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July 10, 1921. This is the day when "the trip" really begins with departure from Weston. And we picked a hot day for it. Left presumably 11:35 on a rather slow train but got to Pak. about 4, went to Tringley (62) and after tea ran in to the Brit. for an hour chiefly in the Roman Britain & new E/A parts, but a dash through t.c. & vases to Paeth. when we were turned out. Sought a bus, so did all the rest of London, finally got one to Tower Hill & out to Hendon & got rather more comfortable. Had cold dinner at Rudegrows, feeling very much pleased with our prospects. Letters after our return & I found Trot asleep when I went up.  
July 11. Didn't hurry about getting

started for the day particularly as  
the tent was heavenly. Finished letters  
to H before breakfast. Bartlett got us  
off in good time for the 11 from  
Victoria. Could register baggage <sup>49</sup>  
all the way to Paris - that saved  
trouble. Found the Pullman more  
than comfortable, a good thing for  
it was hot as hades. Fine  
crossing from Dover - Calais, calm  
as a pond & a most refreshing  
breeze, splendid boat, Maid of  
Orleans. Met Smellon in the  
train and H Mettler on the boat.  
Passport - customs no trouble,  
nice corner seats reserved. Got  
delicious peach Melba in the buffet  
and a paper with amusements  
- picked "Carmen" at Comigne for

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tonight. Not journey, duty - & sticky,  
but - the country is not as dry as  
Eng. Left at 3, arr. at 6:30 but the  
douane took some time, system not  
being the strong point - no trouble,  
only delay. Finally secured a taxi  
man who condescended to take us,  
tried to get opera tickets but office was  
closed so came right to hotel & the  
first people we saw were Mrs Taylor  
& May. They left my the same time  
as Lib & Nell but beat them by more  
than 24 hrs. They saved us 2 fine  
rooms 91 & 96 on 4<sup>th</sup> floor, 2 beds, h.c.  
everything very neat & newly done over -  
Stopped only long enough to get into  
something thin then beat it for  
opera & got there with the soldiers.  
Splendid performance - Ravand & Claude  
Jean

Many Oranquades in foyer during inter-  
missions. Everything is being decorated  
for 14<sup>th</sup> colored lights & flags everywhere.  
Having a gorgeous time, opera house very  
interesting to see. Got to bed rather late.  
13. No hurry about getting up as I needed  
a sleep. M<sup>r</sup>. arrived before we had break-  
fast & then I went to see them a few  
minutes. Went to Am. Exp. & got tickets  
to Montier-Salins, doubt about reserves  
as everything is crammed. Went to P. L. M.  
about bus res. but they were n-g. So not  
broke for autom. ∴ we had some delicious  
ices at Café de l'Opéra & sent telegram  
to Hotel Moderne & bus agent at M-S.  
Then took train to Louvre - weather  
appallingly hot<sup>90°</sup> but we are more used  
to it - than some - Louvre closed 12-2  
so we sat around on a shady spot &

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had a look at the Pont Neuf & the river  
& got lemonade, then in to see the Aut. V.  
on ground floor - Perfectly splendid,  
though like all big collections it has a  
lot of junk. As I have a guide, shall  
not write much here. (Also bought Pottier's  
2 vols. ceram., very red but intro. is good)  
Aphr. is lovelier every time you see her,  
but the comments overheard are enough to  
make a cat laugh. Spent practically the  
whole p.m. going through the entire lower  
floor, nicely supplied with comfortable  
benches. The Café room has lots of nice  
things & there is a bit of the P. & some  
other good Rom. relief. Samothrace  
& Vicky splendid as ever, though I don't  
think the background is nearly as  
good as for V. d. M. A gorgeous place to  
stay in for a week. Ran rapidly thro' a

few vase rooms, chiefly late S. Ital.  
- that part is more a palace & less a  
museum. In general I think the  
large amount of wall & ceiling dec.  
detracts from the effect. Had tea in  
Place Pal. Royale (Rohan) delicious.  
Things every where & very cheap with it.  
As it is. Found from M. An. that  
the girls might arrive 7.30 or 9.30 so  
did not go out. Dined in hotel &  
wrote some letters & they arrived at  
9.45 & we had some cool things. The  
Taylors blew in just then. Of course  
we didn't get to bed till all hours  
talking about things, past & future.

13. St N said they'd get to him for  
cool dark dresses, so L & I went to  
Louvre & spent morning at sculpture.  
All lunched at Rumpelmayer's - then

went to Pl. Vendome to Laliquet's where  
Lid got me a brooch from Kate to replace  
the one which was lost last year, a  
beauty. Fascinating shop. In general we  
have kept out of shops as it is so  
hot & we have so little time respect  
to return. Then we all went to see a  
few of the paintings, chiefly the Ital.  
ones in prep. for the trip. Like the  
group with St Anne better than M.L.  
also another woman's portrait by L. de V.  
The collection is overwhelming, there  
is so much of it, even if you look at  
only a small part. Decided to cut  
out tea as we were to dine early, so  
took the trunks to Ann Ex & after  
a long wait our nice man turned  
up with fine reserved places to Chaumery.  
Thought we'd get a little rest before

starting out, but I hadn't time we  
got a quick excellent & inexpensive  
dinner at a Dural then went to see  
Rigolotto & Daphis at Chloé (Ranel). It  
was perfectly splendid, Gisda-Alexan-  
drova, Rig.

all perfectly fine, most dramatically  
done - Dr C. was fascinating, much  
nicer than Sacre du P. I thought.  
Opera house magnificent, grand  
staircase most-imposing, whole  
thing very fine. Wouldn't have  
missed it for anything.

14. They told us a holiday was a  
dreadful time to travel but it would  
not have been so bad on a cool  
day - we saw a lot of the folk, for  
in every town every thing was gay  
with flags. Got up early & left the

extremely comfortable little hotel, where  
we hope to come back in Sept. Took the  
7.55 train & had nice places & there  
was room enough for us all in one  
compartment though there had been  
one seat elsewhere. The terrible heat &  
dirt couldn't be helped and we had  
a most interesting day, Seine valley,  
through some mts, Col de' Azou, large  
flat plain & Jura mts. We were much  
interested in it all. Had some excellent  
waiters in the dining car who kept  
us well supplied with ice, & at  
intervals we managed to secure orange  
ades. Began to get higher up & were glad  
to see Six-les-Bains, Chambéry in Lake  
Bourget. Glad we were going still  
further into the mts. for the scenery  
kept getting finer & finer and at the

Little stations like Albertville are  
the town apparently was out - Great  
fertility & rich harvest & greenness of  
it all was very striking after poor  
barren England. Magnificent trip up  
Saône valley from A to M.B. which  
was reached just after dark at 9.11  
& a nice old porter looked out for  
us. Got three rooms at the little  
hotel, simple but good, very neat  
& nice, everyone so courteous. Close  
by station. Hot cool drinks out - in  
front & then walked around the  
town, lovely moon glowing. A dear  
little place, charming river through  
it, delightfully situated right in  
the mts. Lovely & cool & a fine  
place to sleep in -

10. Up at 6 & had breakfast out - 7.

doors & no trouble about bus places  
Nice places, too & too, very comfortable  
motor, luggage on the back, some  
pleasant people on it - Gorgeous ride, must  
have parents do it, they'd love it -  
Goes along Saône & climbs up - up to  
little S.P.S. from valley to the top by  
zigzag. Lunch at hospice. There we  
showed passports & when the other bus  
came along who should be in it  
but Hazel! Great surprise as we'd  
only hoped to find her at Pri-St-Denis  
We had a great celebration over it.  
Excellent luncheon, then saw the little  
Chapel & took a short walk & sat  
on the grass & talked - It is very  
bare up on top but not at all cold -  
Glad we hadn't taken more clothes -  
Imagine crossing the Alps in a silk suit.



Had a screaming time over douane  
where the one thing they begged was the  
chocolate - with great ceremony the boy-  
official - I paraded off to have it  
weighed by the monk's scales - it was  
just safely under a kilo. Everyone  
was more than laughing over it. There  
is just the hospice - one or two other  
buildings, a column with St. B  
-auster monument, - a lovely dog.  
Drive down was fascinating too,  
at once began to follow a river.  
There is less snow than usual  
but some of the Alps have a lot  
on them. Chief mts. we saw were  
Mt. B. and Rutor - All glorious.  
Changed at Pri. St. D then along Jura  
to Aosta, which is a choice town  
with channels in the street -

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a drove of spookable pigs to greet  
us. A funny little town - we loved  
it. In the Piazza is the Couronne where  
they took excellent care of us, nice  
big rooms - delicious food. Got  
there soon after 7 and after trying  
to get clean, (we were dusty but  
not - the quiny pigs of the day  
before) had dinner with Artie (rather  
too sweet) and went out for a walk  
as the moon was fine. Saw the  
stunning Pretorian Gate, Arch of Aug.  
and it looked most-imposing  
in the moonlight, though the roof  
did not show so much. Our room  
opened right on the Piazza with  
market stalls under the window  
and the Hotel de Ville opposite. Most-  
comfortable - we slept splendidly.

