

cost but little. If there is time after you come, she will be glad if you will teach us how to make pills for hams &c. as you once did, but she has forgotten it. We have no machines for the purpose here.

Grippe says it has quite cheered her to find you will be with us at that time.

23 Hardwick Vicarage, Aug. 4. 1870.

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My dearest Arthur,

I do think you a very "strangely and unaccountably" good boy - for being willing to come down to all our dulness here, and help us in our times of pressure. At any time we should be delighted to have you - but now it is not merely pleasure - but help - that we shall receive from your most opportune visit. You have not said exactly when, but there will be plenty of time for you to suit your dear Mother's and your own convenience - to us it will be all the same, excepting that the more we see of you, most unquestionably the better.