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Dear Rufus -

Under separate cover am sending you some silk for a "pock". Hope you like it. We all thought it very "chick". And you will see what a beautiful quality it is. Originally about 3<sup>00</sup> per yard, even here, but reduced to a little over \$1<sup>00</sup> for the January sales. I think it would lend itself to almost any kind of treatment, either pussy or tailor made. Tunic dresses are very "good" here just now & as you are

always good yourself, especially to  
look at and to be with, that  
might be an appropriate style.

Can't quite make up my mind  
about the Q. M.'s dress. Wonder

it be a good idea for her to

wear that blue printed silk

like I gave her, night or day,

till worn out. She wears thin

things so little even in the

summer that I was wondering how

a light weight wool would be.

Knitted things, shawls to say, are

dearer here than at home. If I  
remembers her knitted suit was be-  
gining to look a bit passé.  
(masc. or fem?). I'll wait  
& consider her problem more fully.

Sent you Mother's novel on to an  
Eng. agent. The first man turned  
it down. I'm afraid it hasn't  
much chance on the English  
market. For one thing us too  
can't understand how a nice girl  
comes wander about "taking up" with  
leket agents & such. I mean the  
social environment would be so different

They comes hardly grasp it without  
Explanation. Then the English is a  
bit weak. They are accustomed  
to a more literary English. If  
she has a striking tale she  
might get it over. I think, though  
it might go in Canada. It has a  
quoto that is your mother's special  
gift.

Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra here  
this week. makes the Eng. "souds"  
like a village organ-grate. Queer  
how few Eng. can play or sing, but  
they can make poetry. I'll try for  
the books you mention.

I am feeling better already +  
hope, though perhaps toothless, to be really  
Amazonian in a short time. Best love  
Tance

**MB Williams to her niece Ruth ("Rufus"), Jan 1934**

Transcription / Additional Information

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always good yourself, especially to look at and to be with, that might be an appropriate style. Can't quite make up my mind about the G.M.'s dress. Wouldn't it be a good idea for her to wear that blue printed silk Uncle E. gave her, night & day till worn out. She wears thin things so little even in the summer that I was wondering how a light weight wool would be. Knitted things, strange to say, are

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Best love,

Tante