16. Delicious breakfast in room  
which opened out on the square. Then  
a good start down the street to the  
Br. Gate which looked very funny  
all full of beds and other furni-  
ture, then for a good view of the  
Arch & on a little beyond to the  
Roman bridge over where the old  
course of the main stream used  
to be. I don't stop to describe what  
is in Frothingham & Ferrero but  
the things are tremendously im-  
pressive especially when you  
realize how it was the end of  
Roman rule up to Alps. Next to  
San Berso which faces on a little  
square with tall campanile. I have  
a splendid little book on Val  
Aosta which came from the little

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shop near the hotel so I'll not put  
much in. Great thing is the clois-  
ters which are utterly fascinating  
with the capitals of Byz - dombed  
both. Priory with x.c. dec octag.  
tower raised open but we got good  
view of some. Then to Tower of Prisons  
& to convent of St Catherine where  
a most lovely sister took us into  
the garden to see what remains of  
the amphitheatre, chiefly arcade.  
Next had a glimpse of theatre  
stage back & of where they are re-  
rally what must be course of canal.  
Next to Cathedral but what we  
particularly wanted to see (roving  
triple) was locked & the canon with  
key was out of town. Back to hotel  
for lunch, & shopping to get

enough to take for supper - Some of us then went to Lepin's tower, wall & went around on the outside where you get a splendid idea of it - Very little left anywhere of the casing blocks which have been used mostly for more recent buildings - Several good towers left but only one of the big gates - Had to scurry back in time to get train for Milan - We had a nice carriage with plenty of room and it was a gorgeous ride down the valley, with its rocks & gorges & snow covered mts & roaring river & green spaces thick with vines wherever there was an inch of soil - A perfect marvel of terracing up and making a garden in any old space at all - We

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hated to leave the Val but the plain had plenty of air and although it was hot it didn't compare with Thursday - Changed at Chivasso & got something cool but hadn't very long to wait - Reached Milan about 10 having had a very joyous picnic supper on the train, left Asta 2.40. Hotel man had motor bus at station & we went to Metropole, right on the Place de Duomo with view of it from our rooms - A fine hotel, we had <sup>93</sup> nice rooms which connected so we could get breeze through - They were high enough up to get air & be less noisy - Went out to the Galleria for gelati, our chief diversion these days, everything gay & crowded & lots of amusing things - people to see

17. This was one of the least bad places to be on a Sunday, because most of the things are open - Made an early start for Bursa, going by the Scala (closed) but we were too early so went to the Poldi-Pezzoli a charming house with fine tapestries, furniture, armor & pictures - Best were the Pollaino (?) portrait of a woman of which we got two very colored prints (8l.) as well as of the Ambrosiana lady (10l.), and several other charming things, (see notes in Book.) - Then to Bursa which has been rearranged since the war & has only 7 rooms open but the best things are in there, especially Mantegna, Luini, Venetians, Raph. Spolio, some Van D. & Rembrandt

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Venetians very well represented. [This is not to be a guide book.] Wish we might have stayed longer, but we went on to St Ambrogio which is tremendously interesting especially the atrium with its capitals and door carvings. The most interesting things inside were the throne and the crypt with some old bishops. (not.) - Before we went there we went to the Last Supper which is in much better condition than I remembered it - It has been treated to fix the color. No wonder people think it is so fine, color, design & comp & the whole spirit & individuality of it. After lunch we had a rest and I wrote some letters and tried to write up my diary. Weather has been appallingly

hot everywhere. Later we went to  
the cathedral & found the interior  
very fine and spacious. Of course  
we have been looking at the out-  
side all the time - Tea in the Gal-  
leria (opposite side) then for a  
drive, first to Roman columns  
- tried St. L. but it wasn't open,  
then drove to the Castello for a  
look around the outside, as it  
closes early - Most impressive and  
fine, brick & very strong with moat  
& towers - Drive in the park, very  
pretty, fine view of Arch della  
Pace & long boulevard beyond -  
By the time we had had dinner  
& coffee we decided not to go out.  
Had decided not to try to go to  
Brescia but to ~~stop~~ stay the night

morning - see a few more things.  
18. Started out to look for Brogi but  
instead we landed in a delightful  
long big shop where we bought  
lovely crepe de chine lingerie - Lib  
got a charming set, & a nightgown  
& I a blue nightgown & drawers &  
white chemise (no blue sets available).  
Left things in hotel then went to  
meet L. & H. at bank but got to  
the wrong one, no harm done - We  
were going to Castello but it was  
closed on Mon (so is everything, I  
think) so we had to miss it -  
Ambros. Nell says we must  
leave something for next time.  
Had some lemonade to cool off  
with, then L. & I went to Corio &  
I got up. at 21.50, then we got a

cab for St. Lorenzo. Forgot to say  
we went to Piazza dei Mercati the  
day before & saw the loggia which  
is something like the Nat Market -  
& the other fine old buildings op-  
posite. St. L. was extremely  
interesting, octagonal, rather too  
gaudily draped but shape was  
fine & then we went down to see  
the Roman remains which were  
most imposing, huge blocks. Think  
it must have been the circular  
pool of the Thermae. I started back  
to lunch & then were off - It was  
an exceedingly nice hotel & they  
did everything to make us  
most comfortable. Food in Italy  
is perfectly splendid, there is  
plenty of ice too when needed.

Milan station was rather a dog-  
fight but we secured places all  
together & didn't quite melt before  
we got to Desenzano (left at 2. arr. 3.55)  
with a lovely view of the lake though  
it was very sultry. Drove to the  
boat - down a bumpy hill - nice  
little steamer, lake like a pond,  
a fine view across to Sirmione  
which proved to be adorable at close  
range. Went to the Regie Terme where we  
had lovely rooms with garden in the  
foreground & lake beyond - It looked very  
threatening - began to rain a little during  
tea, then let up & we went out. First past  
the splendid castle of the Scaligers which  
I'd like to prowl around in sometime,  
then a pretty little village, then on  
beyond thro' the olive groves to the Grotte de

Carullo, all just as lovely as the pic-  
 tures & descriptions, <sup>had</sup> made it. We sat away  
 out on the very tip high above the water  
 and it was very beautiful with changing  
 lights on the lake. It began to rain as  
 we left & came down in a steady pour,  
 luckily we had three umbrellas so only  
 got partly soaked. Hardly in before a  
 terrific thunderstorm and gale broke & I  
 never saw anything more violent. Then all  
 the lights went out & we got on with  
 candles. Made it rather nice at dinner.  
 Delicious trout from the lake. All the hotels  
 are fine so far, & they now have abandoned  
 tips - just charge a % on bill. We all  
 went up early but it cleared off & a  
 lovely moon came up before I got to bed  
 so I had a fine view on balcony - over  
 garden from end of hall.

19. Had tried to arrange to stay longer  
 but train didn't fit so we left on 7.50  
 boat - Train late at D. but we got a whole  
 compartment - except for one nice young  
 man & had a fine trip, with mts. on one  
 side & plain on other, fine view of lake as  
 far as Percheia & it was beautiful. Went  
 through Verona Vicenza & Padua, as we de-  
 cided not to alight at latter. Thought  
 we could go there & back from V. but it  
 was too nice at Venice after all. Got in  
 soon after 1 & had nice row to hotel &  
 have <sup>133</sup> rooms on side canal far enough  
 up to get air over the roofs. Beautiful  
 hotel, everything very first class. First thought  
 was to get clean & into his things & to  
 unpack. Then out to the Piazza, a very  
 short walk through some fascinating  
 streets. Had a sumptuous tea at Floriani's

then to Cook to see if we could find out about buses from Bologna (man no good) then to San Marco where we had a heavenly time & ended with a service with beautiful music. Interior even finer than I remembered it, luckily it didn't get smashed up. Things in piazza fascinating wonderful shops which we look at every time we pass. Campanile looks very new but in time it ought to weather. Dr SM. was more interested in construction than even after Jamie's course. There was a great structure in the centre with someone lying in state with a gorgeous black & gold pall over him & endless enormous candles which were lighted at the service - so we there in choir & altar so it was very impressive. It somewhat breaks up the

proportions of the church but adds a very characteristic feature. Went next to go to the gallery and see the mosaics at close range. One I like the best is the BM on the S. wall. On way back got more bead things from the shops we discovered on the way. It is so hot I wish I had more white clothes but shall wait till Florence to get them. Delicious dinner then out in a gondola along Grand Canal - to hear the serenaders, glorious moonlight. We have a charming balcony all along front of hotel where we sit for cooling drinks. Very hard to go to bed when it is so beautiful out of doors.

20. Woke early but didn't hurry to get up, night 7.15 was not particularly late but it took me some time with a heavenly bagno. However we did get



off in good time - went to Cook - got  
him to telegraph to Bologna then got  
tickets for round trip to Murano, Burano  
& Torcello this p.m. Then to Ducal Palace  
where we had a splendid morning going  
deliberately through the gorgeous rooms  
& being greatly impressed by the way  
those old johnnies knew how to do  
things with all pomp and circumstance.  
Chief trouble about this place is that you  
want to stay so much longer. In  
p.m. got a little boat at Royal Gardens  
at 2.30. We had a small motor boat  
to ourselves except for one couple.  
It was very hot in the sun but we  
didn't like the top up (it was a  
hook not a regular awning) but my  
umbrella is a splendid sunshade -  
Blessings on the noble Smith for a good

fabulous cover. Went cutting across the  
little canals to the other side, then out  
past cemetery among the little islands  
in the lagoon to M. where we got out to  
see the glass works, extremely interesting  
& we bought a few things to be shipped  
by them to US. I had a charming blue  
case & a little blue one & 1/2 doz. glasses  
for a present to Nellie, & did not have some  
things, so all go by parcel post. Then on  
out to Burano where we went through  
the little village to the lace works & had  
a lot of fun taking pictures of the  
workers. Such heavenly things as they  
make - They sell nothing out there but  
gave us name (Rega Art) where you  
got them in V. Next around the island  
to Torcello where we had a walk  
along the canal with a couple of

picturesque bridges - Camp. reflected  
in it, to the Cathedral with its 12<sup>th</sup>  
mosaics - wonderful screen - pulpit - can-  
opy, semi circular choir seats - old  
throne - now making repairs so the  
scaffolding covers the main apse but  
we crawled around - also up to the  
platform in southern apse - got a  
close view of the mosaics which they  
are restoring. They have restored the  
baptistry very well, it looks new  
but quite in keeping - Had a look  
at the little museum with things  
from late Gr. (Stal copies?) roses to  
medieval. There are a few Roman  
altars & tombstones around in an  
enclosure near. Should like to be  
here a whole day but even an im-  
pression counts for a great deal.

