

Here's Radio
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Dear old Sis o' mine,

Your Birthday and I've been thinking of you ever since I awoke and that was early, thinking of you as far back as the night you were born and came to Ivy Cottage in old Dr. Black's bag. I remember it all for I sat on a little stool beside the kitchen fire and was awe-stricken in the presence of so wonderful a man, and do you know I learned something that night I never forgot, the old Dr. was washing his hands and Father got him hot water when I heard him say "Cold water first, always wash in cold water first then you may use warm" and went on to explain why. I should be five then.

but was learning and have been learning
ever since and like Sir Oliver I expect to
keep on learning when I am thro' this
perplexing life. - Then I remember you being
very ill when a baby, and Mother had you
on her lap day after day and often cried
as she nursed you and I cried because
Mother did but you got better and the next
thing that stands out is a golden haired
little girl standing on a seat in Chapel
surrounded by bigger girls who were playing
with and admiring you, and how I put
my arms around you to prevent you falling
and you were "cutting up" & saying saucy
things and I thought you were the smartest
and prettiest sis that ever lived. I remember
all this and yet yesterday I couldn't re-
member where I had placed an important
paper a few days ago. I'm getting old for I
have to keep an index to tell me where I
have put things.

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I imagine how you & Hubert are spending the day. Think he would find you a small bouquet of Spring flowers for your courage and persuade you to put on your prettiest frock and make a holiday of it. If you have the same kind of weather we have you will have to stay near a good fire for its an awful day outside. raining for a week, everything flooded. one place it rained 10 inches in six hours and being in a valley the water swept some bldgs away now there's a high N. wind and snowing a few flakes. its hard on stock. & I'm afraid it means goodbye to the fruit again for Peach & Plum blossom is out & the other kinds nearly so.

Re. your clipping abt wireless music in London, would say the boys & I have had the Radio "bug" for 3 months past we are seriously considering installing an outfit so we can

enjoy the concerts Lectures and Market & weather reports and sermons on Sundays which are being sent out by numerous broadcasting stations in all parts of the U.S. from Los Angeles, Denver, Kansas City, St. Louis Chicago, Pittsburg, Detroit & many other places and as we are centrally located we could hear any of them I think. We are trying to learn all we can about installing which seems quite simple. Wish you were here Hubert to fix it up for us as we shall be pretty busy until after harvest.

Your "Sing a Song" Hubert is the sentiment of a great many over here. It will take a generation or two to kill the desire for stimulants. I'm an exception. gave it up years ago and forgot it without any trouble.

You hit it all right Lois with "Raymond" I'll run across the book someday & have a treat.

Thanks for the "Times Weekly" we were very

much interested in Mary's wedding. I had a feeling like she was one of the family. I have a sweet picture of her which is the best I have seen. i.e. the prettiest

The newspapers here gave nearly as good an account of it as the W.S. and some of the same pictures. The evening papers on their wedding day came out with a detailed account even to that nice Fatherly address of the Archbishop of C. wasn't that good. I pursued it and on comparing it with the account in the Times Weekly I found it to be word for word and we were reading it that same evening it was uttered.

Have two incubators full of eggs. This is good weather to attend to them. In the incubator man as the boys sleep too soundly. I like to look at them every 4 or 5 hours, and as I never sleep longer than 1 1/2 hrs at a time, usually 1 hour, it is no trouble to attend them. I drop off to sleep again immediately — We want to

rain 300 or 400 this year like we used to do
but I went & sold one incubator and now
I need it. but I'll have to get along somehow

Have my garden made except tender things,
have radishes & lettuce &c up. have a big
patch of potatoes planted. you see I do about
all my gardening with horses. never dig any
and hoe very little. so I can garden about
an acre.

I don't seem to have any pictures to send
this time, here's one of James, Francis's
boy who was with us all winter I just
dug it out of my desk. he has our little
dog "Penny" in his arms. he's so fat that
when he grins it shuts his eyes.

That Dr your clipping spoke of is right
"Keep at work" I'm always better when I'm
busy. introspection is bad for any one
Bye, Bye. Many Happy Returns. we all
send our love to you both.

Bro: Sam.