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As you will infer from the paper I am at the office, and although it is time to go home I am going to write to you first so as to post my letter on the way. I have had a long and busy day, having, you will be surprised to learn become quite an early riser. As I expected a carpenter, a plasterer & a painter it was necessary to be up betimes in order to make preparations for them

First of all <sup>2</sup> I had to take  
up the carpet in the spare  
room, - no little work I  
can assure you as it was  
put down with spikes  
at intervals of not more  
than two inches. Then I  
dismanthled the bed, carrying  
all the rigging into the nursery.  
During this stage of the proceeding  
31 moths were killed. The  
furniture had next to be  
moved into the centre of  
the room & the edges of  
the carpet rolled up. Of  
course Mrs Scott might have  
been got to do all this, but  
I have made up my mind  
to do without her - altogether  
as I have got on so well  
thus far. As for my clothes



I shall send them  
somewhere to be washed  
next Monday. I expect  
to leave town on the following  
Saturday.

I have been to  
see Ford again to-day &  
find that the poor fellow  
is really in for typhoid  
fever. He seemed greatly  
pleased at seeing me and  
was profuse~~ly~~ with thanks  
for my coming, wishing <sup>me</sup> also  
to send his kind regards to  
you when I wrote. I  
mean to take him some  
flowers either this evening  
or to-morrow morning.

I am sorry that you are  
having so much rainy weather  
& quite agree with you that

September ought to be fine. This has been a lovely day here, although rather warm. The excessive heat is, however, probably over now & I am not sorry.

I hope magnesia has proved effectual in banishing hives from little Eric and also that nurse is behaving herself properly. You may find a change advantageous, but I imagine that really good nurses are almost extinct. Certainly there are many of them who are far worse than gone.

Eric's last tooth will probably be through before I see him & he will no doubt be a good deal changed too. I so hate to miss so many days of this pretty part of the little fellows' childhood, and to miss so many days of the society of my loving & precious wife. But it must be all for the best. Ever your fond B.