

I'd be glad to have a few of the regular ones for at first when others are having to care for him, but your idea of cutting them from flannel with pinking shears is very good. I never thought of that. I can have flannel in the house, and cut as I need them! I do have pinking shears, and lots and lots of every size pin. The latter is available in the stores here, too, but they are not rust proof. I still have a lot I brought out from home, so don't need any more. When we get to Leiah it will be warm, and I'll probably use sleeveless shirts and diapers, no bands. I didn't order receiving blankets because I planned to make my own--customs would be high on them, and they are so simple. Last time I was in Multan I bought flannel. It was only about half as expensive as I had expected, so I got plenty. It's the right width, so all I'll have to do is cut it, and hem the ends, and I got enough to make a lot of blankets. Like you say, I like a clean one without washing the heavy ones. I didn't order any heavy ones because I can get some second hand ones, and know folks will probably send some, and then like I wrote, we have some old soft blankets here I intend to cut to the right sizes. Later, when I need crib size, it will be easy to make light cotton quilts which will wash easily.

I'm still not troubled with morning sickness, which certainly is nice, and am feeling a little more ambitious since I finished the liver and iron shots Clyde gave me. They brought my blood count up enough so I don't have to have more, which we're both glad about.

We have the tube of A & D. ointment put with the things we've started collecting for the baby. It should be real good.

The patterns sound good. I'm looking forward to receiving them. I'll probably do a good bit of my baby sewing in Murree, as I'll have to be there ahead of time, and probably won't care much about going out, and won't have as busy a schedule there as here--I hope.

I hadn't seen a maternity dress styled like the clipping you sent, but like it much better than the ones with just the big rapping hole in the front.

Please don't try to airmail anything--I will get the patterns in time, and as I said, have been able to borrow some. I'm glad you got the patterns according to measurements, they change often. I take a 34, and often have to make it smaller except just across the shoulders, my back seems broader than normal ones, but my waist is small. --it's rapidly losing that feature, of course. Actually, I can still wear most of my things, but am beginning to leave some skirt bands unbuttoned. Since it's still cool enough for sweaters which cover the top, it's no trouble. Ordinarily I weigh about 110, last time in Multan I had gained a couple of pounds. We can get a disinfectant called "Phenyle" here. It doesn't bleach like Chlorox, but will do. No we can't get good starch. We have some American stuff on hand, but don't starch things much--they usually get dirty so fast anyhow it doesn't matter much. We have several bars of Ivory on hand, can buy nice soaps, but they are very, very expensive. I have no diaper bag, but have plenty of small suitcases, etc. and plastic bags. Plastic things I could line a bag with, etc. I don't have, and do want a baby spritzer--the bulb type you mention. Binding tape, ribbon, etc. is difficult to get here. Sometimes in Murree we can get imported things of this nature (English), but they are very expensive. There are Pakistani made ribbons, but they are poor quality and often not colorful at all.

Right in the middle of this Clyde reminded me to tell you about the chickens--and I will before I forget. Visiting family the other day, we noticed they had four or five hens, obviously to lay eggs. There was one mammoth rooster, driving the hens away from all the feed. We asked if they hatched chickens, and they said no, they used the eggs. We asked why they kept a rooster, who ate and ate, and gave no return. They looked at us with a "You poor ignorant foreigners" air, and said, "But if you don't keep a rooster you don't get eggs. Hens don't lay unless there is a rooster with them." I tried to explain that hens could lay anyhow, and the only difference would be that eggs wouldn't hatch. They were polite, but sure I didn't know, and they finished it up by telling us that American hens were different, they didn't need roosters because they were hatched by Chinese anyhow. We've asked a number of folks here since, and they all agree that hens will NOT lay unless there is a rooster. Just thought you'd like to know.

To get back to baby things, I came out well equipped with various types of bindings, etc., etc., and don't think I'll need anything. I have some of the gripper snaps, and enough buttons of all sizes to start a factory. My machine has an attachment for making buttonholes, so they are no problems. I have some of the plain plastic, and knew I could fix up some pants, but it cracks quickly, and I thought maybe some regular pants would last longer.

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Sender's name and address:-

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I enjoy Good Housekeeping--it will be good to see what's going on at

home. The suit sounds awfully nice. I looked at them in the catalog, and

almost ordered one, but thought that I might get one from someone, and that

they could probably find nicer than the catalog had. We like the plastic

tablecloth much too much to use it for a rubber sheet. I have some others

I could use, though. Yours was such a pretty color. We have the Mabbitt

bulbs and batteries we need, and can buy more here now, so it isn't necessary

to send them out. I do like gauze diapers, but thought that maybe when the

baby was bigger the birdseye would be more practical. There is a small clinic

in Lurree, but it isn't a real hospital. I'll probably stay at home. Jane

Landon, one of the girls I used to live with is a trained nurse, and has said

she'd come in and take care of me.

Hope you got my letter saying the check had come. They did leave the

large white can in the box, and it wasn't bent at all. We use it for cookies

and cake now--I was glad to get it. I'm pretty well off for summer dresses,

bought a few while I was home last spring, of course it's always pleasant to

have a new one, but I think I have plenty now to last until we come home. I'm

at home who sewed much, and she had some left from old shirts of dad's, etc.,

and I always rip them out of skirts, or anything which wears out, so I have xx

a good supply. We're still using the laundry bags you sent Clyde - one for

ironing, and one for storing blankets.

We were a little surprised about Aunt Laura, but she had mentioned the

man in one of her letters. We didn't know he was so old--sounds like quite an

age difference. Whatever she decides, I hope it's for happiness. She

like such a nice person.

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