

Clarence Hotel,  
Teddington,  
June 6<sup>th</sup>

My dear Mother & Father,

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I cannot thank both of you  
for the Cigarette-case & Cigarette-  
holder anywhere nearly as well,  
or as much, as if I were with you.

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at last that I am 'grown-up,'  
though when you see me, which  
may be at the end of the month,  
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looking much older.

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matter of fact, they were a complete surprise to me, as I thought the blazer was to be your present.

Incidentally, I shall be having it on Friday, but I don't want you to send me the price of it. 10/- will be enough - I can put the rest.

I am not sure whether I shall be able to see you, Dad, if you come to Town, I am so busy. But on Tuesday & Friday at lunch time I generally have  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr. to spare: don't inconvenience yourself on my account at all though, as at that time of day you will probably be wanting to do some business.

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and I shall have to leave them  
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for everything in the last twenty  
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Your own son

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