

P.S. with love to line to you all & am from
Sister. Edith: Dora: ~~Atm~~ N. M. to China
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My dear Sister:-

Here I am in my own home at last. We are fairly well settled. Ed has gone into the city to church this p.m. & Ruth and I are alone. One of the churches is next door. I tried to go with Ruth this morning but she was afraid and I had to come out with her she will get used to the strangeness soon. She is so cute. There are so many things around for her to get into she just now is trying on a pair of her baby shoes. I said you can't wear them they are too small for you. So she said I am too big. She is much pleased to get at her old play things. It seems good to be by our selves once more. Our home is very pleasant & cozy. It was the first house built in Ningpo & by our mission. We live on the second floor entirely & the natives under us. We have four large square rooms. Sitting room with large folding doors between that & dining room there is a wide veranda all around the house. We enter the parlor from the porch & off this is my study room there is a slide to pass food through into the dining room. This along the back veranda with

one room between is the kitchen this was as
black with-smoke as it-well could be. I had
it-whitewashed three coats & it-looks quite-clean
I have had a man to help me waiting for
my old cook. he came to day I have a
nice woman with no children Talie & her husband
live down stairs. she has nice white-teeth & is
young & clean. I expect to train a cook when
I find just the right-man. The old fellow I have
is not over neat. but fairly faithful. To go
on the other two rooms have ^{two} three closets & bath-
room off. we have nice bath-tubs but the
water has to be brought-in & carried out. If
I had a guest room I would have plenty of
room. We shall use the study for spare room
and screen shut the bed in by screens. We have
the boxes all opened and in a weeks will be settled
I have matting on dining room & bed room with-art squares
7 in grain. The parlor floor is painted so that-it-looks
fairly well. have ~~bric-a-brac~~ rug that-we-brought-from
Gampud with-us & I still have a rug for the study
Willow furniture mostly with-cushions. for this winter
Ruth-is in her carriage for we found one in the
house and it-is comical to hear her chatter
away to the Ashes & the woman tries to lead to
find out what she wants. Well dear Irish Aunt &
Uncle. I can write no more this time I say I will open
our subject for my next I am well. We all are and send
lovely wishes. Just comfortable with-out fire now still blooming