

Woodbury N. J.

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Dear Maw -

Last night (9PM) Stan and Nannie met me in Philly. they were in town for the afternoon anyway so it was very convenient. I had a bag that require three porters to carry. it was filled with copper plates and other belongings which I have stored in my trunk here. Stan went to Wilmington today - (he has been away most of this week) but will be back for dinner and will drive me in to Philly again tonight. I must be on board the ship tomorrow night as we sail at dawn on Sunday. Nannie and I went to lunch at the Robins. Mary Reed is about six inches taller than when I saw her last. Maggie R is well George is alright but has been having sinus trouble with his ear and a light attack of flu. Nannie seems to be feeling fine - she finds it difficult to obey doctors order and restrain from over exerting herself. She now has a short boyish bob - quite becoming. Stan is same as per usual. Nannie is not supposed to do any lifting, or driving or stooping. but she is allowed to cook and wash which she is doing this evening since her maid left yesterday.

The catty letter from Ceta amused me. Thank you for sending it. Part of it is so involved, I do not understand ~~what~~ she is talking of Mina or of her husband.

The other evening I saw two very good dancers, Kishi and Crawford, pupils of the Cornish school - dancing now at a cabaret the Palais d'Or. They tell me that Dick Odlin is making a great hit in a musical comedy in Paris, produced by Maurice Browne, and that he is not going back to Cedro Woolly.

The night before last I did a portrait of a fabulously wealthy seventy year old woman. She is ~~drunken~~ tight most of the time and has too much energy for her age, and so I could only draw a line or two between dames! In all she did not keep quiet more than five minutes but since the picture had to be beautiful and not look like her that was alright. She was enormously pleased and has invited me to visit her in her chateau in the valley of the Chevreuse, which I am not likely to do.

I have been having a spell of hard work, and have had models posing for me up to the last minute yesterday.

It is like a Spring day here - much warmer than N.Y. tho they say it will not last. The pussy willows have been coming out by mistake.

I saw the best play on Broadway: "Grand Hotel" - no wonder that the seats are sold out weeks in advance!!

Carl Van Vechten is still begging me not to sail - but it must be now or never, unless I miss the boat.

Take care of yourself and keep strong if you are going to make the trip out to Seattle. Nannie and Stan want you to come back here as soon as Nannie is stronger, tho of course, Seattle will be pleasant in the Summer. I do not think you will ever have more affectionate attention than where you are now.

I think it will be safe to write me until the 15th of ~~The~~ ~~Prin~~ SS Javanese Prince, Furness Line, Los Angeles (sailing Feb. 25th) and ^{until} ~~for~~ a week later, SS. Javanese Prince, Furness Line, Yokohama

Much love, until I see you again.
Seth.

