to the verbal accuracy
(except the oppresses) from memory. I couldn't
find a copy of the Hunting of the Snark (Lewis Carroll)
to confirm it, when your letter off Aug 27th came
today, but those Barbara et al. have been
brought up on it, & it may be on your shelves.

— a propos of these ^{graves} tags of his, his gaunt
use of the word 'pausy' — 'How's your
'pausy', got a pain in your 'pausy', &c.,
he adopted from my younger sister, who
was a euphemist. She once upbraided

P.S. Thanks for the Law lectures etc
+ the one to the children. You ~~saw~~ might be
too soon in interesting me about horses somewhere else
but I haven't come across them, or don't say ~~say~~ to either yet.

the baby for complaining of a pain in his
stomach. If you must refer to it, why not
use some pretty word like 'pausing'. So pausing
it has remained in the Francis family ever
since. Also two ^{vocal} "Guests of Thanksgiving"
come back true, when any luscious dish
was brought in -

"Oh for thy tender mercies Go-o-o-ott sei-
dank!", sung to the usual chant of the
hunc Dimitis, or the Woody-and-Sankey
"I am so glad that our Father in Heaven
Tells off his love in the book ~~the~~ ~~the~~ given".

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I sent you off a line with a query
~~this~~ ~~one~~ on Vesalius this morning, just
by way of getting back at you.

I wish I could be there. I much
prefer picking other people's work
to pieces than to doing any of my
own.

Love from us to you all
Rilda
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