

May 9, 1958

Dear Mother:

Your package came two days back. Today the letter with Clyde's check came. Thanks for both. We were both delighted with the parcel - it was the one with the light blue 'sister' dress, and the first half of the baby things. It also had Clyde's hat. It hadn't been opened at customs, and so everything was in real good shape. I sure appreciated the fact that it was all so carefully wrapped in plastic, so it doesn't have to be washed. The dress is lovely. It fits, and we both like the style. The sleeves are different all right, but long enough for here, and will be real dressy for church, etc. It will be good to have two different ones for such occasions. And as you say, I'll have them for when I have another baby. With what you sent, what I've made, and borrowed, I have almost more than I need. Some of them I won't take to Murree, for they are so worn, but they are sure handy for frequent changes here in the heat.

All the baby things were exactly what I wanted. Clyde says our baby has more things waiting for it than any baby ever. It really isn't quite so well equipped as that, but I'm sure it won't lack for anything. I've made a mattress for the basinette, some sheets for it (edges of old worn ones), blanket-stitched several pieces of flannel to use for receiving blankets, and used one of the patterns you sent to make up a kimona (don't need it very badly, but it looked so cute, I wanted to try it). I sure do appreciate the patterns. With them I could make anything the baby needed, whether it is a boy or girl. I'm not going to make much more now, until it arrives, and then I'll know which kind of things to make, also the other packages will be here, and I can tell from using the things for a while if I need anything especially. I do want to make up an organdy dress from one of the patterns you sent - I see it even has the embroidery transfer patterns on it, too. If we get a boy, I can give it to someone else. (I don't mean the boy, I mean the dress). I was pleased to notice the little suit pattern, for I can make it with the plastic lined panties, as you suggested. The sleeping bag, too, I may make up for next winter, but for just now I have plenty of nighties, and won't need the bag.

Clyde's hat was in good shape. He put weights on the brim to straighten it, and after one day, it really looked good. He likes it, and surely did need a new one. The flowers for the dress weren't crushed at all, and I was glad for the ribbon and elastic in the syringe box, too. I shouldn't have to ask for anything more for a long, long time.

We have arrangements for our house in Murree now - we gave you Philbrick's address in Murree before because we weren't sure where we would be. Now we know, so can use our own address. It will be easy enough to get the package from them when it comes.

This last package you mailed Feb. 5th, it arrived in Karachi March 20 - which is fast. But it was held up there until May and didn't reach us until the 7th. Isn't that the limit?

Our address for Murree will be Forest Dell, Cart Road, Murree. But Clyde says please to hold the June Check until we tell you where to send it. We may go up to Murree the first of June if the heat is too bad. If it isn't, we'll wait until about the 15th. We'll write you later when and where to send the check. I'd hate for it to arrive either there or here when we were in the other place.

This far, May hasn't been nearly as hot as April. I thought the way April started that I didn't know if I'd last through May or not. And Clyde began to get what we thought at first was heat rash, then looked more like hives, and we're still not sure. If it had got much worse, I think we would have had to leave, but it has just about cleared up now. We'd rather wait until about the middle of June, for it will make such a long season up there if we go earlier.

We were down to Multan again the end of April, to get our money, get my last medical check up with the Multan doctor (she's gone now for her vacation and we'll go for ours before she gets back). She assured us that everything was fine, did a real thorough check, and said it was all just as it should be for six months, predicted again a very normal delivery. We've just found out that three of the women who will be living in the other part of the house in Murree where our apartment is are not only registered nurses, but licensed mid-wives (one English, two Scotch). Maybe you didn't know, but the British seldom have a doctor deliver the babies, the nurses are specially trained for



it. I never knew that until we came out here, and not British folks, and they think it so strange we call a doctor). Clyde says he sure won't have to worry about me if he is out away from the house, or when he goes for the doctor, when I start having pains. Because we know all three, and they are very competent. I'm just American enough to prefer to have a doctor on hand, however. But it's nice to know that if there is an emergency we'll have lots of experienced help!

The measles epidemic here seems to be over. Haven't seen a case in a long time now. But we do still have a good many people come to us for medicine. Everyone now seems to have sore throats, and canker sores in their mouth. I don't know how many people have come that way. And I don't know what to do for it, except give them soda. I think really it's a vitamin deficiency, and the heart just makes them break out like that. And then the commonest complaint these days is for everyone to sit down with a groan and say, "I'm so warm my heart is beating". They mean it beats fast, but that's not what they say. It always amuses me. And I tell them I'm pretty warm myself, and I haven't any medicine to make it cooler. Their own doctors give them something so they won't be warm - but I don't think it has any effect except in their minds. They have the funniest ideas about food - every single food is either a "hot food", or a "cold food". And they don't think of it like we do about spices, either, they mean it either makes you hot or cold to eat it. You cannot get them to eat anything they think is a hot food, no matter how good it might be for them. I don't know how many people have told us we ought not eat any eggs this weather, because they are a very hot food.

Well, I guess that's all the news from here. We surely do appreciate your letters. Glad to hear about Charles and Gerry. We didn't know where they were. So we never sent them a copy of that last letter. We still have a copy kept for them, and will send it when we get an address. Say hello to Rich for us.

Love,

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