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My dear Dad

I have just written to Mother and to Hugh. We are all getting along well here but are having enough to think of without joining any knitting circles.

Lois is in the hospital making a splendid recovery from an appendicitis operation. "Bill" is there too - with bronchitis. Clara + Eva are in Lois + my room. Terence is in the spare room and I sleep in the back drawing-room. Incidentally the "Ford" is very useful especially as we are in the middle of our third extension at the works and the 8" shells are beginning to go through like hot cakes.

When Lois went away we had no cook so that when Clara and Eva + Terence blew in I had to do a good deal of the cooking and washing and bringing in the ice etc., but our very capable cook turned up on Monday so now I'm all O.K.

Mrs H. is due to arrive here the day after tomorrow

but she and the girls are then going to take rooms so #19 Montreal St will not have to be extended.

Fortunately the nurse looks after the children and herself entirely independantly of the rest of the household. So the whole thing has been really more of a joke than anything else.

Lois stood her operation excellently. She had been dieting all summer and so was in excellent condition. She was never nauseated and recovered had only been an operation for tonsils. Investigated and we are delighted to see that there appears to be absolutely nothing else the matter. The appendix was in comparatively bad shape and showed six places where it had adhered to other organs. It was also constricted in the center. The doctor said that the trouble was of long standing and must have caused considerable pain and might have been responsible for the inflammation to the other organs which they had previously thought to be diseased.

Lois had had pains for two or three weeks but we had been taught to expect this and treated the pains as gall stone pains. So we called the doctor rather late for Gordon Hunt immediately said it was appendicitis. (over)

confirmed it. They <sup>3</sup> both felt that it would be much safer to have the operation at once and so they operated next morning - Friday at nine o'clock. Dr Gordon Hume was assisted by Dr Lynch and Dr George Hume gave the anesthetic. Lois had weak tea on Friday, Tea and soup on Saturday, more soup on ~~Sunday~~ <sup>Sunday</sup> and cream of wheat, cream, tea and soup, ice cream toast and a poached egg on Monday so I hope she will keep

Clara & Eva arrived at 8<sup>20</sup> on Friday evening and Terence arrived from Quebec just at bed time on Sunday in spite of which he ate a very hearty meal. He missed Ken in Quebec as Ken was spending his first "leave" as a weekend in Montreal.

<sup>Terence</sup> Terence is a great favorite with Alice who calls him "My knuck". She showed him all her toys and keeps saying "I don't want my knuck to go away. Poor little thing, all the people she likes seem to slip away so that this has become her continual dread. The baby is doing splendidly. He stands in his bed and dances up and down and has a fine time. He can crawl but nurse does not encourage this. Terence will go to school in a day or two with Lou. Ye affey sa Edward.