The Burano campanile had a huge  
bomb hole through the roof but at  
T. there seemed no deliberate ruin.  
Got back about 6 and made for Florian  
for we were dry as fishes - He is a great  
life saver, had lemon squash there on  
May 6<sup>th</sup> in a.m. We eat a great deal  
but melt it all off at once. Have  
never been so continuously sopping  
and hot. The weather was a trifle  
cooler or there were a few clouds so  
we didn't quite melt during - Had  
coffee on terrace & watched the canal  
a bit but I had to come in - try to  
write up diary. Also feel I've been  
very bad to Mother without much  
but a few postcards here & there.  
But we never seem to get to bed -  
now I'm actually caught up -

21. Got started about 9 for a walk to the Academy where we spent most of the a.m. They have been rearranging the rooms so it no longer fits B's. description but we got good little catalogues in which the numbering was correct - a great help. The room with the primitives has a good many later works on easels or screens. Tintoretto's Adam & Eve, and Cain & Abel - some fine portraits of groups of merchants, which were returned from Vienna. A good lot of pictures once plundered here been sent back. (See catal. - B. for best things marked). Small room xx to left had Pres. of Virgin and a very fine portrait ascribed to Titian but now thought to be of Jac. Sansovino. The room where the Assumption formerly was now has

Tint's huge St Mark standing on his head in the place of honor, & some very char. P. Venetian. The best thing there was Titian's magnificent Pieta with its wonderful lighting. Even if he did not finish it himself it is one of the most impressive pictures I have seen. The Bellini pictures were very fine (collect 5 in it). See cat. Then we got a gondola & went to the Fari, & were much pleased & surprised to find the Assumption in its proper place as altar piece. I had not known they had put it back. There was a terrible woman in the Acad. with a large party who was greatly incensed because only 7 rooms were open & she had been done out of the Assumption & the St Ursulas. I don't believe she hunted it down. The Bellini altar piece is back

and very lovely. The other best things in the church are monuments over door to Sacristy (where they have sent back Bellini & now have St. Toma closed) & Titian's tomb which is interesting rather than beautiful. It was very hot & we were glad to glide back to the cool hotel by quiet canals for lunch. Stayed in till about 4:15, it was nice school in the lounge, then went to Am. Ex. & on to tea at Floriani's then to bookshop on corner where Lib got a gorgeous book on Byz. art in Italy, then through the Merceria to look at the shops, then back to Piazzetta & got a gondola to Giovanni & Picalo with it "46 dogies" but chiefly to see Colonna which is too magnificent for words. Had a fine view of

the facade of Scuola di San Marco - on the wall of G.P. is a memorial tablet with a bomb & insc. to state it had been bombed by the Tedeschi. We saw several others too. A big storm was brewing so we went back as fast as possible and after all there was no rain. Sat on the terrace for a bit - then went for a last ice in the Piazza - a lovely view of St Mark's. Nobody wants to leave Venice, it has been lovely & the hotel most comfortable though the rooms couldn't help getting hot - late in the day -

22. Were called at 4 o'clock and had breakfast (were off by 5 in lots of time for the 6:10 train to Ravenna - Not hot so early - had a compartment to ourselves, changed at Ferrara & took a little train through flat country out to

R. which lies in a very hot place - we nearly upset the entire population with our luggage, (including the porter from Pittsburgh) then got two carriages for the day, with excellent men - made the rounds. First to Dante's tomb which they are getting in order for the 600 anniversary in Sept. There was a covering (clearly moved) over the relief - scaffolding to fix the ceiling so we climbed up the ladder to see the medallions. Then to the place where the stone is, behind which D. was formerly buried, and the nice soldier custode gave us each a piece of ivory from it - Then to San Francesco which is being restored to its old condition after being buried under horrible neo decorations.

They have cleared off a lot of junk - put the parts about the columns in order - opened up the windows, also removed each oval altar which had covered the fresco, - found the Dante one. Also opened windows in apse - cleared out in crypt (now full of water) - they were repainting & gilding the old coffered ceiling with gorgeous colors. We had such a nice fat priest to take us around. The place is full of early sarcophagi - we had a look into the cloisters with an old well in it. Then to the Museo for a moment, it has been closed for 4 yrs. but they let us in just to see the relief of Aug. Next to Abp. palace which has beautiful mosaics in chapel up stairs, beardless Christ etc., has lots of Rom. fragments, reliefs, sepulc. etc. etc.

To cathedral where there is a fine pulpit reconstructed from fine Byz. animal relief, and in the sacristy an old calendar and the marvellous ivory throne of Max. Next to Bapt. with its splendid mosaics on blue ground. By this time we were hot & hungry and went to the San Marco which was cool & shady & where they made us a nice lunch of omelet & tomato salad and we had a rest. Off again at 2.30 for San Vitale which is undergoing repairs. Don't know if it was hit by a bomb or not but the ambulatory is in a rather dire condition and it is in bad shape where the old stairs were. They have not got rid of all the utterly impossible baroque stuff,

but the choice mosaics are intensely interesting both for subj. & technique. They put a light inside the altar which then took on the rosy glow like the description of the Parth. windows by Mike. The arch. features of the church are more than interesting for structure & details of capitals etc. Next to Santa Placidia which in many ways is the finest thing in Ravenna we thought. Glorious blue ground mosaics, more conventional designs than in some of the other churches, simply stunning. The windows are filled with alab. slabs that let through a golden light when the door is shut. Then big sarcophagi. Had a look at the Bapt. of Arians which is not very important, former Roman baths.

Next to Tomb of Theodoros of which  
we had had a fine view from the  
train. Short but hot walk to it.  
Can't get inside, as lower floor is all  
full of water & there is a great  
recessing porch in front & the  
stairs to the upper floor have  
collapsed - It reminded me of V.C.  
Ob. with its arches below, platform  
& upper circular part. Could get a  
fair idea of it, but the ground is so  
low that it is always flooded.  
Long drive out over a flat stretch  
to St. Ap. in Classe, though we had  
no chance to see anything of a  
port and on account of heat & time  
we gave up the idea of visiting the  
Pine Forest. Found this church  
with its greenish floor very impres-

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sive with huge wide nave & great  
spaces, joints all cleared out. Rows  
of bishops over columns to form a  
frize. Dead old custode told us about  
the mosaics in choir (99 stairs - steps)  
and the story of St Severus & the dove  
whispering in his ear. Even if the  
mosaics had been restored they have done  
it very cleverly (with a little red line)  
and the pale greens & blue-greens of the  
backgrounds are exquisite. Back to  
St. Ap. Nuovo & just before we went in we  
met Mrs. McDaniel, Miss Wilkins & Mrs.  
Hiscoe & they returned with us. Compared  
with the other it didn't impress me, the  
mosaics were interesting & sometimes  
amusing but much restored; however,  
these showing Classes at Palatium  
were "well worth while." Possibly we were

too gossiping and chattering for the right mood. Pretty cloister. Photo shop next, near San M. where I got a nice lot of colored cards - Lit a good bath of photos. Gelati in a funny little shop on corner, excellent. Then to the station where ~~with~~ unpacked the luggage & we bought things for supper. Secured a good compartment & then the M<sup>d</sup>, W, F came to see us off, he had with some choice peaches which caused us many adventures. Supper on train, great wish to change at Castel Bolognese, stuffed in like sardines, luggage in corridor but at last we reached Bologna about 10, went ~~alike~~ out & found the cabmen on strike, so we could

not get to hotels in centre of town but put up at Regina (nice & clean) as the bus leaves station before it goes to Mercanzona. Nearly dead & slept very well, like logs.

