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I am so sorry to hear poor Father had such a horrid time with a chill, I hope he will not go out in foggy weather again. The pen you mention must be Amice's, will you keep it for the time being, she has two in working order just now

Thanks so much for sending the white ribbon. will you get me a yard of suspender elastic & cut it into four pieces & send one piece at a time in your letters. the suspenders on an ancient pair of corsets I left out here are rather tired, but if renewed will be quite useful. but there is no hurry as I have

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The seeds are flourishing. there is a splendid row of hardy looking tomato plants.

I really must go to bed All my love to you both Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.