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My dearest Pippa,

Thank you  
very very much indeed for  
that fascinating box of  
sweets you sent me; it  
was such a surprise. I  
got a crowd of things; Mar-  
jorie gave me some writing  
paper, Ethel Chamberlain gave  
me Jocelyn which she is  
going to have bound for  
me at the end of the term.  
Daisy sent a life of M<sup>me</sup> de  
Lévisné & Mary Grey sent me  
The Story of Ida, translated

by Ruskin from the Stalian  
of Francesca. Signorina gave  
me a little white Dante a  
M<sup>lle</sup> Louestee, much to my  
surprise gave me the most  
fascinating copy ever yet  
seen, of Ver-Vert. However,  
she said that it is only  
for the time and that she  
is going to give me some-  
thing much nicer. Isn't  
it exciting? Three girls  
gave me sweets & two others  
a large Baszard cake; another  
girl gave me a very nice large  
stamp-box & another a  
purse. Unfortunately this

last is not of much use at  
present. For why? On the day  
of the event I meant to bring  
home my money amounting  
to about eleven shillings.  
As I had not got a purse I  
kept it in a drawer and  
as a rumour had been spread  
that Signorina was going to  
look at the drawers I thought  
I would arrange them. I did so



and put the things  
I wanted to take home  
on Rudolphine's shelf  
among other things my money.  
Rudolphine went by an earlier  
train than I did and so  
she locked the cupboard and

put the key in a weird place  
so that I couldn't find it.

I had been out of the  
room during these manoeuvres  
about 5 minutes before we  
had to start I came back;  
the cupboard with my money  
in it was locked. I had no  
time to look in my bag to  
see if it was there or not.

When I came back on Monday  
I forgot to look in the  
cupboard & when I did  
look there was no money  
there. Now it may have been  
in the bag and perhaps  
Nurse took it out and

put it in some mysterious spot in your room without saying anything. Do you think you could ask her about it? Because Signorisa told me I was to find out and I think perhaps it would be better if you did.

Yesterday a French dame came and gave us a lecture on Mme de Sévigné; she is coming every week now & is going to give us a <sup>different</sup> lesson every time. In the afternoon Ethel and I went to have tea with Daisy, Maggie's

Beale was there and we spent  
the time very agreeably in  
demolishing two boxes of sweets.  
I think I will now cease

so Goodbye

Yr loving  
Pam.

P.S. Perhaps if you dropped a hint  
about my pecuniary difficulties to  
Papa his strong heart might be  
touched seeing ~~that~~ how it was  
my birthday last week, what not