23. Called at 5 for 6 o'clock bus. <sup>21 and 22</sup> Went to station to get some breakfast & found bus had left at 5 & would go from M. at 6 instead of 6:30. Dashed after Trent & Hill & snatched them from their coffee, cab strike over, all stuff on 2 cabs & dashed thro' the town to M. scattering market wares by the way & nearly bowling over a hundred crates of tomatoes. Bus packed so we decided to take 10 o'clock. New schedule July 16 which had caused all the trouble. Showed all the luggage into their office and went



in search of breakfast at a somewhat early hour. Found a little place on a corner where they made excellent coffee. Then strolled over to Piazzas & had a look around - got some tables for more coffee & read the papers. An interesting article about the prep. to open the Museums again - it has been closed since some thefts. A young Harvard man called Kennedy has succeeded in cleaning the Athenian Akropolis. Should like tremendously to see it - Had a look in St. Pietro mio but did not find it any more pleasing than before. Said to be good ex. of Italian Gothic but it looks hard and bare, perhaps because there is so little fresco. After some lemon squash was made for

The bus in good time - Found excellent places, the best ones are in the middle, as the front window is open, & the only open ones on sides are at front & back seats. Full but not crowded. Had a perfectly splendid day. The route goes up valley of Ravenna, very little water in any of the rivers, (different from the Isere) road winds up and up and is a series of lovely views. Madonna della Rocca is in a heavenly situation, splendid trees, especially chestnut. Lunch at Monghidoro where there was a delicious breeze. We went to a nice little inn, as cool as could be and had lunch out on the loggia in front. It's birthday so we had lots of fun over baskets & a choice little birthday cake with tapers for candles. Then she sang until a

noisy crowd came along. Afterwards  
went into a meadow near the garage  
and nearly went to sleep. Started at  
4 again, gorgeous ride, lots of room  
only drawback was excessive dust  
raised by racing cars (big race 24<sup>th</sup>)  
and motor cycles which had come  
out to see the trials. We were  
covered thick before we got in but  
it's a ride we wouldn't have mis-  
sed for the world and one about  
which few but Italians know, I  
imagine. Until before we used the  
other passengers were nearly all  
peasants. Came in via Auto and  
stopped at the garage which was so  
near the hotel that they put our things  
on a truck and we walked. Got  
here 8:30 or 9 and our rooms are

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fine (44, 45, 46) with big bathroom and  
little terrace outside to which I  
have. All got clean and went out  
for an ice in the Piazza. Do not feel at  
all dead after these early risings, it was  
really a useful day just to sit still  
and look at mountains and little  
towns & villages, woods, moorlike coun-  
try, pine trees, lots of flowers. Still hot.  
24. Deliberately took a very easy day  
after all our washings. Started for  
San Marco but of course stopped  
here and there. Went into the Bapt. -  
found they were having a service, very  
good little baby. That was no more  
bore before another came in, so we  
were in luck. Fine priest who knew  
just how to manage them - after  
pouring a great paddleful on their heads

Going up the street of course we had a glorious view of the Campanile - then just passed through the cathedral & up to Piazza Annunziata so we went for a minute to see the del Sarto in the vestibule; very beautiful esp. the Nativity of Mary, - the Magi - Service in church, lovely music, so didn't see Sacca; view of Innocent - on to San M. where we spent a beautiful hour or more in spite of the terrible heat upstairs in the monks' cells. When we got back it seemed cooler down stairs so I tried to get my diary written up after lunch, but E & L & I got talking so hard about Carena that I hadn't gone very far before Miss Stankes came to take it out.

After all we all had ices at Billie's first, then we took a taxi drive through the Cascine - to San Miniato - Miss M. dined with us - spent a nice evening - We all thought we were going to bed early but we didn't.

25. Intended to make an early start - did pretty well for breakfast - Miss M. came in for a minute with the list of "pilgrims" so we could pick out those we knew. Made for the shops to get a good choice before the arrival of Wednesday's hordes. To V. della Grazia where I got a darling little white dress with blue <sup>125</sup> dained in, a blouse with a lot of fillet, <sup>60</sup> some drawers and a chemise, but they seem to be using very little cut work. Next to Cecconi's where E & L were in an orgy of clothes. Our party was the only

one there so they trotted out everything.  
I got a thin white with lots of lace-  
embroidery, a blue with <sup>160</sup>files, and a blue <sup>white</sup>  
nickel crepe with blue embroidery, ordered  
a lovely nightie for Mother and got 4  
chemises. Then to Caccia where I got a  
net-heavy file- blouse. By his time  
we were getting rather weary but went  
back via Ponte Vecchio to that market  
but there isn't the assortment of old-  
Some new styles not nearly as good.  
ordered two or three - got a blk. and  
purple for Mother. Had a long rest  
after lunch, was fearfully sleepy &  
the girls washed hair etc. so we did  
not start out till after 5 - had  
tea and an ice at Billi's then went  
shopping. Struck a silk sale in the  
Tomabroni, all 25¢. and got 2 yds for a

blue <sup>satin</sup> ~~silk~~ petticoat, then over the bridge &  
up to Coppini but he was just closing, so  
we went back by P.V. where we lost three &  
Edith while we got some little odds  
& ends like ribbon. Mr. Powers came to  
see St. and is making arrangements  
for us to go to Greece - Leave Aug. 18.  
Spent the evening writing letters, diary  
etc & reading some Florentine books, but  
went to bed early.

26. Up early to write - Still very hot. We  
all finished breakfast early, then went  
to the Palazzo Vecchio, had a lovely time  
potting around the Piazza, Loggia etc.  
before we went in - I think you must  
have been open than here used to be  
as I don't remember all the charming  
rooms on the 2<sup>o</sup> floor. Altogether a  
magnificent place. Then to Leffigi

for the rest of the morning, but did not see half of it as they have now rearranged things and put a lot of pictures from the Academy here and rehanging lots of others with logical sequence. Small cat. with illustration 6l. cheaply got up, but good text. Tribune greatly improved by being hung mostly with portraits, chiefly of Mex. instead of jamming all these picked works together. Nice rest after lunch, tried to do accounts, horrible. Divided up to go out. Lib & I had tea at Doney's and found EOR here. Best ices we have had, very rich chocolate. Over to Carmine to see Manacios, very fine indeed beautiful comp. - color, rich. Cfp. was closed though it was only after 6.

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Went for bags, but - tea house in p.m. & shop in a.m. Sign in window said 2-7. Then tried for postcards in Vigna N. but closed too but we found an adorable basket shop - I got a round one with birds on it for Mother & a little blue straw bag & a hamper for our extra clothes. Lib got some lovely pink roses - we went to a bookshop where she got a new book on Roman arch. Very sleepy in eve, all upstairs daily. 27. Over to Coppinis, left ring to have stone redyed as he has none to match brooch. No use trying for red brooch like bracelet, can't get material, or crystal beads for jade, so I don't care but have given up the idea. Got 6 little silver boxes, a dear little locket and chain to go with it. So late we did not stop at

leather place but went right to Pitti for  
the rest p.m. Things considerably  
rearranged & transferred. Most of the  
Venetians are here now, one room chiefly  
portraits by Titian & Tint., and the artist's  
portraits of themselves are here also, good  
del Santo rooms, Grand Duca, Radio & lots  
of R's portraits, some good Flemish. Fearfully  
hot. Left 5-11 & then stopped at ante  
della Lana & got a lot of bags, only 2 to-  
sisis left, no Pistrias, new kind on  
carvats with chors, <sup>15</sup> hlf. <sup>25</sup> cars, a few  
small ones, cushion cover, set of tea  
cloth & napkins for this P, had not  
ready yet. Shot net & out about 3 to  
start for Fiesole on 3.20 train, but it  
was very late & first we encountered  
hordes from V.C. who fell on our necks  
then came a deluge & at last we got

on the train much to rage of driver &  
conductor who fairly hopped with  
rage & thought us mad to try for F.  
Attempted to turn us out, no good,  
never saw such rain, came through all  
spots in car, umbrella up, mad English  
nearly caused apoplexy to conductor but  
he fairly loved us before we arrived.  
Rain nearly over by time we reached  
F & it had lifted & made gorgeous  
views all the way up. Liqueurs & tea  
at Aurora, bought hats & bags, then to  
theatre, perfectly glorious here, such  
a view - Everything in far better  
shape than in 1913, nearly cleared up  
fine new museum, temple partly  
unexcavated one toward w. part (mod.  
road runs through it). Heavenly view  
& everything fresh after rain; next to

Thermal, out to see Gr. wall, old  
altars - temple, New Museum which  
has a very full excellent little guide  
and a most intelligent custode. Then  
for a glimpse at Cathedral, very  
fine interior, Rom. stately, high  
choir over slightly depressed crypt,  
Lovely Mino da F. in chapel, Salu-  
tati, but growing very dark to see it.  
Up to Franc. monastery, steep climb  
more bags, more view, then to top,  
where a gay little monk took us  
around much captivated by EOP.  
Dark to see Lippi altar piece but  
got some idea of it, all decorated  
with flowers, saw 2 cloisters - went  
up into the old cells. Sat on  
terrace with its glorious long  
view, hard to tell which is finer -

over Florence & the valley from this terrace  
or the view from Mater, both heavenly.  
Delicious dinner out of doors at  
Aurora. Bought a water jar from a  
woman at the pump, think they must  
have done me on it, all were so pleased  
& the news spread all over the town, but  
I was more than satisfied, a beautiful  
amphora with doubt too lips & a nice  
rich color from use. All very sleepy  
coming down, also deliciously cool.  
Got fooled about weather which  
stayed almost as hot as ever after all.  
28. Up early, began a letter to  
Mother & tried to make out present list.  
San Lorenzo, beginning with old Sacristy  
with beautiful Ametillos, doors,  
burst of S. R., 12. medallions, splendid  
Verucchio monument - of Piero & Giov.,

beautiful :: of room. Then to horrible  
soap palace Chapel of Puccini where  
we didn't waste much time, then  
to Med. S., always seems hard & cold,  
needs fresco & more statues, have  
to remember Med. couldn't make it  
out as he wished. I like the Madonna  
better than the Med. tombs, like head  
of Evening (old man) best, then the <sup>night</sup> ~~night~~  
<sup>Da</sup> night, then Dawn & last of all <sup>night</sup> ~~day~~  
in the fearfully contorted position.

