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Kuchin Bagh Road  
Allahabad10<sup>th</sup> - 12 - 04

My dearest Mama,

A very charming present has arrived from you consisting of a lovely head ornament & a bunch of most real looking violets, for both of which very many thanks, they are just the kind of thing I love, & are such a help, when one hasn't many changes. I am keeping the

to wear with my old wedding  
dress at the next big dance.

Our houseparty is a great  
success, one of the girls is very  
pretty & a dreadful flirt, & is  
winning 3 flirtations hard with  
3 of the party! And it is  
most amusing to watch, the rest  
of us generally come to the con-  
clusion it is "honours divided by  
the end of the evening!" The  
other girl is plain, but very jolly  
& plays the piano most beautifully

& every evening after dinner, the  
men all collect round the piano  
& sing until the roof shakes  
& they are so exhausted, they  
can't sing any more. So far  
we've been indulging in a great  
many garden parties, & several  
dances, dinners & cricket  
matches, ladies views run in  
the Park, we began at 11 &  
went on until 5.30 with  
a break of a hour or so for  
a huge lunch at the Pavilion.

It was killingly funny, & I  
did enjoy it so, especially as I  
made 100, not out, hitting at  
least 3 boundaries!!!

On Sunday we are giving  
a large water Picnic, &  
will be out all day, if we  
can only get up in time, which  
seems doubtful, as there is  
a dance to-morrow (Saturday)  
& on Monday Jack & Ben de-  
part, & most of our festivities  
will end. Every body seems to  
be thoroughly enjoying themselves,  
especially Ralph, who is getting  
so fat & looks in perfect health.  
He loves these gaieties & always  
leads everything, & keeps everybody  
amused. Well, I've no more time  
to write more as the post is leaving  
instantly, so with again my thanks  
& heaps of love to every body from us  
all ever your affectionate daughter  
Mary Ann Strachey.