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My dear Phyll,

It was nice last night to hear your dulcet tones & I'm sorry you were getting to worrying about things down here. The time melts away & I was surprised to see how long I had been owing you a letter.

Sorry you had that hacking cough, gosh what a bout. I wonder if it was a fringe benefit" of the flu that has been doing the rounds which has a very bad cough attached. Heard a thing that is supposed to relieve cough & head thickness - put some vinegar (supposed to be cider) & water in a pot, boil up & inhale the fumes. Haven't tried it so can't vouch. There's been a lot of this flu around

most of our friends have had it
but thanks B, we've missed.

I've had a lovely gloat over the
photos & thanks for sending down
both. The true photo has rather
spoilt the painting for me, in as
much ^{as} the house is too tall &
skinny in the painting & of course
the buggy shed is not of correct
proportions. Never the less it is a most
attractive painting & I'm wondering
if it's taken from a photo taken
by a visitor (non-family) which
could account for the different
non-family buggy. I wonder who
used to visit by buggy power.
I simply can't visit Anne P. &
ask her about it & if she has
the photo etc. I am persona
nongrata (can't spell that) there, &
could never go back after the
icy front I met from her that

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time years back you asked me to see Wink about certain affairs. (Incidentally, I trust he's keeping abreast of interest rates & doing the best he can for your income) Florio Anne Viter, I have sent regards to them for she visits there sometimes & she has reported that she thinks it would be better if I didn't - my regards have not been well received, so tis much better to leave well be. She (Annie^P) may tell you if you write & asked her - 'twould be interesting to know artist, where acquired & what they knew of photo.

In case it hasn't been reported to you (or as far as I can tell those things aren't reported), that piece of land (right-of-way) that was in Irma's estate has been sold for around \$7000 & there (Seven)

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is a small fixed deposit yet to be cleared up ~~on the~~ next month & that will have wound up Tina's estate. Your portion will have gone into that Trust account & should yield a bit more interest for you. I may be telling you what you already know, but with the intense secrecy that must be kept I doubt very much if you do know.

I was verily interested about what the psychic man told you about the "presence" — how logical when you think, Male is just the soul it could be too. Am glad too you've a male guardian, well we can't have too many of these willing to help.

Surely, flushes at your age could leave you alone. They are the most pestiferous & jolt

a body right out of the sleepy mood, & then you can't get to sleep again. One Dr. told me they just don't know what causes them but they tend to come when one's health is at low par. This may have had a link with that cough you got.

Well, I'll quote from a letter I had recently from friend (whose name incidentally is Chris) who posed Sir Wm. Quote:—

"Letter from my friends in Litchfield & Louie had been over to the Church to see William. He has only one leg & there are just the folds of the garment he is wearing where the other leg should be. Louie thinks it's amazing we hadn't noticed before, & if you find out how he lost it he'd be interested to know.

Doesn't that read with such a homely touch?

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I can't see any way we'll ever find that out but it doesn't bear thinking of does it? losing a leg, by amputation or what have you in the 13th century. I've always thought there was a look of pained resignation in that face. It's interesting how that man has got us so hooked with interest.

Well, the Master has just come home from the village & will be screaming for soup any minute. I'll round this off after lunch.

When you visit the psychic man does he hold something belonging to you & go into trance, crystal gazing, or what?

How is Kath? Tell her I'm looking after her book. Both times I'm ringing - just after 6 P.M. your phone's been engaged & I reckoned it would be Kath

having ~~our~~^{her} usual chat with you. Do look after yourself. With lots of love from us both. Love.

Am surprised how big the old
Laurestinus was even then &
how the old Brivy shows when
you look hard — at end of
luggy house (in photo, not in
painting.

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