Next to Medici palace, court full  
of soldiers, up to (late) ball room with  
balcony to second court with garden  
then to chapel where we rebelled  
in Gorgoni's fresco of the three kings  
(Lorenzo, John Pal & Patriarch) with all  
its portraits & angels & procession  
from Hell to Paradise. Some night

think them synonymous. Next to Arch.  
Mrs. where we went rapidly through  
the ground floor rooms & garden, the  
latter so very hot - that only a toilet  
was comfortable. Every thing is so beau-  
tifully arranged & I think there are  
some new accessions. Managed to  
get a tram back. I suppose we should  
be glad the striking cabmen do not  
shout up the town, but they are cer-  
tainly making a nuisance of them-  
selves. Had a very long sleep &  
was just dressed when Anthony &  
Pollyanna came so we took them to  
Doney's and all had ices & then we  
captured a vettura & went to Miss  
Hanks who is in Mr. P. Ronelli's apart-  
ment, 53 via del Pinti. She took us all  
over it, the first time I had been



in a regular Italian one - hardly  
as convenient as USA though much  
more picturesque. Walk home through  
an old part of town. After dinner I  
read a little in Med. Florence - the  
wanderer but we get very sleepy -  
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29. Before breakfast. Dates are gone in this  
but Wed. was the day we went to Fiesole  
Shall now write about yesterday.

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28. Up early every morning now -  
Went before to St M. Novella to see  
the splendid Ghislandino frescoes in  
the choir. Saw tomb of the nice old  
Patriarch that died here when he  
came to the Council. Lovely in the  
Green Cloisters, (the large ones are not  
open). Could spend an endless  
time pottering around the monuments.  
Spent some time in Spanish chapel

but could not identify everyone -  
Got an Arcei bag (dark blue emb.) on  
Lungarno, new capis in ring from  
Cappini, new lingerie clasp to replace  
one I had lost from Volturnana, then  
by devious ways to Bargello where  
we had a fine time. Much rearrang-  
ment, the MA room is being recon-  
structed and most of his things are  
up in Donatello room which is a  
splendid place. The others went home  
- I went along via Ghisellina to 83  
where the fresco of M. de Brienne is, a  
cunette on stairs locked behind  
doors. Very interesting, fine St Anne  
+ 2 angels, crowd of Florentines, ban-  
ner, Pal. in background (early  
form) and the Duke being driven out  
by an angel; he carries a queen with

figure, stiff like a Palladium but nobody seems to know what it is. The custode in P.V. the other day lent us an old book - I was delighted to find an illustration of this. (Name of book in back of my Baed.) Got a lovely blue bag for Mother and a couple of Assisi handkerchief cases. After lunch went out at 3 with H. to Doney's here to post card place but I didn't get as many as I expected, think a good many were gone. Think quality of views is better in the Roman shops, but these are nice illuminated ones. Then for a few hats, my lorgnette into which glasses had been put, a pink flower and back to dress for H's party. Terrible calamity, water

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turned off because they thought it was an hour we couldn't possibly need it. Party a great success, Prof Mrs Abetti, Arr. Mrs P. Roselli, BR, Mrs Hawks, Ella Jones. The Ital. guests delightful and charming - had a funny time with one nice old waitress who presided in fatherly style - lovely music afterwards - In evening we came up very early and had a ferocious time partying, also a very funny one on account of our many purchases - Can start a hat market of our own.

30. Out early to bookshop with Sue's as wanted to post home. They did send up for us, but silly cross-eyed girl in P.O. refused to take more than 2 x 100 but a young man in Cook's who

knows BR rescued us. Managed to  
get taxi to St Croce where we spent  
an interesting hour or more poking  
around deliberately through church -  
then to cloister. Wicked the way the  
church was spoiled by being white-  
washed. More uncolored than in  
1900. Indignant guide blamed Vasari  
for having ruined Pal V, St C, SAN  
and "all Florence". Some decent  
things left: Rather weary - did four  
brands, lemonade in Savoy then  
back to finish last things. Early  
lunch, rare convey to station, hun-  
dreds of baskets, thousands of hats,  
coffee jar, string bag etc. & to cap  
the climax frantic porters dashing  
in with washing which didn't  
reach hotel in time, and we were

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it in with great ceremony to say  
nothing of trepidation until we  
could put a string on it. Miss  
Stanks to see us off, nominally 120,  
brilliant flowers which she  
called "welly-smelly" as a Chinaman  
had named them. Station man  
bagged us a nice compartment  
in new car put on at T. so we  
were fine to Tiburtina, though it  
was hot. Luckily there was grain  
tea at ill in dining car - Much  
scramble at T., more luggage  
than ever but the other train  
was right there we got jammed  
in somehow. Gorgeous views of  
Tuscan hills, water pale green, with  
violet edges, heavenly. Had passed  
Arezzo & Cortona earlier. Lots of

little hill towns, delightful country.  
Reached Perugia about 5, fine  
breez. Hotel runs a special  
tram so all was well. Beautiful  
rooms at Bufani, suite of 3 +  
bath 57-59, on corner. Had tea  
sent up + were glad to tub  
before dinner. Little walk after  
trains, very interesting town, mix-  
ture of old winding streets +  
arched doors + passages, with  
good modern buildings. Lots of  
Travertine, makes rich effective  
color. Arc on square by Prefec-  
ture on one side, on the other  
you look miles, view magnifi-  
cent. Went past Piazza V. E. through  
Via Vanucci past Cambio, Muni-  
cipio (magnificent Ren. door, fine

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steps + loggia on side towards  
Cath), fine fountain (Pisano +  
+ de Cambio) glimpse of side of cath.  
Great crowds under our windows  
very noisy, but it didn't keep  
me awake long.

51. Woke at 5 but went to sleep  
again till 6.30 or more, found for  
once I was not the early bird.  
Went to walk + met the others + we  
went to Arch of Aug. a very splen-  
did + stunning one. Etr. below, then  
Roman Ren Ren (have enough  
about it in Froth + others). Went  
outside circuit of Etr. wall, which  
are very well preserved. Back to  
breakfast. Out about 9.30 to Cam-  
bio in which we all delighted,  
pictures very fine in all respects,

room beautiful in :: and finish,  
marvellous intaglio seats, benches  
etc. Then into little chapel which  
really was a scream, absolutely  
killing fresco. Returned to sit  
at feet of Perugino a bit longer. To  
top of Municipio to Vanucci col-  
lection. Lots of interesting pictures  
from primitives to degenerate but  
they have been rearranged & the  
numbers are all wrong or missing  
- lots of them have no names, so  
it is very hard to see where you are.  
Hope there will soon be time to get  
out a guide. Lots of good Perugi-  
nos, but I like the frescoes best.  
Spent most of a.m. there, then back  
to early lunch & off about 1.30  
by motor to Assisi. Thought it

would be very hot but we made a  
good breeze for ourselves & there  
was seldom any dust that we got.  
Tomb of Vol. was not open, hoped to  
see it on return, but custode was very  
elusive out of hours. Sorry to miss  
it, but my recollections are clear &  
we have seen lots of others. Went  
first to St. M. degli Angeli and had  
the great luck to encounter a Festa.  
Market in the piazza in front & the  
place was full of peasants, mostly  
in costume who had come miles to  
the General Indulgence which centres  
around St. Francis & his Portiuncula.  
Church was full of them, some  
going the length of the nave on their  
knees, others crouching in the chapels,  
others sound asleep from exhaustion.

tion. Many of them had bits of leather  
bound on with thongs for shoes, some  
were so weary they carried their shoes,  
most of them were rather old, won-  
derful picturesque old types. I am  
to remember all of this very well,  
the little stone oratory of rough  
masonry, the chapel (formerly a hos-  
pital) where St. F. died, beautiful  
Vella Rookia statue of him. By the  
time the Abbot had arrived to show  
us around, and he was a perfect  
dear & showed us everything, first  
in the church, then in the garden  
& sacristy. Lovely new statue of St.  
F. in garden (see photos) which we  
later found he had had erected  
but he was far too modest to say  
so. Luckily I have an eye for in-

scriptions though I don't know if Mr.  
Squibb or Theakie ever would have  
said so. His name is P. Alfonso M. San-  
tarelli. We got his little book that  
he had just published & beautiful photos  
of the statue & he gave us a lot of  
cards & illuminated things and shook  
hands most cordially when we left  
we fairly loved him. Up next way  
up the hill to the church & here  
we encountered hundreds more of  
the pilgrims, they say there will be  
20 thousands of them tomorrow. Cos-  
tumes are rare, choicest of all are  
the corsets worn outside, pink  
blue, white, tartan, any color. The  
church is wonderfully impressive  
the lower far more than above. By  
great luck the lights at the altar

and through the windows made a beautiful golden glow as we looked down the nave - Only thing that gave some impression of dark richness was the blue & gold mosaics at Ravenna. Shall not forget the picture with those throngs of old people moving about in the church. In the upper one it was empty and we had a good look at the Giotto, then outside for a view of the facade from the grassy slope in front & just as we were about to go down the steps the procession started and we had a fine sight of it, with its cross and canopy like a great umbrella, magenta & yellow, bill, richly robed clergy, acolytes, throngs of country

people, mostly women, a group of men with robes something like monks, a few friars. At head marched a man with the cross on each side a man with lighted candle. This went to St. Clare and we met it again on its return in the Piazza where we had gone to see the Minerva facade (fine Aug. Cor. 6 cds.), some insc. chiefly sepulchral, in the vestibule of the church - Site of old Forum, but that was several feet lower & a grating shows a flight of steps leading down. Across from church is a little open room of the society with ceilings charmingly decorated in sort of Pompeian style with myth. scenes & figures. Then we went to Subiaco for tea & also

got bags - post cards. In shop oppo-  
 site I got 2 little bags<sup>10<sup>ca</sup></sup> - farther  
 down the street a little bag - 2  
 half. <sup>10</sup>cases, some of which Mother  
 will doubtless want. Lovely drive  
 back, had a splendid chauffeur,  
 very handsome, excellent driver,  
 car (Fiat) very comfortable - a good  
 hill climber. They have to be  
 around here. Got back about  
 6.45 in time to get comfortable  
 before dinner. Coffee in lounge,  
 then upstairs to write.

