

Do you see the English
 Review: I'm not
 good is to all
 - Review is
 with encouragement
 Have you read
 Jean Christophe?
 I have just enjoyed
 Catharine
 reminiscences
 I am so
 fond of
 him.
 aren't you?
 It seems
 to be a
 very poor
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THE MEADOW,
 GROSVENOR ROAD,
 READING.

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My dearest Mary.

I was so sorry to hear from
 Anne that you had been having such
 a horrible time, & were cast on the
 world homeless as it were! poor girl
 how simply horrid for you! I am sending
 this letter to Summerhome hoping they
 will forward it to you wherever you are.
 You ought to come to England now for
 a trip & look round & see all your
 friends on this side. His Age since
 you wrote to me but I expect they have
 got in the way. How queer life is isn't it?
 I must have been wretched for you selling

Account: They
chucked both
Gillie Reed's &
my efforts, so
said she thought
we must be
beyond them
It seems so!
I want to do a
medal of Dad &
Motta this year
for their Golden
Wedding which is
in April of next year
I want to send
on a plaque, but
I'll be difficult to
know.

• Story, looking up all the old
things. I do sympathize, I often
wish I had the courage to burn all
my possessions every six months
they do accumulate so & are really
only a chain on one's freedom of action.
We have just got back from a most
lovely holiday of 3 weeks, we went to
Nice & stayed at a very nice hotel there
& then went for days by train or tram
to nearly all the other places on the
Riviera on the coast as well as to
many little inland towns perched on the
tops of hills - the most picturesque
way. We went to Bordighera (which is
Italy really just over the frontier) & to

Lots of love desired & writes on. Always your loving friend & heater R. Dawson Kings. Amos. 124.

Ventimille, & that lovely garden there La
Mortola, said to be the most beautiful garden
in the world & laid out by Sir Thomas Hudson
a friend & a great botanist. We went
several times to Monaco & Monte Carlo &
were very much interested watching the
Hydroplane races at Monaco which
were just going on while we were there
Of course we visited the gambling room at
the Casino, a most wonderful place &
fascinating to watch the people. & we went
to the Prince of Monaco's Oceanographic
Museum & Deep Sea Aquarium most
interesting both. We also went to Mentone,
Cannes, La Napoule, Antibes, & other
places. I never dreamt the Riviera was
so beautiful, always had a prejudice against it
because I thought it was swarmed over by such a
rotten class of people. I never wanted to go a
bit. but it is quite different to what I thought
& so beautiful that nothing could spoil it, & as
for the people they are very amusing indeed to

Wald, - in fact it is a whole side of existence
one had not come in contact with before & which
is most interesting & entertaining. The colour
& the vegetation & scenery are just like one's ideas
of Paradise, perfectly ideal, & the lovely curves
of the coast & the mountains & the way the
towns are set just in the right places & just the
right colour. (Creamy white & red roofs) is too
enchanting for words. It was lovely to see big
eucalyptus trees all in flower again, & palms,
& oranges & lemons on the trees & the most lovely
fields of carnations & roses & jasmine, & every other
sweet-smell flower. We went to France one day
& saw the seed factories & the flowers being packed
in the fields. The shops in Nice were wonderful
& I never saw such frocks & hats as the people
wore in the shops too. Far nicer & more taste
than even Paris: carefully dear of course!
The clothes made one hate one's own, & to feel
hopeless of ever getting anything one would care
to wear again! We had used to go to the Casino
& feel very proud as playing a bit at
the roulette tables & thoroughly enjoying ourselves!
It was such a splendid change from Reading life!

2) I really hated coming back to work again at first
but I have liked it again now & feel all right. We are
even so much better for our holiday. We had
an-Professor with us & he was so ~~delighted~~ delighted
with everything we saw & did abroad, it was all so
absolutely new to him as he has been brought up, so very
strictly in the north of Yorkshire, & one of a 'dealer
family'. It was very amusing to see the other side
of his character (lay suppressed) breaking out, &
he became quite a boy of about 23 again & most
gay & charming. It was so good for him to be
able to forget all his worries for a time.

We came home to the end of the Coal Strike, & soon
then this awful tragedy of the Titanic which
is truly appalling. The English enquiry is going
on now, but really the poor survivors have suffered
enough already in the hands of that idiot Remond.

Smith that one hopes they will soon be allowed to go home to their friends & try to get to the bottom of their minds. I must have been such a terrible experience altogether. England is getting a very queer place to live in, & all social conditions are changing very rapidly & no one feels very secure nowadays.

We have had Dad & Mother stay with us since we came home, & now Kit & Anne. Kit is very well & is busy with all kinds of musical engagements, she leads such a full & bustling life. & I must be the most interested life too dear old Anne is just the same & has just finished the play she has written for Halton & will be given as a kind of Pageant this summer. I'm very pretty - the songs are so nice. Kit is a great favourite & has swarms of youths around, she has such a strong personality she is very attractive. I hope she will marry soon, & yet in some way it would be a pity to limit her in any way, she seems so full of possibilities & she so young yet in many ways.

Account: They checked both Ellie Reed's & my efforts, each said she thought "we must be beyond them" & it seems so! I want to do a medal of Dad & Motta this year for their Golden Wedding which is in April of next year I want the 2 heads on a plaque but I will be difficult I know.

Storing & making up all the old things. I do suffer from a little weakness I had the courage to burn all my possessions every six months though do accumulate a few & one really old a chain on one freedom of action. We have just got back from a most lovely holiday of 3 weeks, we went to Nice & stayed at a very nice hotel there & then went for days by train a train to nearly all the ~~best~~ places on the Riviera on the coast as well as to many little inland towns perched on the tops of hills - the most picturesque way. We went to Bordighera (which is really really just over the frontier) & to

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