

Geneva

Hotel de [text missing] 21 Aug '81

My dear Sweetheart

I have just had the great pleasure of receiving your welcome letter of 9 August which has chased me first to Paris and now here. I am now sitting at the window of my [summary: describes the lake outside his window] 5 miles away is Mt [Geneva?] which is [text faded] 5000 ft. in height & far away to the S W but in plain sight against the blue sky the grand old Mt. Blanc in its everlasting snow mantle glittering in the afternoon sun – If I only had you sitting by my side how delightful it would all be! I am sorry to say I have not been well for a week feeling wretched & weak. I [text faded] of my blind turns in Paris – I took [?] blue man & [?] to break the dreaded fever I had experienced for 2 [?] days. I took a Turkish bath in Paris which I think [text faded] & I [text faded] long from Paris [?] & left yesterday [text missing] arriving here at 9 PM. I fell in [text missing] an agreeable Englishman of about my age & we came [?] [?] together & are very comfortably [?]. Also in the car was a young Italian from Geneva with whom I had much pleasant talk – he was [text faded] so [text missing] I could hardly take [text faded and missing] over 22 – [text faded or missing] I must [text faded or missing] me of the male persuasion – I feel sorry for the ladies [?] he should meet. At Paris I spent [?] at the electrical exposition & was [?] here I was feeling well enough to enjoy anything – but I will not trouble you now with my misery [?] I feel so as you all about it -- & I trust [?] will make me quite well soon & after all our God is over us [text faded] as it [?] & will care for [?] of this little scattered family. The Turkish bath in Paris I simply [?] [six lines faded or missing]. I thought it best to wait until we return [faded] to spend a day at that [?] where it is [?] which will not interfere [text faded]. I met no acquaintances at all [text faded or missing] familiar faces [text missing]. I rode up and down the Seine & about [text faded]. I [?] think Paris has much changed only one I saw fewer soldiers & priests than [text faded]. I brought myself an opera glass for 65 francs at [?] but not of [aluminum?] as I found it too expensive being 150 [text faded]. I had the great pleasure today dearest of getting you something of a present which I think you will like very much – from [?] Le Coultre whose [?] was made a watch of the same quality as mine (without the repeating [part?] same [?] as mine & [text faded] [left half of page faded with some text missing]. [mentions Mr. Scharff and Folkstone] [bottom half faded] to Ives & tell him I [text faded] place at [Charity?] & to make the best of it. Tell him to try & [?] whole I was given! Kiss my dear boys – I was [text faded] about the [?] the Restaurant – don't let the dear fellows forget poor far

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away papa – If you need any money go to Mr. Freeman & tell him & I will be all right – I wrote to Frank to tell him of my account but I fear we will [?] to be able to meet. I am very anxious whatever your next news from authorities -- & now my dear little wife I must close [several words unclear] and I am so sorry I am too late but I thought I had more time until just now the Porter has told me I must send at once or lose the watch –

With oceans of love & praying God to keep us all safely until we mean again I am [?]
your loving husband.

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