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My dear uncle Walter,

a dull gray day & this moment pouring rain. Do not chose the month of November for your first visit to Paris please. No weather for wandering about, & the Seine & its bridges are to be avoided! Well at last here I am, settled in Paris, and mother far away at sea on board the "Briton" and due to land tomorrow at 5 o'clock! I fear they will have a bad passage - The steamer the week before was 14 hours late, quite unusual. We have talked so much during the summer of our probable plans, and we lived in such a gay giddy & fashionable whirl for three splendid weeks in London, that I can hardly realize it is a "fait accompli", & that I am here with Emma Ludlum (a most excellent companion by the way) & that I shall not see mother for quite a long time! I miss

her very much indeed, and she was quite blue at leaving me & I was obliged to remind her that a visit to Helen was the acme of her wishes all summer! She had a nasty cold in London (ready got it there in Ramford where she & I weekendend with the Baileys, and their English houses are so cold) but with great care it did not grow very bad & she was about every day. I had a cold too but London climate is not of the best. We were treated to two yellow fogs (very early in the season for them) when the fog actually penetrated the worst the whole architecture of attitude was meeting with it. London traffic is appalling, quite as bad as here & yet we lives in taxi cabs! However we also had some fine sunny days & sun, & I enjoyed London immensely. I meant to tell you that mother's indigestion was so infinitely better all the time - She has had a long spell of freedom from it & I am hoping the change for the better will continue on. Of course she was very careful with all her rules & diet etc. all the time.

It seemed quite marvelous after all she suffered at Grandstone. You have been so good about writing & I have not, but I decided not to write any letter at all in London but to see all I could of Helen & write letters later. I have

had yours of Oct. 18. 21 & today with
my breakfast tray & my French "Journal"
came your welcome one of Oct. 25 with the
enclosed slip about the "Francini" & the
fine Penhallow ex libris. Many thanks for
all & do keep on writing even if I don't do
my share, for now Mary's letters will go
to Madama & I shall be without home
news except for you. I was sorry
about Neely. I fancied it would be a
quiet & peaceful place. How are your
domestic affairs getting along?

It looks up the Bibliothèque statues one day
when it is warmer & pleasanter for walking
about. It seems odd not to be in my
own "quarter" {ave. Wagram} either of
course I know this quarter well also,
having been at this hotel ^{twice} before. We were sorry
to find the Patons gone - It would
have been pleasant to have them
here - It is a nice hotel, & I am glad
I have a very ^{large} nice room at the top of
the house with big window on the rue
Bassano & a balcony. Emma is to move

her room tomorrow & have a very
large room right next mine. She always
has a big double room & makes herself
extra comfortable as she stands so
much time indoors. We are right close
to the Panquet ^{& rue Kappeler} & rue Chaillot which
letter is still a very ancient street although
the old buildings are rapidly being replaced.
I often go into St. Pierre du Chaillot. It is an
old favorite of mine although there is nothing
of interest inside. Saturday a.m. Nov. 2nd
we were all up early at the "Savoy" &
I had done all the packing on the day
before. I left alone in an omnibus with
my trunks on top for Charing Cross Station.
I said good bye to mother at the hotel
door. Our ^{at the station} ~~hansom~~ for Fotherstone left at 10 &
I met Emma there & helped her weighing the
baggage etc. We had seats engaged in a
special Pullman for the short journey of 1 1/2
hours down the Kent. Helen & Dick came
to say good bye & Dick supplied me with
newspapers. Then they went back to "Savoy"
& left for Waterloo Station an hour later
Dick went to Southampton with them

If but he himself must stay on in
London on important business connected
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work the Fern which requires
his presence. Helen was quite
disconsolate. He is going to
leave the "Javay" & stop with his
brother Geo. who has beautiful
"chambers" in Jermyn St. Mr. & Mrs. Maurice
& also went out, & Mrs. Charles
Cossart who has been travelling with Baby
for the last six weeks. I had a letter
from mother written on board the Britain
just before she sailed at 4. P.M. Meanwhile
Emma & the Swedish maid, Anna Peterson,
had a most comfortable journey over here.
a perfectly smooth sea, glorious weather & a
big lustre steamer. Folkestone looked familiar.
I stayed there four days just 5 years ago.
At Boulogne we got on the train for Paris,
had a reserved carriage & enjoyed our
lunch of sandwiches, madras wine etc.
We had the usual long wait at Gare du Nord
for the train, always a bore, but finally
in a huge omnibus with all the combined luggage
on top started off for our long drive to this part

of the city & arrived here about 6.30.
Sunday I went to 1st Am. Church & 1st
P.M. being fine Emma & I drove in 1st Bois
in an open taxi & had tea at the Priélatan.
1st first bridge I saw was 1st train one
touching 1st Bois up beyond 1st race course
at Longchamp! The Bois looks very winning
yesterday, Monday I strolled all over
town, walking much & feeling very much
at home again. Finding my way thru' the net
work of streets - called on Miss Hess who
has left 145 Victor Hugo where she has
been over 20 years, & she has a magni-
ficent big "hotel" in a garden on the
fauxboulevard corner of the rue de Longchamp -
I am dining there tonight. We had a
wonderful time in London - I went 12 times (!)
to the theatre & enclose the little Henry Prouse
(agent like our Herrick) book which shows
you how many many theatres there are
in London - I sent you the Javay book
which is very interesting & we made part of
the pictures you see! ^{or similar ones} All were very realistic
pictures. It was a truly wonderful sight

Of course I wore low necked gowns
every night after I arrived. The day we
arrived I went to the "Carlton" at
11 P.M. & joined Helen & Dick & "Uncle Robert"
Faber at a beautiful supper party.

