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(From Mrs. Marian Francis to Mr. Ogden)

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Dear Mr. Ogden

Dear Mr. Ogden,

Any day that will suit you, will be a pleasant anticipation for us. I can only say come as soon as you can & make your stay as long as you possibly can, it will make no difference if any one else is here as we have lots of room & you are one of those happy individuals who do not look for much entertainment or choice accomodation I suppose your "mind to you a kingdom is". Cook has been on the indignant strain lately- he himself, suggested that the water & gas sh^d be left on, the water that he might keep the tubs & Pails staunch- the gas to light occasionally to keep burglars away!-

I enclose Dr. Oslers address- I know he bought a new umbrella. I turned out every book I could find wh. he kept at our place for fear it sh^d. be enquired for; look around his cupboard & bedroom for the missing things! The Scares proved about as foundless as 'May's Bulls', the "Red Eyed Indians" who came were some Canadian French indians belonging to a gang of Raftsmen & wood cutters working on "Owl's head"- their women are not attractive! Two Lambs disappeared, of course, a prey to the 'Mythical Bear.- The tramps were honest workmen but the loneliness of this place is so appalling in itself, that a Visitor is an additional alarm. Don't get the Scarlet Fever. Why are they in gaol, is it for getting the fever? poor 'Mother & 8'; just like me- are they poor- if so lay out something for them, on my behalf, & when th^o com's't again I will repay thee. (Revised version) this she said ~~"Knowing~~ that she sh^d see his face again no more!- I daresay I shall trouble you to bring a few small parcels not being sewing machine or cats this time -but I will have them sent to 1351, to your care, so as to give you as little trouble as possible.- I may have to ask you to do a little Banking business, & I will not hesitate to do so, if the draft comes in time. Thanks for your offer- We have more papers & Books than time to read them. All the chicks are convalescent, but Gwendolyn, & I am anxious about her. Was going to send for (Dr) Keys of Georgeville but I find he is a Quack & has no diploma he is a Herbalist too, & gives you drugs of his own finding & a decoction by the cup full instead of a sponfull.

I think Dr. Buller has Ringer's book on his table, will you look up Whooping Cough in it & see if he suggests any remedy wh. I have not tried? You must bear in mind that she is cutting 4 eye teeth wh. keeps up the irritation of the cough & prevented the Belladonna doing for her. Quinine makes her nose bleed. I have Valerian & Ammonia but the Ammonia seems to excite her. I want to know particularly if something soothing like paregoric is admissible, for she is as excitable as a Maniac, & will not sleep. She whoops fearfully; sometimes, 20 times in one paroxysm, & is always trying during the fit, to thrust her fingers down her throat, wh. she tears, & also her tongue, till they bleed, in an alarming way Sometimes I almost despair of pulling her thro' it. She is so ill that I had to take charge of her myself & take her into my room at night- with the wee Baby (who also has the cough but is getting better) I find night hideous instead of restful, but a Mother's lot is not always a happy one. May is tanned & seems so well, she is getting more courageous in the water. S. Nicolas arrived the day after your note, with the papers- What an alarmingly long letter for you! I had not time to condense it.

Yours very truly

Marion Francis