

Church Hill

Birchington - on - sea.

August 1<sup>st</sup>.

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My dear Mr. Shields

How I hope that Birchington  
- if Birchington prove to be your  
'bourne' - may revive you and your  
wife. Our love to her, please, and  
our very best wishes for her  
recovery and enjoyment, -  
if she rallies, you will brighten  
up, and I hope throw off that  
very painful besetment  
neuralgia.

On a separate sheet I send

you what particulars I have  
unearthed. By far the largest  
and best room of all I have  
seen is the one room at  
the pastycooks, but very  
likely such a makeshift is  
not admissible. The whole  
group of lodgings I send  
you are more or less near  
the Church, - this, need I  
remind you? involves their  
being at some distance from  
the sea, and accounts for

the comparatively low rents  
demanded. Near the sea, I  
am not aware of anything to  
be had, short of an entire  
house.

If there is anything more I can  
do, command me. I called on  
Mrs Seddon before commencing  
my round of apartments - hunting,  
and it was in fact thro' her  
that I heard of the cottage  
in my list: so there can be  
no doubt of the respectability  
of this said cottage - - for,



it is let by people who the  
thought might have rooms  
to let.

The weather here varies  
between summer and winter!  
Today is of an intermediate  
temperature.

Be sure you will find my  
dear Mother ready and anxious  
to set forward the memorial.  
Today I revisited the dear old  
bungalow and brought away  
a bunch of flowers from its  
garden and conservatory.

Always truly yours

Christina G. Popette.

Mr Harris

Stands in a row of  
a few cottages.

Jessamine Cottage

Church Street

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Fronts towards the Church: back  
looks into own garden or kitchen  
garden.

Sitting room ground floor, bedroom  
above.

25/- per week with attendance.

Boots 7 per pair.

Cruets, &c., 6 per week.

Kitchen fire 1/- 8d.

Washing of linen about 2/- for  
a fortnight, if that is the whole  
term.

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Mr D. Golden - Ironmonger.  
Park Lane

A Cottage, furnished, could be entered at once but must be vacated not later than the 13<sup>th</sup>.

2 guineas for the above short term. Occupant must provide his own attendance, plate, linen.

3 bedrooms.

2 sittingrooms.

Kitchen, &c.

The Cottage looks into its own little piece of garden front — it stands in a row — & at the back towards other premises.

Mrs Jakes  
10 Prospect Villas

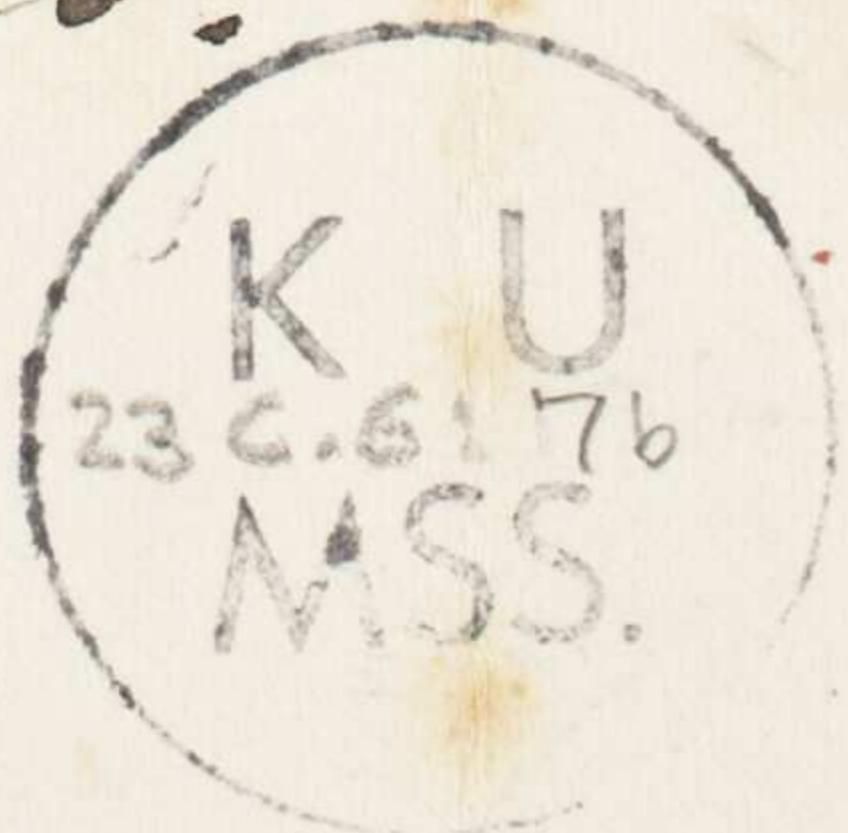
Sittingroom & bedroom on 1<sup>st</sup> floor. (Stands in a row of lodging-betting houses.)

30/- per week.

Kitchen fire 1/6<sup>d</sup> per week.

No other extras.

When I saw these rooms both had beds in them, but one would be cleared & turned into a sittingroom. C. G. R.



Mr Japsell - Pastrycook  
Station Road (which  
is a sort of village High St.).

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One only, but really large  
room, seeming thoroughly furnished  
as bed & sitting room in one.

25/- per week.

Gas 1/6 0.

Boots ?

Washing linen either a small  
charge, or perhaps for  
fortnight gratis.

A square landing outside the  
room door, large enough for a  
small table & chair, would do to  
write a letter or what not if the  
real room were occupied at the moment.