



Trip England
with Edna

R.M.S. Saturday March 4th/35.

My dearest little Family

I hope that you are well and happy, it seems ages since I have seen you, it is really about nine days I think - but I think of you all very often - at first I wished you were all with me and then when the boat began to roll & pitch, I was glad you were all at home, because I do not think you would have liked it at all - You would ^{have} laughed, if you could have seen your dear parents, quite unhappy, indeed, very unhappy, with "hal de her," "Alice

can explain this to you) but it has been nice and smooth the last few days, so we have recovered, and are able to take our meals, and enjoy life a little -

We have played some shuffle board, deck tennis, and quite a lot of bridge - as well as going to the ship concerts and entertainments. Last night we had a very good concert, at which a musical clown performed, he was the head steward, and was very funny, he wore a clown's costume and had musical horns concealed underneath, and by pinching himself in different places he played tunes - he also played a saw beautifully & several other instruments.



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We have got to know most of the passengers, and find them very pleasant and interesting, shall I tell you about a few of them?

We have a sweet little nun who wears a white pleated pill around a shining smiling face, I have just been asking her what she reads in her little book and she was reading the part that we have in our prayer book, "Bless ye the Lord the moon & stars" etc only she was reading it in Latin!

There are two young boys about 8 & 10 years with their mother from Edmonton, last night a big woolie dog was ruffled, and

The boys went down to the Third
Class where the drawing took place
and returned presently in great joy
with the big dog, to their mother who
had won it —

Mr Farrell a banker about 25
years is very nice, Another man
called Mellin about 25- who is
on his way to a coffee plantation
in South Africa, I draw him a
picture every day of some new
adventure that he will probably
have in South Africa. Yesterday
he was chased to the top of a
bendy palm by wild animals,
pink elephants with horns perhaps
today he was rescued by his
friends the giraffes, three of them
who by standing one on top of the
other were able to attach a rope
ladder to the top of the palm, for



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him to come down. Tomorrow will be something else!

We also like a Mrs Ross a widow of middle ages from Chicago she is going to Ireland to kiss the Blarney Stone - Mrs Locke a bride who went to Toronto 6 months ago to be married, and is returning to Scotland to pay her mother a visit - she is ill -

There are also some more, but I think I have described enough don't you? -

We have just been out on deck to see the first sight of land 'Good old Ireland!' and two small

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boats the first we have seen since
we left last week. The Irish gulls
have come out to meet the gulls
which have flocked behind the
boat ever since Halifax, and there
is a great old jow-wow-ging
on, you never heard such squeaks!
exchange of greetings

There is to be a dance tonight, I
suppose we will go -

There was a little girl of ten
years old who had a birthday on
the boat, The ship presented her
with a beautiful birthday cake
which we all enjoyed one afternoon
at tea - I gave "Lilly" the little
girl a small velvet dog for a
mascot, she liked it very much -
She told me later with big eyes that
~~she~~ I made her think of her "Aunt
Alma" - I felt it rather a doubtful
compliment, though I am sure she thought



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it a nice one! -

It has been a much longer trip than we expected, we get to Greenock in Scot-land tomorrow morning and to Liverpool Monday morning - I am hoping to hear from Grace at Greenock - I think she will meet us, if she can - ^{at Liverpool.}
Daddie expects to go straight to London, to see the lay of the land, and will confer with me after finding out -

You might let Aunt Eva see this letter, and then mail to John, as it is a good deal to write twice - You might also give Aunt Florence the news -

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Much love to all dears, I hope
you are working hard, and enjoying
yourselves as well.

A Kiss to each of you, and
my best love.

affectionately

"Mummie"
