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P.S. I am sending
you a tiny piece
of Ruby's hair, if
could it is only
the baby's fluff
I shall some
times use
when it comes

Belando
June 18th

just a week today
since Ruby arrived, how do you
like her name. Bill thought of it
and I think it is pretty. Well I dare
say you would like to know
how I got through it all, I never
felt any pain until eleven on
Thursday night, then I fetched Mr Mathews
and the D^r sent for the nurse,
Mr Mathews stayed by me the
whole time and was awfully proud,
the little one arrived at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 3 on
Friday morning all safe & sound
with a caul on her face which
they say is very lucky or some
rubbish or other, any way we have
kept it, she was very fat & strong
altogether a baby to be proud of, I
wish you could see her, just

the sort you like, with a chest
like a pony's, so broad - She is
not a bit like any body yet, but
the D^r said hers was one of the
best shaped heads she ever saw
on a baby, every body makes as
much fuss over her as if there
never had been a baby before, Bill
is awfully fond of her, and keeps
on playing with her, luckily so
far she is very good never cries -
I have been wonderfully well, but
am not to be allowed out of bed
till Sunday, but I ~~can~~^{may} sit up
etc, and feel quite strong considering
holz Amoses didn't it hurt
though; Herbert came to see her
yesterday & thinks she is a fine
baby - The sashes arrived
quite safely, they are pretty,
thanks awfully for them &
the other things, I think Gladys

must be something like what
Maund was at her age, she does
not give one the idea of being
delicate in the photo, so fat,
I hope she escaped the measles
alright. I never told you that my
old darkey nurse is a very good ^{one}
so fond of the baby and keeps us
both so clean and comfortable,
she has advised me to have none
of Ruby's clothes starched at all
on account of the heat, and
certainly she seems cooler since
I took her advice. I hope to get
back to Garcoosie in about three
weeks from now, I want to be
perfectly well before I leave the
doctor. Please give Bertha my
love & thanks for her last letter.
I will write to her as soon as I

get up, this is the first letter I
have been allowed to write. I may
not read either, fancy Kathleen
sent me two books wasn't it
kind of her, please tell any body
what I have told you about Ruby
who cares to hear it, I can't
describe her to all of them. I am
going to bring her up myself, no one
can depend on the milk now
that the thunder storms have
begun, and I am very well able
to do it. Best love from ~~the~~ Ruby &
myself to all at Marlow. I wish
you could see her, I am sure you
would be pleased, she is so big &
strong; she isn't ugly either, only
you know I never did admire a
young baby.

Yours affect-ly
Helen F. Warner -