

34 Markham Rd

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My dearest Mother

Many thanks
for your two letters & post
card. I should have written
when I wrote to Bing, but
Lief forgot to post it so they
go together. Thanks also for
the gunleaf which stirred
my patriotism. It was all
right about the cable as Bing
will have told you she had
prepaid the reply so Mrs
Posar had no expense. Her
husband returns tomorrow
but she does not know yet

how long. Please wear the blue linen dress yourself if you have any use for it. don't keep it till I go to Australia because I can get one in Hongkong.

Mrs Tisdall asked me to Bridge one day with Mrs. Posar & Mrs. Davis. also I have joined the Bridge Club. There are 8 of us & each one takes it in turn to have the other seven in her house. my turn is not for some time - when it is I will have the two card tables at opposite ends of the

drawing room & have the tea on the dining room table so every thing will be quite compact. At first I used to feel anxious about things going right but now I have such a good boy that there is no more trouble.

I got a new card table at auction for £6.00. a very nice one. we needed to have two. The mosquito net I got from Young Fitch - I thought it best, because it is a new good one with no unexpected holes. I have been so busy but now everything is quite

ready for the summer -
I am getting the carpets
put away & my white
dresses made larger -

Thanks I received the French
verbs. After all I am not
taking lessons. my time
seems all taken up. but
still I am glad to have the
book. You asked what I do
with the electric iron - Well
I have pressed Leif's suits
once or twice & my evening
dresses & I use it for
neckties & small things
like that. I bought a nice
little strong table at auction

for L. 1 & I keep that in
the hall outside the bathroom
it just fits in behind the
red curtains & is just the
thing for ironing on.

Yes I have heard of the
wonderful changes in
Western Australia - very
likely it is true too.

We are asked to the Bevan's
tomorrow evening. I don't
know what they are going
to do but Leif has been asked
to take his mandoline.

On the 17th we went to dinner
at the Talleys's. They have

such a lovely house in
Singa Road with a big
garden. The 17th is the
day they ^{Norwegians} celebrate the
disunion of Norway
from Sweden. There
were between 30 & 40

Norwegians there - the
dining room was
arranged with 6 small
Tables & decorated with
Norwegian flags. On the
20th Madame Thue gave a
dinner party. Mr & Mrs
Jansen were there, the
Norwegian consul &

two other men - afterwards
we played Bridge & had a
very nice evening. Leif's
friend from Chienkiang-
Rasmussen stayed two
or three days with us. One
night he brought a Mr
Olsen home to dinner &
another night a boy called
Joansen - both nights we
played Bridge so we have
had quite late nights last
week & are glad of a change
though I was very pleased
to have Rasmussen here &
so was Leif. When he went

home he was very good & sent
us a lovely piece of
Chinese brocade - we have
not quite decided what to
use it for - it is woven in
a very small pattern with
different colors & gold, but
the general effect is rather
like red shot silk. We
bought a lovely picture for
the smoke room - \$40 -
it was rather extravagant
but we both were anxious
to have it, & it makes a
great difference to the room.
We could not put anything

but a large picture on that
wall paper. It is an
engraving - the same size
as the original - of The
Laughing Cavalier of
Franz Hals. I love that
picture & so does Leif so
when we saw it in Hall &
Holtz we could not resist it.
It was marked \$50 but Leif
insisted on having the price
reduced. finally they asked
\$42⁵⁰. Leif said all right -
but they must take off
2⁵⁰ for cash. I got a small

black cat from Mrs
Valentine. of the Bridge
Club. Leif is delighted with
it & says it is very clever,
in fact. the boy said to me
today that it was "velly
clever" so it is having a
good time. The next business
is to try & give away Bibbi's
pups, but they are such
shameful mongrels that
I shouldn't think anyone
would agree to take them.
I think she is just starting
to get tired of them

herself. On Saturday
there is a pony show. Mrs.
Pocas is going with us -
I hope the weather will be
good. at present it is
very wet. so many people
have been complaining
about the rain but I ~~suppose~~
I have been so busy in the
house I haven't noticed it.
I still owe two calls which
- I mean to get over the first
fine day. one to Mrs.
Tollefsen & another to Mrs.
Baker. she is so nice. her

husband is a pastor in
Arnhold Harberg's.

I have still five letters to
write so I must get to
them.

With much love from
us both

Your loving daughter

Blanche
