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101 late 55 William Street.  
Melbourne. 24th May 1891

My dear Andrew,

I have received a letter from my sister Florie which informs me that there has been a financial trouble at home, and that she consulted you with the result that you paid the £6.15.0 to get them out of the difficulty. Accept my best thanks, dear Andrew, for the kind and practical manner in which you met her - I am sure you did it promptly and ungrudgingly. At the same time I am grieved that the monetary troubles of our family should be made any subject of concern to you. I did not know that this pressure was likely to be put upon them and it is doubly unfortunate that they have no one

on the spot to advise them, and  
the landlord, it appears urged  
perhaps by his own necessities, has  
tried to impose an extortionate  
rent upon them -

Money matters have been  
singularly unfortunate with me for  
the past 7 or 8 months - A relative  
of mine let me in for £30 in  
a most shady manner, and the  
robbery of £20 accentuated the  
trouble - joined to this Dave has  
hardly done anything since he  
came here about 6 or 7 months  
ago, and so far from being any  
help to those at home has not  
been able to keep himself - things  
are in a bad way here.

I have a brave little wife  
and a dear little child, and  
health keeps with us, but sometimes  
these ~~troubles~~ make me feel faint  
at heart -

If you will kindly let  
the amount stand over till the  
end of dys month I will send  
you a P.O. order for it - I would  
try to do so this month, but I

find there is further stability at home, which they have tried to keep from me, and so much I want to help them with this month. So much, dear, Pacheco, for the ao angustia domi in this letter.

Since you left the wife of W & G presented him with a daughter. She told me the confinement was a hard one for her - the feet being presented first. They are both progressing well now. Over the glass of wine we crushed in honor of the event your name naturally came up and Wacker seemed wounded you had not seen him during your recent visits. I was frank with him and pointed out that his indifference to Marie during her visit here was thought strange enough by all of us. He said he was going to write you.

Mrs George Edwards paid a  
visit to my crib about a  
week ago. It was during the  
daytime when I was away.  
She and Nancy appear to have  
taken to one another very  
well and we are under  
orders to visit George & his  
wife Mrs evening. This will  
be the first visit since my  
marriage - I forgot to say that  
Mrs Lane accompanied Mrs  
Edwards. I suppose you know  
she Mrs E had a third child  
not long back.

I have not seen M. G.  
since your departure. She is  
living in lodgings now Mrs  
G and the other sister being at  
Walter's house.

I have no time to say  
anything more at present save  
to send kindest regards to Madie  
and the children (if Esma will  
stand being called a kinchun now)  
and remain in the hope of having  
a line from you soon  
Ever affectionately  
G. W. Allen