Aug 1. Rose with the lark, but fortunately  
 there wasn't much packing to do, so I  
 got everything ready before breakfast  
 which we had in good time & then  
 went out around the town. First to  
 Porta Margita, a splendid Etruscan gate

of which H. took a couple of pictures, inc.  
 clearly legible. Got the notes and went to the  
 market where I got a pair of white shoes  
 for 16 lire and tried on, much to the joy of  
 the bystanders, then to Cathedral where the  
 most interesting thing is the Signorelli Ma-  
 donna with the lute playing angel with  
 his little fat tummy and his leg comfor-  
 tably coiled up. (winter choir). In left-  
 transept there is a lovely Perugino Ma-  
 donna with a red saint - one side -  
 a dull orange one the other, whole  
 coloring beautiful & harmonious but it  
 is badly lighted. Came from some little  
 country church near by. There was a  
 miracle working Madonna on one of  
 the piers, a charming figure with  
 outstretched hands (by G. Manni), we  
 lighted a candle for her. Then down via



de' Priori, a long steep street and around  
corners to the site of Perugia's house  
next to brewery of St. Bernardino which  
sounded rather dreadful in the descrip-  
tion but was really charming with poly-  
chrome effects of marble & terracotta &  
bluish green backgrounds. Then around  
the outside of the wall until we reached  
Arch of Aug. (very hot route) and rough  
nearly melted went to Univ. to see the  
Museum. It has a nice cool garden.  
Museum upstairs, lots of inscriptions, etc.  
urns etc, and splendid rooms with  
bronzes, etc's, etc. Euphronios Pyrexus  
vase, much beautiful jewelry - Not a  
quidam to be bought here (out of print)  
but H. went to publisher & the author  
kindly sent 3 copies to hotel, so I do  
not need to make notes about it.

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Very hot - we had to walk back, stopped  
for some postcards, nice little ones like  
etchings. Left 1:50 - had a wait in the  
station for late train. Had a lovely time  
at Perugia & could make it headquar-  
ters for several days trip by motor  
bus to the country villages. Not so  
pretty full in train to Terni, very  
sleepy, it was soft & hazy around  
lake. Long wait - at T. but we tried  
to keep cool in restaurant. Bagged a  
compartment that was locked & got  
guard to open it for us. Great luck,  
as that was the crowded Rome upr.  
Very hot trip - tiresome before the  
end, much dust. Reached Rome about  
7:30. First really excitable freshening  
we have had. Put all junk on one  
truck - the porter took it to Giardina,

escorted by H. & me while others drove. lovely rooms, mine is next hers and looks out on piazza & big steps which encircle the apse. Rather late & dirty for dinner. Found Miss Bourne & her friends here, also Miss Swindler from B.M. Got nicely unpacked by bedtime & glad to get as clean as we could.

2. Up early but didn't start out very soon as we intended to do errands. Drove to Trinita del Monte, then down Sp. steps & the Piazza, to all ex. for mail, along via Condotta to Corso, to Roberts, Kodak, ribbon etc., Aragnò for granita, Credito Italiano to cash Perelli drafts. Then parted from E.N. who went shopping & we came back via flower market & Lib got geraniums, roses, dahlias & hydrangeas for

all, so our rooms look lovely. By great luck could get appointments at Ruffi's at 3 for all of us, so we had a short rest after lunch & then got a few tons of cinders removed. Up via Veneto to Golden Gate for tea, then a splendid drive of 3 hrs. (like the 1913 one, Tray for, Col, Court, Circ M, F. Bonarini, Island, Garibaldi Bridge, Janiculum, St Peter's, St Angelo & around). Felt we had shown E.N. a good sight of Rome, views splendid from top. After dinner saw some nice Pisanis & photos Mr Todd had got, & made plans about motor trip to the country. Got much information from Rita's aunt Miss Ois who lives in Rome & had come that night. Had some lovely things planned.

3. Had a long sleep till nearly 8 am intended going to Terme which does not open till 10, but after all decided to wait for H. to go there, so we set out for Campidoglio (tram 6 to Pign. Rom.)  
Stat, but climbed up to see wolf, caplts, found Cap. Mus. was closed that day but Cons. was open so we went there & had a splendid man who went around with us. The big state apartments have pieces of scenes from Roman history, artistic value varies but the subj. are interesting - (See quida).  
There has been a lot of rearranging since 1913 and much reconstruction is going on in long corridor with Rom. busts etc. 1<sup>st</sup> floor chiefly great rooms of the Conservatori, 2<sup>d</sup> " GKOR. 3<sup>d</sup> pictures (letters of imperial). Also

Some prehistoric finds from Latium, (floor below 2 graves from Esquiline & a couple of new ones, bridle with ~~bits~~, jewelry etc.). No need to write much as it is in the quida - Had a good rest after lunch, at least it was intended to be, but - I made out some accounts - wrote to M. though I was very sleepy - About 4.30 set out, had tea at Esq. Bar on the corner, then went to Forum where we spent a couple of fine hours. A good time to go, as it grows cooler all the time. Took Nielsen & tried to give a general hasty idea of things, no details.  
Very hot under lapis niger, saw the melted coins in Bar. Em. (now covered with little tin roof), found graffiti on Curt & F., but they are getting worn.

Poked around in a pleasant sort of fashion, flowers are lovely, particularly oleanders - red roses in Ab. Vestal but the dry summer has made them less gorgeous than in 1913. After dinner we saw some of Sig. Ciarletti's cameras and intaglios, perfectly beautiful, he is a great artist. They were portraits, classical rubis, arms. All went to bed in good time for rather early start to-morrow.

4. Left on 8:30 train from near Station, out Porta S. Giovanni to Castel Gandolfo. Splendid ride, we were on top on the shady side - had beautiful views, sea in distance. You get to Albano first, then switch off via Coll. di Solto to Cast. G. where we walked through the town - came

out on glorious view of the lake - went to Marconi and had wine and bread on their veranda overlooking the water. There are delightful vessels about the shores of the place written on the walls. Got some fruit in the village - went on to Villa Barberini a beautiful spot in which there are big bits of the summer palace of Domitian, chiefly substructures, fountain foundations, vedra etc. Long dusty walk till we reached the grove above the water. Last time we drove - it did not seem so long or hot, but when we arrived it was heavenly - we settled down for a good long time. Eth bought their sewing - I bought a lot of writing which I might as well have

left behind - Am sitting under the  
 trees looking towards Cast. G., with  
 Marino - Monte Cucco to r, then A.L.  
 with Rocca di Papa above it - Monte  
 Caro further around. Should like to  
 go to the top. It does not seem very  
 possible, it is hard to get here early  
 enough in the day - Must take a nap.  
 Afterwards went by Cappuccini and  
 down a nice paved shady road to  
 Albano, where we beguiled the time  
 by trying to get gelati, for which we  
 were too early. Took other train via  
 lovely route through Aricia, across  
 viaducts, amongst woody country  
 until we reached Genzano where  
 we got some thing cool. I wrote so  
 much about our earlier trip that  
 I shall add little here, except to say

it was an extremely hot day, but the  
 distant views were fine and the sea  
 showed clearly. Sat and watched the  
 people gathering around the fountain,  
 everyone from old and young to horses.  
 The women poised their jars so grace-  
 fully on their heads. Climbed up to  
 the church and the two fountains -  
 then to Belvidere where we had tea  
 while we gazed at the heavenly view.  
 Then we strolled around the lake,  
 must say Genzano is no cleaner  
 than it used to be. There are a  
 many or more children but we had  
 no trouble with rude ones on our  
 way. Lots of boys swimming at two  
 good places where there was a vestige  
 of a beach. This is the first real disap-  
 pointment I have to record, after

enticing E. N. with the charms of the  
woods and wild flowers - They have  
made a broad dusty path at some  
distance above the shore, have run  
telegraph poles through and have cut  
out a lot of the woods, so it has  
lost most of its charm - I suppose  
they had to use the timber - We  
were just about reaching a nicer  
place (before we got below Stemi)  
when it was time to turn back, as  
the <sup>last</sup> train leaves 7.50 and we were  
supposed to dine at 7. Next time  
we'll have to go to Stemi village  
then down and around the other  
side of the lake. Hagel had already  
said the ruins were so overgrown  
that it was almost impossible to  
find anything, so we had to be

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content with the exquisite views and  
a good deal of imagination - We had  
a very hasty but delicious dinner  
topping off with strawberries of the  
most delectable kind - And the  
charming Signorina Leica came over  
from Aricea where she is staying  
I had heard so much about her  
from EMP, EPH and others that I  
was delighted to see her and found  
her <sup>even</sup> more winsome than they had  
said. We all had a tremendous  
rush from the veranda to the train  
but managed to catch it and  
had a beautiful ride down - Got  
in soon after 9.

