

nature. Menton is, to our way of thinking, one of the truly choice corners of this wonderful globe that we have the pleasure of inhabiting! The villas and luxuriant flowers, quite indescribable in their beauty, stretch like a great band of bright ribbon or carpet between the fine bold mountains in the background and the incomparable, always changing colors of the Mediterranean in the foreground. It was really hard to leave it, but hotels were closing.

Dear Mr. Deane,
I have just a few words and flowers to send you. I hope you are well. I am very much interested in your book. I have been thinking of you very much lately. I hope you are well. I am very much interested in your book. I have been thinking of you very much lately.

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PARIS, 1^{er}

June 26, 1927

Dear Mr. Deane,
Your last letter, dated April 3, found us at Cannes. It is always good to hear from you, although in this letter you gave the news of dear Mrs. Deane's death, which touched me deeply. That you have for so long been

an unbroken family group does
not make the gap any the
smaller now. And Mrs. Dexter
filled so large a place I shall
always have tender recollections of
her sweet neighborliness and
her warm friendly interest. My
heart aches for Miss May.

Since my last letter to you
from Paris we have travelled
many miles, as you see. We

had an interesting trip through
charming Touraine and beautiful
Provence to the Riviera, where
we spent a delightful month, dividing
our time between Cannes and
Menton, with a few days at
Nice in between. It was a perfect
time for a visit to the Riviera,
for the crowds had all gone,
and there were neither the too-
worldly nor the too-indolent to
jar with the exquisitely beautiful
sun and the fresh loveliness of

we caught a glimpse of each
other just as we were about
to leave for the Florence train.
I am afraid that we shall
see fewer friends from home
than usual this season, for not
so many tourists come to Italy
as to Paris in the summer.
I dare say that this letter
will find you at Shelburne,
where I hope that you will
have a pleasant season. Please
remember me warmly to Miss Brown,
and talk as always for

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and we felt that perhaps
we must move on. We came
down to Florence from Menton
early in May and have been
here ever since in full tide
of enjoyment. Just to Paris
from Florence and James
feels in much the same way.
We are in the very heart of
beauty here, beauty of art,
beauty of nature, beauty of

thought - the first and the last.
It is true, being chiefly, alas, &
the distant past but the sur-
roundings, the hills dotted with
villas and convents, all always
full of charm. There are very
few foreigners here now, so that
the real life of the Florentines
is much more in evidence than
in the winter. We are going
down to Rome this week for

the rest of the summer. The
weather has been very hot - the
hottest June, according to some
Florentines for forty years, according
to others since 1870, according to
others for the last three centuries!
Rome is cooler, for the sea air
blows in there always at evening.
We stopped at Pisa for
a few days on our way here,
and there had just a
few, quite to few hurried
words with Mrs. Benjamin Robinson.
They were lunching at our hotel, and



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