

Eversole family fonds
MG 32, I, 2-11

Private

[Berkhamsted School, Herts.]

May 17. 1910.

Dear Mr. Eversole.

Delighted to get *yours*. How fast it has come! We are all now back at work, *and* my dear son is safe with you all. I think your policy *about* buying steer when you get a real chance is right – and of *course* you must do so. Pay when you have to, *and* I will maintain the Bank Balance all right when I know.

I now have a secret to tell you which [p. 2] you must not tell my son yet. I have to go next month some few days after the middle of June under the Surgeon's knife in London. It is a serious operation, but if it succeeds it will leave me better than ever – It is quite a benignant cause – can't refuse: *and* all I have to do is to get through it well. Of course it quite prevents me coming this year, as I shall have to rest for some while after. I have only just found it out. But, in case of accident, I [p. 3] have left all quite safe *and* clear in Mrs. Fry's hands, so all *would* go on just as it is, and I know I *could* rely on your doing *your* kindly best to help Mrs. Fry.

Happily I am very well – never better – and full of faith *and* trust in a Father in Heaven.

Please don't tell a soul – nobody knows now but a very few who must. (I don't mean Mrs. Eversole – tell her privately).

You shall give ~~this~~ the letter ~~to~~ enclosed to my son on June 20 which is two days before the operation: ~~and I shall send~~ Mrs. Fry will send the telegram to you as you are better known – but probably my boy may like to fetch it. I don't think it quite fair to hide it altogether from him till it is over – but that won't give him long [p. 4] to think about it.

E. g. Eversole

Red Deer

Draucus.

Fry.

And three days later we will send a second telegram, only then his mind may be at rest. I am writing to him by this mail a letter which says nothing. The one enclosed lock up till June 20; *and* then let Mrs. Eversole ~~then go to tell~~ give him quietly my letter *and* just wait with him while he reads it.

The word Draucus you find on page 120 of *your* unicode.

Then three days after I will wire Feriers (page 128, unicode), at least I hope to . We *should* be able to send the letter before the (English) afternoon. [p. 5] Between a fortnight before June 19 (say) *and* a fortnight before July 20, please write to Mrs. Fry – *and* after that, if all goes well to me.

If all goes well, I shall be strong *and* able to come; *and* if God willed otherwise, comfort my beloved boy *and* encourage him by sympathy to do all he can for his mother.

I am

Yours sincerely

T. C. Fry.

[p. 6]

Your first letter written 4 days before *your* second just arrived after it. I am delighted about the steers. That is clearly the road of profit: far better than all that milking.

Buy as you want *and* I will back it.

T. C. F.