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My dear Chattie

I am not going to forget Friday this week, but seeing that a cold is upon me (Father has one also) you need not expect much of a letter, or a very jerkey one it will be between fits of sneezing etc. Nellie's cold I think is better she tries to persuade herself it may have been measles, but then--

Still we have no inmate in the kitchen till today Dorothy turned in by way of help we gave her up when on enquiry we found she was at Deer Park so her dusky face was pleasant to see this morning. Jennette came on Monday, since then we hear that Percy is very poorly and she may have to go back there she is going up to see how matters are this afternoon; she went to the Island hesterday and found Marion was anything but well--nearly all the time she has been over there the weather has been cold and damp she cannot have had a cheerful time all by herself poor thing.

I dare say you saw that the steamer had arrived at Southampton, next week we may hope to hear from Willie--I wrote to him yesterday.

We miss the dear Norman, he was generally on hand to help Father on to his chair at dinner time. I do hope it will all fit in nicely his being with Dr. Ross, you will be glad to have him with you while Charlie is from home, if he is able to come down for the 1st. we shall be glad and also if Trevor and Aylmer can come at the same time I would gladly have Campbell as well but fancy the other two will be all that Norman can manage to steer through the holiday crowds. Nellie will most likely be with you next week if suited with a domestic I shall try to persuade her to stay a few days it will be good for her to have a little change the toils and worries of a housekeeper tell on her, and now the garden needs supervision it still in creases the trouble for she is no gardener-in-grain. Our bit of ground is shewing a fair face with its white and coloured lilacs its lemon lilies and lady's wreath and when the bedded out plants take a start and the sweet peas come up we shall fancy we look grand. Hennie sent me over such a lovely bunch of double-blossom pink May, I have not seen any of it for years it is beyond lovely--and did my old eyes good to behold it, she was at Miss Biggars wedding and I fancy it was on that occasion she had it.

Carrie we hear is better--BB is at Port Arthur. Norman would tell you all about Rosedale and Avenue St. families. Gertrude and her four sons come from Coburg on Monday, Nellie saw them at Mary's--the eldest boy seemed as if he might be in for illness of some kind--but we have had no tidings.

Such a nice arrangement with Annie about your four girlies they will all enjoy it thoroughly I'm sure you must try while the holidays are going on to find your was down for a time bringing little Alice for we could manage some how to make room forher I know. Herbert we have not seen since he is pretty close at his work this week.

Ethel and Mervyn were in yesterday, they are looking forward to their holiday at Dundas on the 1st.

The end of my paper and the end of my scribble so with dear best love to all

I am ever
Your loving Mother
E. O.