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Raccoonsee
Nov. 22nd

My dear Maama

Were you very much surprised at my last letter, I have just written to Rose and told her, but asked her not to say a word about it, I expect I might as well have put in "The Times". We got a few seeds (vegetable) the other day out here just to try with, they seem to be coming up especially some lettuce, I hope they get on alright. Herbert is coming out to see us this week I hope for a day or two, last time I heard from him, he was having a very busy time of it, and he seems very happy. Bill has begun my pig sty at last, I think I told you I had a pig given me some time ago. I had a long letter from Rose the other

day, she says Jack won't settle any
where and she seemed very uncomfort-
able in some lodgings; she sent some
very good sketches of Peter & his kitten
and a photo of Peter taken in the
summer, which was awfully kind
of her. By the by when are Gladys'
photos coming, I am very keen
to see them. I had a long letter
from Ada last week too, quite a
stupid sentimental letter, not
the least like her, besides I know
her too well for that sort of rubbish
to wash - You ^{will be} ~~may~~ glad to hear
many of the orange trees have begun
to put out young shoots already.
Eight young fellows are expected out
next week, and as there are only about
two spare beds of any description
left in Harcoossee, I rather wonder what
they will do with themselves. The
Thompson's are going to Hummingmede

this week, a place a good three miles
from here, so I don't suppose we shall
see much more of them, they are going
home in March or April anyhow.
Fancy a Miss Ward who was coming
out to her brother in Missinee from
England met a young fellow on the
steamer and was engaged before she
arrived at New York, although she
had never seen the man before she
left Liverpool, they are all at the
Tropical at present waiting to hear
from the girl's mother, then they
are to be married as soon as possible
and go to the man's ranche in Texas,
did you ever hear of such a rash
match in your life, she was staying
with me for two days last week
and seemed very nice, and she
is certainly pretty; poor girl I am
sorry for her as they say her intended
is rather too fond of the glass -

I suppose Phyllis will come out
this ~~time~~ Xmas, you'll have to
paint the place red as the saying is
dere. I have not been feeling very
fit lately, but I suppose that is only
to be expected, I often feel awfully
sick, but so far luckily, I have
managed to hang on as Bertha
says. Bill & I are not going any
where for Xmas, it will be so
much nicer in our own little
place. Mrs. Fell is coming out very
soon to Narcossee, if she brings
her photo machine, we are going
to get her to do this place -

Yours affectly
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