5. Wake up early in a.m. but do not  
get much done except odds & ends  
& miscellaneous reading. Well in

no hurry to start out - as we were  
going to S.M. Maggiore for the snow  
festival. Went over about 10 and  
heard some beautiful music. Poked  
around a little, the great columns  
are very fine with a conventional  
scroll pattern of mosaic on frieze  
and other (not so good) mosaics above.  
Huge baldacchino a pit - thing below.  
Gorgeous procession with many  
clergy, a bishop or a cardinal - it  
seems said he was Ranetti, but  
if it was the same one we saw be-  
fore, he has aged tremendously - He  
is enormously tall and towered  
far above everyone else. Mass in  
Borghese chapel, such gorgeous  
music that we stayed endlessly  
& sat on little corners of column

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bases. Decided no use trying for  
Terme that morning. Instead we  
went to Esp. Bar for something cool.  
After lunch had a rest, then after  
tea we went to Palatine. Intended  
to get - just a general idea of it for  
E-M, so we went slowly through the  
big substructures, out on belvedere  
around end of Casino, through gar-  
den to lovely top terrace where  
we stayed for some time - I had  
even taken some sewing, which  
remained untouched. Then along  
to the old parts, temple of Anton?  
(M.M. Japs or someone?) general lie  
of land bet Terme. & Palat., to the  
very old tangles of stuff near  
Scala Caci, regal foundations,  
Munders? or cistern? House of

Livia (they are making excav. near  
by of republ. structures, one they  
call House of Catiline - but why?)  
over to Augustan section, still  
being excavated, they are tearing  
down Villa Mills in hope of finding  
Aug. structure below. Took a glance  
at Stadium & then to s. side  
with view towards Aventine,  
along lower walk, old wall &  
out. Only one vettura into which  
we all piled. Later in we went  
to Esg. for an ice and also dis-  
covered delicious Mandarinata  
Solabella, a dream, should like to  
carry home a supply to our  
provincial bigoted tyrannical us.  
Were locked out, caused much  
amusement, but soon got in -

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6. Up early, read a little. Off about  
8:45 to P.V. Emm., train 12 to Porta  
Tiburina, 9.30 train. (See 1913 description)  
Hot & dusty but not so bad. Found  
it delightful at Hadrian's villa, got  
some bottles at little cafe, only a  
short walk to entrance & then we  
were in a paradise. Stopped in a  
grove of ilex trees and had a nice  
rest, left bags with custode then  
off around w. side, lovely views  
over Temple, then to Ospedale, library,  
round room, library court & aqua,  
Giardino with apses & basilica,  
Piazza d'oro, barracks, cryptop.  
Stadium (some new near. but  
as it was very hot & nothing much  
was found, we didn't go) along  
ret. wall of portico to end for



view here had lunch in beautiful  
shady grove. off at 1.22 for Tirolo,  
got delicious lemon ice in cafe  
by end of tram, then to Villa d'Este  
for a couple of hours. Heavenly  
here, all the fountains gurgling, but  
water was muddy instead of its  
usual brilliant clearness. Drove  
to the Silyl hotel, a charming  
vine clad terrace where we had  
tea and clambered around the  
temples. Gave up doing several  
things because heat sent us  
all off to sleep in Villa d'Este  
and we cut out museum - the  
climb to waterfalls. As we go  
through on way to Subico - also to  
Horace's farm we shall get some  
of that later, I hope. Got tram

at 5.30 and it would have been a  
glorious ride except for dust which  
grew worse and worse. Everything  
dry as a bone - all churned up -  
found a couple of carriages - got  
back in time to dress comfortably.  
In evening Sig<sup>a</sup> Eugenia showed us  
some of the stencilled things - I  
got an adorable white blouse with  
gold & silver palmettes & a heavenly  
blue wrap. Got to bed early & slept  
like a log until after 5 o'clock.  
7. Leaving beginning to day; off  
about 10 for Terme which is love-  
lier every time you see it. Too  
hot outside for Mon. Anc. but we  
began in Acc. P. room, then to the  
great cloisters with H. steering us  
to most interesting things. Began

with Cyrene Aph., much more beautiful than any of the pictures both in form and finish - Has more of the luminous quality of the Sklames than almost anything I had seen. Exquisite grace & charm. Saw a few things in cloister then upstairs to room with Apollo, which impresses more & more you see him, I remember he was quite new in 1900, & beyond it the Antium maedae, then saw a lot of the charming stucco reliefs, wall paintings, then down to small cloister with Ludovisi collection - One room now has only Hera, Erinyes (now lying asleep) and Thone - Had some photos of Boston Miss Swindler

had lent me to compare. Like it better & better in lots of ways it is the finest thing in the museum. (Find I skipped about rooms with Ephesus & Discob.) - I picked up a charming young architect - named Remington from Kansas City, who knows VJ and others. After lunch looked over a lot of H's photographs & had a nap, then sea at Esq. & a drive to Pincio, <sup>Borsa</sup> Paulhan, Thermae, Santa M. sopra M. where we found the tomb of Tra. Lucretia which I hadn't known anything about, Tortoise, Portico of Octavia, For Bor. temples, imperial fora. After dinner came right in but got talking - now at last this is fairly well caught up.

8. This morning we went to the Vatican. Tried to get a very early start, but finally did succeed in arriving soon after 9 with the help of a taxi. They certainly save a lot of time - headed for the Sistine Chapel but got more than side tracked on the way, first by seeing the Cnidian Aphrodite in a new setting far better than before - at the top of a flight of steps on a good pedestal against a grey background in a niche. The only trouble is you can not see the back very well and it is not made to turn. (The Cyrene Venus doesn't move on Sundays) This statue is now beautifully lighted, light comes on right side in morning. Then we went

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through a lot of galleries including the map room which was perfectly fascinating & where E. G. lingered for some time - Lots of trippers. Light in Sistine unusually fine - Ceiling & Pilgrims of course are very familiar but the wall frescoes have some splendid ones, particularly two of Botticelli, with white effects (on i. as you face the altar) and with gold light (Moors). Richness & splendor of it all very effective in spite of the hurried notes. Don't like Last J. at all, although you realize its technical greatness. Next to Raph. Altarpiece which I shall not stop to describe but which are important for hist. value. In Raph. room I like Philosophers better than Pantheon.

Very hot in Loggia so we only  
stick our heads out. Went back  
stodgy through room with a few of  
R's tapestries. Somebody heard a  
man say to a guide "But R. did  
n't do needlework". Then Candelabra  
gall. where Spartan girl is the  
best. Afterwards went to nearly  
all the sculpture except Chiar. -  
Bot. Nuovo. Lots of old junk not  
good for much, but some fine.  
P.M. Lib - I made a brief visit  
to Villa Giudio but were not able  
to see the new t.c. from here.  
A wonderful place but you'd need  
a week or a month even to scratch  
the surface. Most striking thing  
is the unity of civ. on both sides  
of Tiber valley whether Etr. or Lat.

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Got a train back to P. Venus., a new  
one goes as far as Zool. Gard. & passes  
V.G. and the old one from Porta del  
Popolo goes by the corner. Met the other  
on roof of Rinascenza where there  
was a heavenly bridge - a glorious  
view - we were invited into their  
strawberry speciality. Then to the maps  
place (de Agostini, Via dei Stampieri)  
where I got a big physical  
pseudo-relief map of Italy with  
a corresponding political one & I  
had them make me a Latinum one  
like the <sup>10</sup> but got a slightly larger one <sup>20</sup>.  
Then E - I started to look for  
music shops but wasted so much  
time that we gave it up. In the  
evening Signorina Eugenia had a  
lot of those adorable stencilled

garments and I fell for a beautiful white <sup>200</sup>crêpe de Chine overblouse with dull gold & silver palmelles and a heavenly blue <sup>500</sup>wrap with a fascinating design on it, that ~~it~~ had already picked out for me in her mind's eye - Delighted with them ♀. left bright and early to start at 6:30 for a motor trip to the country. Good Cleveland car - good chauffeur - went out Porta Maggiore - via Poli. When we left there was a thick fog so we could not see very far, but hills began looming up through it & pretty soon it burned off and gave us views over the Campagna Road a most attractive one with all sorts of wild flowers at the edge, blue, pink, yellow <sup>purple</sup> - a kind

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of yellow bistres. Some times the flowers were so thick they made whole fields blue. Road surface bad & dusty almost everywhere, I suppose there has not been time to repair them yet. Great heaps of crushed stone along the sides, all done by hand. Very hot. Splendid views as we approached Tivoli and zigzagged up. Went right through - along this valley some route we had taken to Sabine Farm. Kept right on instead of following Licenza, splendid country in and out through mountains till we reached Subiaco which stands up on a hill - stopped in piazza near fountain, while we got wine, water - some cool drinks. Lots of water jars, did get one on

return. Monasteries some distance  
but we were able to drive part of  
the way, across river - through a  
suburb until we struck a mule  
road. Left the car and started the  
steep ascent to Leornu, though the  
temperature was more like the other  
place. Bundles seemed pretty  
heavy. First part roasting hot &  
shut in. Then St Scolastica where  
an Eng. monk told us how to go  
on. A terrific climb - luckily there  
was a shady shelf like spot -  
with a little chapel & a magni-  
ficent view, where we could rest,  
then up steep unprotected rocky  
dusty climb. Sun intense, but  
there was a good breeze. At last  
we reached the gate - the rest

