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DEAR PAPA THE SEA
 IS ROUGH TO DAY
 AND LOVELY YES TER-DAY
 I HAVE HAD A NICE
 LOVE AND KISSES
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Monkate.
Thursday.

Darling Mama.

I have't got the letters we received from you this week, by me, to answer, as I've sent them to Vera at Eastbourne, so I can't remember what to answer you. Oh, you don't want me to go to Bessie, well, I'm not going (I don't think so, at any rate). so that's alright isn't it? I don't know where I am going for my holidays, though. I have't settled anything yet & I don't much want to go away on my own & the ~~only~~ people I could go with I don't want to. I think I shall have my holidays the first 2 weeks in September. Someone from my office has been telling me of a lovely place in Switzerland & trying to persuade me to go there, (it's quite alright, he's not going there himself) but I don't much want to go by myself & I have't enough money to lead Vera to go, I've only just enough for myself & I don't know anyone who has enough money to pay to come with me. I went to Eastbourne for the week-end again. It's always sunny when I'm there & I had two lovely walks on Sunday. They would't

Let us bathe on Saturday as the sea was too rough, so Ruby & I went to a tea-dance at Dale & Keelys. On Sunday we spent the whole morning on the beach & it was lovely & in the afternoon Ruby & I went for a long walk. I'm just going out & ~~so~~ I must post this letter before I go, so I can't write any more. I'll write a lot next week, I'm sorry I've written so little, but I did it feel like it until tonight & now I'm going out.

lots + lots of love & kisses.

Olga.

XXXXX

Tell Helen I'll write to her too next week.

Wednesday
April 24th

Room 3, Ickley Chambers,
Klein St.

My darling Kather, Thanks for your letter, & also for the little white jersey which I got last week. It is very sweet, & arrived just in time for some cold weather. The last two days have been really cold - the first cold weather this year, & very early in the year for it, too.

Last week end - Easter - I spent at Camp. I wrote to Vera all about it, so won't write it again, but of course I had a gorgeous time - as usual.

Good Friday I had a fairly lazy day, did some washing & stuff, & went to bed early. I had to work on Saturday, of course.

The hours at Paramount are the same as at John Oms - half past ~~four~~ eight to half past five, only we finish at 12 o'clock on Wednesday, & work until six on Saturdays.

I have had the opportunity of taking two other jobs since I've been

at Paramount - one was at a Studio - £8
a month (I answered an ad. in the paper)
& the other was through Gestetners, also
£8 a month. So of course I didn't take
either of them.

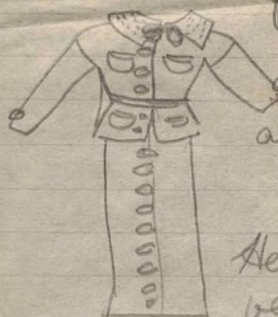
The snaps that Jeanette took on my
birthday came out very nicely - all except one
which is rather awful. Her mother is taking
them over, so you can see how I look
at ~~ten~~ twenty! If you want enlargements of
any of them you must write & let me know!

This is the two-piece suit I made
from the material that was given to
me, & it looks very nice with
your jumper. I machined it
at Peggy's place.

I saw the "Gay Divorcee" with
Henry last night, but it wasn't
very good.

Later

I just received
those newspapers you sent, so I
stopped to look through them



Thanks for sending them - I'm
always glad to have them
We have just had the Rand
Easter Show here, & Mr. Jacobs prepared a
stand for the Minor Greyhounds I helped
him, & it looked rather nice when it
was finished except that the greyhounds
I did looked rather like archedes or
something I hope you are well, & so on
I'm fine

Lots & lots of love

Hilda

31st Jan 1954.

My dear Mama,

This week I had no letters at all from overseas, so wonder if I will get extra ones next week. I did, however, receive last week the apron and handkerchief that you sent, and they are very nice, many thanks. Rusty liked the handkerchief, and I have been wearing the apron all the time, because it is convenient to be able just to tie it around. Also it gives me a good idea of what to make for presents for people!

Patrick and Frances also received the puzzles that Vera sent, and they are delighted with them. Patrick has got his first reading book, the same one that Tony once had, and is practising without stopping he is terribly keen to learn to read, and I think that he will learn fairly quickly. He likes his school very much. He was so proud when he came home with a note for money to get his reading book. Tony covered it with brown paper for him, and wrote his name on it. Of course, Frances wanted a reading book as well, so Tony found the old one she used to have, which is rather messy and full of pencil and crayon scribbles, but Frances is delighted because it is the same as Patrick's, and she pretends to read the letters the way he does too.

I told you last time that we were having a terrible hailstorm. Well, I did not realise just how much damage it did. The grape vine was nearly washed to pieces, all hanging down to the ground, and the earth was thick with grapes and leaves. My vegetables were just about destroyed, I had the most marvellous tomatoes and beans, but they were smashed to pieces, and in some places you could not even find where the tomato plant had been, except for a stick left standing there. The tomatoes that were left were so badly marked, they just went bad. We had huge pumpkin plants, but the leaves disappeared entirely, leaving a few large pumpkins dotted here and there, as though attached to nothing. I had a lovely bed of orange and red daisies in front, and it was beaten down and nearly destroyed. However, the garden has begun to recover now from the hail, and it gives you an idea of how heart-breaking it must be for a farmer to see his crops and fruit destroyed that way.

There has been quite a glut of fruit recently, and we have been getting water melons, mangoes, pineapples and other things cheap at the market. There has been so much of it, that the children hardly touch it now, except Tony likes certain things like watermelon and mangoes, and can eat it all up, and as for me, I will never get tired of fruit, but got on eating it without stopping.

This is Sunday, it was a beautiful morning, and we went to Kensington Park with the children just for a change, but this afternoon it has become cloudy and there is thunder and lightning, and it is going to rain. We have had a lot of stormy weather lately, although it is hot in between. Yesterday it was hot and we had a lovely afternoon at the swimming bath, and Rusty went to watch the cricket. We went to Violet Weinberg in the evening, her mother is well, and the children are growing up. Her son, Mark, is a brilliant boy, he reads and discusses all kinds of scientific books, and is very interested in them.

I am expecting some people to come this afternoon, so I won't write any more now. Everybody is well, and yesterday I went to town with Tony and bought her a tennis racket - she is starting to learn tennis at school - and also a black bathing costume (it cost £29.6, the racket was cheaper) because she wants to take part in her school gala, and to take part she must have a black costume. The only cheaper costumes you can get are woollen ones, and Tony is like Olga - she makes such a fuss about a woollen costume, it's too scratchy, she can't bear it next to her skin, so I had to get the expensive satin elastic kind. I have spent all my money again - just a few things here and there, and it has all gone.

Lots of love

Hilda

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