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"1.7.11."

My dearest Mother
twice so many
thanks for sending the
large box & all the things
it contained. I am also
writing a letter of thanks to
Bing for her share. I think
you have both been awfully
good to us for I found some
things in the box which I
hadn't the least right to
expect. It is all unpacked
now & we went through it

with the list you sent. I must say it was beautifully packed - not one thing was in any way damaged. Leif was just as pleased as I was when he saw all the things.

12.7.11. I began yesterday but had to leave it. The things you & Bing sent have made quite a difference to the house. we are very glad to have them. some of the pictures are up too. Of course not in the smoke

room for this wall paper. Rills any small pictures - The only thing I missed was a little picture cut out of a newspaper of "Pretty Polly" the English race horse. I would be sorry if it were lost. I like it so much. If you take it out of the frame & post it like a photo, I have a frame here that will fit it. George Sheringham's picture & the little paintings

of Brighton we put in
the diningroom - also
the Valparaiso dagger -
Thank you very much -
from myself & Mrs Posar -
for the sewing chains,
which are useful & extremely
pretty - The Bridge Club
who were here yesterday
admired them very much.
I gave Mrs Posar her choice
& she took the light one -
which just matched her
dress - I expect she is
writing to you - I like

the dark one just as well
so we were both pleased.
I have been using the
emery already - it is a
thing I so often want - all
my needles were rusty.
I have been having another
look at my sewing chain -
what a lot of work they
must have been. Thanks
for sending on Aunt B.'s
letter. I will write to her
when I am not quite so
busy - Just now there is
plenty of sunshine & I

am getting the winter clothes
carpets, blankets, gloves
etc aired & packed away -
it should have been
done long ago but there
was no dry weather.

Did I tell you what Leif's
people sent us? - A
lovely milk jug - cream
jug I suppose, it is not
large - & sugar basin -
they are silver & very
Norwegian in design -
with a handsome
embossed pattern & both

our initials in one monogram.
I am sure you would
admire them very much -
they are so solid & simple
in design - Alf, the
youngest brother sent a
little tray for them with a
hand painted mat. another
brother, Edward - sent half
a dozen teaspoons in the
same design & Leif's mother
sent an old silver spoon
that he used to eat sugar
out of when he was a
child - it is a very quaint

thing, in the form of a
leaf. With Leif's help I
wrote to them all in
Norwegian - I have some
books to study from. His
father sent them.

Thank you very much
for putting in the photo
of father. The one I told
you I liked best. I am
getting a frame for it.
Leif is very much struck
with that one of you taken
with Grandfather. He says
it is such a good likeness,

That Sigfrid Klaverness is
not a relation of Leif's
but an old friend.

No I did not call on Mrs
Davis after the dinner party.
she invited us before I had
returned her first call
so I ~~when~~ I got the
invitation I went &
returned her call then.

I don't think in that case
it was necessary to call
again, especially as she
happened to say that
calling ^{was} finished for the

season. They have been
here to dinner since
you know. I am sorry
to hear things are so bad
in Gippsland, but I
cant understand
about Herbert - why he
left the dairy.

I can assure you Mother
no one could appreciate
their happiness more
than I do mine. I dont
know of any more
fortunate woman, & I
feel it so more as time

goes on. Lief is just as
happy I am glad to say.
Yes I had quite a long letter
from Elsa which I must
answer. & am delighted
about the engagement as
she seems so happy & I
think it is the luckiest
thing that ever happened
to Herbert. for he would
not find such another
girl. It has only just become
an actual "engagement"
I understand from Elsa's
letter. Doubtless Bing

Knows about it so it is no
harm to write about. I
am writing her a letter
but won't put the same
news in both - not
that there is much - we
are so quiet. You asked
about Leif's aunt Edwards.
Her late husband Oluf
Due was Leif's father's
brother. I will post this
now & any more news
I think of will give to
Bing. Much love from
Leif & self.
Your affectionate daughter Blanche