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of the way was in the shade. Monas-  
tery on top, built on arches against  
the great rock. St Benedict lived 3  
years in the great cave - the church  
has upper & lower parts, the latter  
going away down amongst the  
rocks on several levels. Arrived at  
lunch time so we had our picnic out  
under the trees on a grassy terrace  
where we had magnificent views in  
every direction. Afterwards had a little  
English student to show us around,  
much embarrassed at first, but he got  
used to it. Very interesting place, upper  
church harmoniously covered with fres-  
cos, Sienese chiefly, two or three steps  
lead down on each side towards channel.  
Many quaint & interesting frescos  
below, esp. Triumph of Death, scenes

of massacres, several Byz. type Madonnas  
 Consoles, otherwise unknown, had a  
 style of his own. Case of saint with  
 statue, on r. going down. Now - then  
 they have painted on rocks themselves,  
 like palatitric fresco paintings - Got  
 some pictures - went into garden, fat  
 pet ravens. Then down to St Schwa  
 hica escorted by a choice old man  
 who fetches water for the monks - who  
 adopted us for his own - As dear as  
 as I could make it out, he is the  
 father of the impish little girl who  
 managed to annex my fan in spite  
 of all the other inducements offered.  
 This one had the time of his life  
 sticking close than a chestnut burr  
 and eventually driving on the front  
 street to the town, seducing all his

friends en route, greatly to the chauff-  
 eur's disgust. St. Sc. has three monas-  
 teries combined - its chief interest -  
 lies in library, cloisters - bits of old  
 doors etc. They had some gorgeous  
 mss. as well as some of the earliest  
 books printed in Italy. We had a  
 dotty little monk who was too busy  
 with prayers - muttering to bother  
 much with us - Fine wells in cloisters,  
 also some old columns, insc. etc.  
 said to be from Villa of Nero (of which  
 hardly anything is left.) At least we  
 managed to get down - retrieve the  
 car, which had fled to town, I hope for  
 a drink, for that was what we did.  
 Had some excellent stuff called  
 Amerino, made of cherry, most re-  
 freshing. Wonderful drive over the

mountains, past many little villages, very isolated, to Olevano a grim spot situated along a sharp side (something like Knife Edge in White Mts.) Miserable little village, but on the outskirts is delightful Hotel Roma where we had tea in the arbor. It is built on side of hill & has wide & splendid view from front. Found a most interesting group at tea at another table, musical lot, evidently impresario, prima donna, tenor & an Irish looking girl, maybe someone's wife, then the curé came along too and they were fun to watch, but we couldn't identify them. I suppose every tenor now expects to be the successor of Caruso. Getting late when we left so we decided not

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to stop at Palestrina, merely got an idea of the site, a glimpse of old wall climbing to the citadel, a view of the arch itself. Sorry we didn't arrive earlier but there wasn't much we could leave out. Took more than 3 hrs. at monasteries. Another time we could save time at Subiaco itself, no need to stop so long, or to return to it. Came back from Pal. at a good pace as that road is more paved than most. Beautiful views of the slopes of the Alban Hills and the rolling Campagna. Almost dark by the time we arrived, lights all up. Got in about 8 and dashed with all speed to dinner - a splendid day. This being Wednesday we went to the Rag Market. It seems to have grown a lot,



I didn't remember it was so big -  
 Not much in the way of jewelry that  
 we wanted. Some of the others had  
 had very good luck before. Lib got some  
 lace but that was about all. Erv got  
 a granite <sup>no 2.</sup> & then took a train to St  
 Peter's. Rest in shade of colonnade very  
 comfortably. Spent an hour or more  
 poking around. Splendid spacousness  
 yet you do not feel lost entirely. We  
 went around deliberately. No desire  
 for roof or dome. A lot in it one  
 could do without, but not so many  
 monstrities as in some churches.  
 Some reliefs interesting for historical  
 value, e.g. Henry II at Canossa, H. of Navarre  
 becoming Cath., Stuart mon., fine  
 old cols. in Sacristy, Angels very  
 charming. Stayed so long we had to

scurry home, & no taxis to be found -  
 went in H's room after lunch & saw  
 some pher photographs - but early for  
 tea at 4.30. Signorina Clotilde took us  
 to the studio of Dante Ricci (her teacher)  
 which is in one of the towers of the Au-  
 reliare wall, an utterly fascinating  
 place. Before we went H. gave me an  
 adorable cloud etching of cypresses re-  
 flected in a pool which he had done -  
 was to be a birthday present, but I  
 really had two birthdays because  
 Lib came back with an adorable blue  
 velvet bag & black lace scarf. A gate in  
 the wall leads into a tiny garden space  
 with steps turning up as you turn to  
 left. They lead up to the lower floor  
 of studio. (He has it wonderfully fixed  
 up, with paintings, casts, metal & pottery

frames, draperies etc. & then you go  
right to the top to the work studio  
out to skylight, a square room  
with niches at the top of the cor-  
ners, rising on corbels so there are  
places for 3 jars in each, away up.  
He is a genius, paints in oil,  
water, etches. There was a stunning  
big Theatre of Marcellus - a view  
from gallery of St. P. both of which  
were fine. Room covered with things.  
Then we went down & saw a lot  
of the watercolors - got Nicoraro for  
10, an adorable helper for me, tall  
express for dib, 1/2 a d'Este which  
I got for her mother. Also got a  
lot of the little etchings. Perfectly  
delightful afternoon, don't see how  
he ever sells such lovely things so cheap.

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Afterwards H & I did a few errands,  
went to Todate & I bought vainly at  
Robert's for my lost Baedeker. We  
were terribly sleepy in evening but  
stayed up until H's picture came  
& we had a great processio with  
bell, book & candle, censer, basilica, &  
the inverted copper jar for a mile,  
then an unveiling where we fairly  
perished of laughter & it was a  
complete surprise to Paul.

11. Had a heavenly birthday - we  
left about 7 by the same route to  
Tirol as we took on Tuesday - had  
same car but different chauffeur, a  
dear little chap who is the regular  
driver of that car and knows it well, so  
we could make better time. Went  
through Tirol around the valley to

where we went in 1913 to see the view  
of the falls, then on beyond to where  
they think Horacio's villa may have  
been. A tiny little church (San  
Antonio) is as near as we got to it.  
It is on a terrace overlooking the site,  
but the present occupants of the vil-  
lino are not very hospitable so we  
didn't go down (a few walls left.)  
The little church had some rare  
paintings, votive offerings from the  
natives who had escaped such  
dangers as drowning, falling from  
a roof, encounter with bull etc.  
No information about the church  
but on either side the altars are  
framed with casts of very beautiful  
Pen. work, evidently put there by  
someone who liked nice things.

Went on to Saint Varric's, which  
was on a huge terrace at the margin  
of the hill with magnificent view. A  
huge place of which there are a  
good many ruined walls, niches etc.  
All a beautiful olive grove now  
with blackberry bushes, thicker than  
I ever saw. Took some pictures that  
I hope will be good. A splendid site.  
Cautelan's villa lay farther back at  
St Angelo about the head of the ravine.  
Next to Vicoraro where we had  
great amusement getting the car  
up. Very picturesque, lots of nice  
old bits in doorways - windows.  
The Tempietto is exquisite, attrib-  
uted to Bramante or pupil, beautifully  
proportioned & the facade sculptures  
are fine especially the angels

over the door. Inside very tall cols  
alternate spiral & straight. (See his  
book about the Anio, which has  
fine pictures of this and of Subiaco).  
Then to the Sabine Farm where  
we spent a heavenly day. Went  
right into the bosco and to the  
top of the little knoll under the  
chestnut trees. Lovely - shady,  
ferns & bracken, beautiful breeze -  
here we stayed for a long time  
much to the joy of two small boys.  
De Rossi spied us coming and  
gave us the heartiest of welcomes.  
- I quite forgot to say anything  
about seeing the original of his  
picture at Vicovaro, Sant' Anto-  
nio of which we tried both  
a.m. & p.m. to get pictures -

Had much fun at lunch as they  
had carried out the Florentine  
cushion cover and the blue sitting  
(200 in Cosmedin) for presents - He  
had given me a box of delicious  
chocolates (Venchi) and there was a  
sumptuous birthday cake, so after a  
feast we all stretched out for naps  
or wrote letters or diary. Then we  
set out for the scavi under the seat  
of de Rossi who showed us what  
had been done new. Another wall  
of cryptoparticles which showed  
where the original windows had  
been filled in later. They had found  
more of the Antonine structures -  
a later nymphaeum (4 niches)  
in the centre of the villa. All this is  
so full in diary or notebook that

I need not write more - It was very hot, but del R. got us delicious water from the Fons Bandusiae. When we left we went back to his little hut - wrote our names - saw the old book. Left about 3.30 and went right to Tivoli but decided to let museum slide, so went to Sibylla garden again. Then a lovely drive back by route we went out on. Glimpse of Gabii in distance. Not easy to discover in the fields. Back by about 7, a little rest before dinner. Tell in here for remarks of cake later but first we got some charming pictures from Signorina Clotilde, Palatine or Forum, delightful things - we have certainly bought nice things.