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My dear Willie

Your card and seed cat. should have been acknowledged before--we were charmed with the one and accept with much love and many thanks the kind intention of the other. We conned over the varieties of flower-beds and already I have visions of greenery springing up in boxes ready to be transplanted to summer quarters. I forwarded on the book and list to Chattie and I think that between us we shall keep within limits, as soon as C returns it I will forward on to you but there will be no hurry for we should not plant any till April even in-doors. Alec was at Staplehurst on Sunday and brought word that C had a very bad cold and cough which under existing circumstances is very bad for her. By the end of May No. 8. may be expected, perhaps she will not thank me for notifying the fact but I do not mind letting you into the secret--you will be glad to hear that Carrie has been much better the last week or ten days and is trying some new remedy which if not of lasting benefit may give temporary relief which is a boon to her. The Rosedale chicks are all home with colds, indeed they are very prevalent as might be expected from the changeable weather we have had. Edmd. is away all the week in Montreal and New York.

Jennette has been for two or three days with Ruth and now is with us much to our staisfaction and delight. I wish we could keep her for a month instead of a few days. Uncle Henry was with us yesterday--Aunt's brother in England has sent her out a second £500--two years ago he sent each of his sisters that sum squaring up his accounts and finishing he had that loose cash to spare--then he handed over the Thornhill Farm to Mrs. Wilcocks, so she was excepted in the gift of cash but will come in for her share when more spare monies are distributed, this is true brotherly kindness. Isabel and Ethel are enquiring anxiously if you are going over there in the summer. Miss Glendinning takes them with four other of the girls a walking tour for the few days vacation they have at Easter that will be most delightful for them--some part of Switzerland I think they are to go, but I forget exactly. Father is as usual, in health I think very good but I see him more and more infirm as time goes on, I dare not look far on but try to take one day at a time and feel thankful that he is not worse.

Ever your loving Mother
E. Osler

The everlasting dinner-table is needed and I finish in haste. Do you smell the Bread cakes I have been making and buns? Would you like one for lunch?

Do you want ointment?