Such gowns & head dresses you never
saw! All these great fashionable restaurants
have beautiful music, (a splendid
Hungarian band at the "Savoy" in one room)
& are so beautiful & so in good taste
not in the least overdone as are some of
the big New York places - One saw many
famous people - Lloyd George & Winston
Churchill dined in the "grill" in one
night. Every music hall "topical" song
had a hit at the Gaiety.

We saw heaps of friends in London & were
dining out or having tea out a great deal -
I saw the Bensons, my aunt Mrs Edmund
Dexter & Jessie, Mrs Kenney & her mother
& sister of Cincinnati, Mrs Le Breton, the
Mannix Fabes, Baby, Uncle Robert
George Faber, Marie Corsant, the Blandys

the Oswald Magnacis {ste was
Bobs Blandy} Mrs Dr. Bournays
who was Marie Jordan of Madras
& whose wedding I went to out there -
I went to a tea party at her house in
Mayfair & met so many people who
had been out in Madras, Lady Bruce
Miss St John {pronounced Singari!} etc
etc. Then H.E. I went to Farnborough
near Aldershot to see a old friend from
New Haven married to an Eng. officer, &
I went twice to Romford to see the Baullys
Indeed our days were crowded. I saw a
good deal of Helen & when she didn't
meet Dick Gurluch she lunchd with
us. He was awfully well & looked so
pretty & had some perfect Paris gowns.
Then's she enjoyed her shopping after not
having bought even a spool of thread
for a year. Dick looked very smart
in his new London clothes of the latest cut,
cut away coat & silk hat for day time
wear in town. We were amused to see
that among the younger men the Victorian

III Fashion of small side whiskers is
in vogue & also ties that very nearly

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reproduce the old fashion of
stock in a smaller scale!

They did look so odd. I enjoyed seeing

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all my old favorites at the
National Gallery, the superb
Wallace Collection; & I went to service one
Sunday to St. Pauls & sat under the Dome, &
one Sunday to High mass at a Roman
Catholic Church with Mrs. Faber & on All
Saints Days to Westminster Abbey.

The exhibition of the "Futurist" & "Cubists"
at the Grafton Galleries excited much talk
& comment in artistic circles in London and
I spent a most interesting time there alone -
They are far from beautiful -

Goodness how it hangs! I shall not go
out. Emma has just been reading me
an interesting letter of date Sept 1st from
May Pater from here. I should not choose
Paris for a summer (July & Aug.) residence
I expect the war may prevent her going to
Athens. Of course ever since we laid down we

I must tell you about the
Kenema color "Dunbar" at the Scala
a beautiful theatre. Helen was crazy
to see it so we went one afternoon &
she was most enthusiastic. There
were many male films than we
saw - many of the long processions
out under the big gate with the
elephants carved in stone guarding
each side. About 10 minutes of these
& I don't think we had those films.

All I did know, seemed strangely familiar
the homage of the rajahs etc. I thought
of you - The music was splendid &
a clatter as of hoofs & jingling ^{of} spurs
& chains was kept up constantly
during the processions - I enjoyed it all
the more, as you did, for the second
time - The King & Queen had been to
see it the week before -

have all been absorbed in war news & I read a great deal of foreign & the maps. England is very deeply concerned in it of course - I expect you follow it closely as you did the Herzegovina & Bosnian affairs some years ago. I am disappointed not to find Mrs Geo. Bates { sister of your neighbor } here but she is in France.

I shall soon spend an hour choosing some post cards but I despair of sending you anything new.

I was interested in the charts of the Channing Revere families! I know a Dr. Swynn, a Canadian, who is a nephew of Sir - Osler & visits the Reveres every year. I'm sorry to find I have left my Paris Baddeck at home - It is nei for reference, especially the maps - I have London, Northern Central & Southern Italy with me - I only wonder I did not leave more with all the house closing etc I had to do. I wish our house were well rented. Love to Margaret -
Affec. Maria Deane Dexter.

Uncle Robert gave quite a big dinner party at "Maudslays" last Thursday at 7.30 to celebrate Mr. Maurice Faber's birthday. We called it the "family dinner" & he was certainly most kind to include me & me. There were himself, Mr. & Mrs Maurice Faber, Mr. & Mrs Richard Faber, O'Leary, Geo, Maurice Corcoran & Boham had to when Uncle Robert is absent, mother & me, 11 of us. Helen & I had been at Farnborough & arrived at the "Savoy" just half of 8. Mr. Maudslays is a large at 7.6 & had to be at Maudslays at 7.30. Mother was not allowed & I didn't

obey a secret, but we had to dress & we went off to Maudslays the moment I was ready in a large & I found Helen already there having beaten me by 6 minutes!

I gave her your letters & the green matter & she was delighted but she was leaving all later until she received home again.



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