

Teheran, Persia
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Dear Mother:-

As you have probably already learned from the cable which I sent yesterday morning Warren Olley made his arrival on Thursday evening at 4.45 p.m. without any excitement whatever as contrasted with the rumpus which Craig stirred up when he came into the World. Warren had no doubt about his enjoying the place for he cried before the doctor had time to pick him and in a minute was letting out huskier noises than we heard from Craig at the end of three weeks.

As the doctor said everything went as the books say that they should go. In Craig's case everything went as the books say that they should not go. This time Teddy had no accidents ahead of time, which made it easier for both herself and the baby. Phil had read in one of his medical journals of giving quinine for a week before the baby is due in order to both hasten birth and lessen the birth pains for the mother. He experimented in Teddy's case when ~~Craig~~ Warren did not arrive ahead of time and told her to take quinine each night which she did for four or five nights without any apparent results. Neither of us expected anything to happen because as you know Teddy has taken quinine right along for the entire nine months without anything happening. At any rate Phil got desperate and so on Wednesday night he told her to take 15 grains of quinine and a dose of castor oil. Teddy has never taken more than ten grains of quinine and fifteen is some dose. Both of us slept that night with one eye open but nothing happened and in the morning we were ready to laugh at ourselves and the doctor also. I went off to school as usual, but by the time I got home for lunch at 12.30 Teddy was suspicious of a backache although the pains were so light that she doubted whether it was the real thing or not. Their regularity was the only sign she had that made her suspicious. Phil had warned us not to delay this time as second children do not take so much time about getting here and as he had had one or two narrow escapes with some of the other mothers who took that matter a bit leisurely. We went over to the Hospital at two o'clock after we had had lunch and by three there was no doubt about the matter, but even then Phil was getting ready to go out on a consultation case. Both he and Dr. Blair were very late getting through with their morning's work. Between they had had thirteen operations that morning. A few patients waiting for Phil after his lunch delayed his departure so that it was four o'clock before he was ready to go out. By that time Taillie sent for him to examine Teddy and he decided not to go and well that he did not for the baby was born in another 45 minutes. Teddy did not get into bed until four o'clock for up until that time she did not think that the party had really begun, but at about four o'clock she decided that she would like "to hang onto the furniture" (to use Phil's expression) and so she got into bed. Naturally I was a bit shaky and I scared myself to death by breaking open a tube of chloroform and having it spit in my face. I get the job of the official anesthetizer at these performances and am some what expert by now. Phil had a hard time getting me to give enough of the chloroform as last time I gave too much under Phil's directions and wanted to guard against that mistake this time. I think that I did a very good job for Teddy was only asleep twenty minutes altogether, ten before Warren's arrival and ten minutes after. So, that's that.

Warren weighs 6 pounds and three ounces, one ounce less than Craig did and I think that he is considerably shorter for he is pretty fat which Craig was not. Tallie forgot her tape measure and hence did not measure him while I was there and I failed to ask for the results yesterday when I was there. I doubt if I will be able to get over to see Teddy to-day as I am to preach to-morrow at the English service and I need all the time between now and then to work on my sermon. I do not know what I will be preaching about. I have a sermon all right and it has been written out. Unfortunately most of it has been written since Thursday afternoon which is point one against it and point two is that I will probably forget most of it when I get in the pulpit to-morrow.

I called up the Hospital just before starting this letter and they told me that everyone was well, and so I will have to be satisfied with that for the present. Taqui is taking Craig over there this afternoon. I took him over yesterday afternoon and when I first went into the room he only saw Tallie of whom he has always been afraid, and he did not recognize his mother in bed. ~~xxxxxx~~ The result was that his lips began to come down and he was about to start in when Teddy spoke to him and he recognized her voice. He looked at me and said in half afraid tones, "Munner" and on another minute or two got used to the idea of Teddy being in a strange bed. He seemed much interested in the baby although not enthusiastic. He wanted to see the baby several times and I had to lift him up to let him look in the bed. He showed a deep knowledge of the ways of babies because he kept saying "baby ky" which means in his language that the baby was crying. Actually he did not hear a whimper from his brother the whole time he was there but the first thing he told Taqui when he came home was "baby ky".

Teddy would like very much to have Craig with her but I guess taken altogether she is lot more comfortable to be over there by herself and away from the house and the worry of what is being done for Craig. Where things being done for him right under her nose she would have a lot more to worry about and fret over than she has now when he is out of sight.

I must get to work on the sermon and hence will close this note. I only took time out from sermon writing in order to write this, and I had better not take more time out at present.

Teddy is probably scribbling a few notes while in bed that will give her point of view of the matter, but as an official reporter of what happened I am much more accurate than she is in this case.

With love

