

Tells Mary when she speaks of
it. Beltramy too. They spent
the day together yesterday at
Ed and Pollys. We all drove
down. It was. Pursall being
together and discussing the
visit.

You should see the puppets.
Such shining eyes they will
cause forever I know. They
will grow into such a
magic family to bring
smiles and bright eyes to
dear faces. I can just see
Christy and Robin and Peter
and Kitten and Barbie and
ours watching them. And
someday you and I will
give them together.

December 11, 1946

Well more darling,

It is late, Tom and
I are sitting at the long
table, your table, with your
red cloth on it, in Winter
Kitchen. We have the usual
yellow bowl of apples between
us. It is quiet, so quiet.
The little ones are fast sleeping
dreaming of Christmas I'm sure.
There is a moon looking
in the window too, and I am
wearing a dress you gave me
so you see you are all about

us and with us every minute. I can almost hear the rustle of your skirts, and have only to close my eyes to see your dear beautiful face so clearly. I long to hear and see you much too often. You truly should be so wanted. As Beltramy was getting ready for bed tonight she was talking about Christmas, that is the only subject of interest right now. She said she knew Godmummy would send something very special because Godmummy was so very magic and always gave such very very special presents!" and added "And you do too, Mummy. You and Godmummy are the most "magical" people I ever saw!"

My head is in a whirl of puppets, popcorn, gingerbread men, paper dolls, Dolls clothes, three red woolblankets ~~the~~ Nanas and goodness knows what, and it is all perfectly delightful. It only lacks you to be Heaven itself. But my! What preparations! They come the twenty third. You should see

1040 — but then you are
so wonderful "the most
magic-est" as Beltramy said.

There is so much I have
forgotten to say and so much
I want to say that I do not
know where to start. I can
hardly wait to hold "Mary
and the Spinners" between my
two hands, and then read
very quiet and secret moments
in which to read it. Oh Nell,
only you know those very
secret feelings. How I love you!

Will you when you find
a free moment send me
some odd scraps of Robin?
I want so to use him in the
book. Endless love,

E.

I have made a real little
stage with curtains and every-
thing. It looks too enchanting

Beltramy spends long
times on the platform making
the puppets work. She shows
such interest in every step
of their making. I can
hardly wait to have you see
them in their stage. It is
sheer magic!

And you should see the
paper dolls I've done for the
three girls!!!! Oh dear why
have you not a magic
carpet to jump upon, or a
white goose? So that you
could be here in a trice.
Whenever I wanted you, but

Then I would want you all the time
I fear.

I'm thinking of your book too,
on its travels. I pray for it. It must
and will be. Be sure and let me
hear any news of it.

You are good, good to better
with pictures for the publicity.

I'm enclosing the woman's letter so
as to give you an idea of what
she wants. I didn't dare send her
my copies for fear they might
not be returned. Why don't you
send her what you want. And
be sure and get paid for it. You
owe it to Sweet House you know.

We saw Sweet House the other
day, but before I go into that will
you be sure to send the Miss
Royce some photographs - I don't
know how else to do it. What
do you want to do?

But about Sweet House. Sam
brought over the rest of your
wood and covered your flower
beds. All looked snug and secure
but lonely for you.

And how proud we are of you
doing such a wonderful job at

It is truly touching. I cut an elegant new gown for it, while there,

Oh how I wish you were going ~~to~~ to be here too and see the smiling faces and hear the squeals of delight. I just wish and wish and WISH you could be.

I love the water colour of you. I love it, I love it!! We must do it again

It is horribly late I truly must stop. This letter is trivial in comparison to one of yours, please forgive it, I cannot ~~sleep tonight~~ I am heavy with sleep but full of joy and of love for you.

Do write me about the photographs.

We all love you so much and think of you every day.

Whenever we go over the hill that brings Sweet House into view the children always say "I love God mummy's!"

Love and endless love

S.

It is really unbelievable.

You should see the puppets!
Red Riding Hood is completed and
is darling. Son Son just stands
in front of her and vibrates
with sheer ecstasy. It is so funny.

Today Bethany helped me
line plaster casts with "paper
mache" for Grammy and the
Woodchopper. We do have such
fun together.

I spent last Monday
night at Ted's while research
working. You should just
hear the thrill and excitement
in Mary's Rick's and Rodman's
voices at the thought of Christmas
here. It pleases me so much.
How Mary loves her doll!