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Dear Mr. Deane,

This is rather a short line to thank you sincerely for your kind and welcome letter of July 3. I am late in responding but you will excuse if knowing the reason. We had an awfully anxious time this summer and not yet ended. My mother had been down with Phlebitis since midst of June for about 4 weeks and we hoped she would now be able to enjoy the rest of summer. Instead of this she has met with a serious accident. On 5th of August she stepped up a connective stair in our house and owing to a sudden weakness in her feet she broke down contusing her left hip so badly that she could not move again. The Doctor stated a fracture of her leg in the femoral neck. This was a terrible blow to us all. Poor good mother has now, with 78 years, to endure all the suffering and hardship connected with this disastrous

matter. My wife is indefatigable in nursing her with love and care and the Doctor says everything will get all right again. So we hope, though I cannot get rid of apprehension. Why must fate bring such disastrous matters instead of pleasure! Since almost 25 years she has stepped up and down those stairs so many thousand times without any accident, and now the disaster comes suddenly. This year is upon the whole an abominable one, sunshine scarce as in the weather. Except some warm weeks in July the whole summer was rough and what a dreadful August we had, you probably have read in your newspapers. It is the only poor consolation we can give our good mother that she has not lost the enjoyment of a fair summer. But the matter is hard, awfully hard in spite of this. I hope I can send you better news later. My mother and my wife join me in warmest cordial remembrances and all good wishes to Mrs. Deane and yourself. Very sincerely yours,
Rudolph Blaschka



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