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Mar. 7 This will be a very queer diary for it has to be made up for nearly two weeks. The vile boat nearly finished us, and any writing was beyond the limit. So here I sit in the railway station at Giardini waiting for the train & racking my brains for our adventures.

Feb. 21. After endless postponements we reached Palermo early in the morning & was out on deck but times but we were not able to get off for hours. It rained at intervals but the harbor of P. was splendid with its headlands. Lib came to meet us in a little boat & at last we got through customs etc. & up to H. des Palmes where we had temporary rooms on front of house. Fine hotel, everyone tried to make us comfortable, but we were pretty rocky. Lib & I decided to fly around with state and so all

we could. All except Father went to Museum, lovely old place with courts, & the Silenus things which it was great to see. After lunch drove to Duomo, fine outside, much junk inside, Emp. tombs very gorgeous. Then to Cap. Pal. which comes up to the pictures though there was little light as it was pouring. Then to the boat landing, terrible afternoon & a nasty little rowboat to go off it. Started boat off, then stopped at a Tea Room & then to hotel & hot tea. Didn't bother to unpack much.

22. Holiday in some parts of U.S.A. Fine day took parents to Duomo, Cap. P., & Eremit with its lovely garden & cloisters. Took little motor & went up Mt. Pellegrino, magnificent views, then to Teia for tea, lovely situation, stayed till sunset. Too tired to do much in eve, but there are dances nearly every night.

23. I - J spent most of a.m. in Museum, divided bet. Silenus & the vase collection upstairs which are not so much taken individually, but very important for connections from geom, proto-Cor. st. right on. Afternoon to Monreale, perfectly gorgeous though it was blowy & showery & very cold in cloisters. Should like to spend a whole day there pottering quietly around. Took at a nice little place with lovely view.

24. Wonderful day to Segesta by motor, fine flat, splendid drive, great scenery - Much fun about the donkeys. Temple is most impressive, not good light for pictures, & wind very strong. Carpet of grass & flowers inside are lovely. Lit & I climbed to theatre, splendid & a magnific. cent view. Wonderful & desolate situation. Could write endlessly on the variety of our drive, wilds, villages etc. Back very

late, due to helping other motor with us.  
 25. Family wedding day, 49. All took life very easily in a.m., trying to get rested & others caught up etc. Tried in p.m. to see Martorana (not open) so took little drive to Villa Cimilia & Giard. Inglesi. Then all had tea at Lucy Tea Rooms.

26. Lib & I went in a.m. to see the churches we could not get into yesterday, so we had got a fine view of Martorana компаније from some steps opposite. Much brick in it & all in a mess, but the old parts are splendid & so are the mosaics. Liked St Cataldo very much with its simplicity, domes, & effect of space though so small. Some interesting capitals (see Warm). Went again to take some pictures of exterior of Duomo as light was very good. Saw the crypt which is extremely interesting

sarcoph. of Walter of the Mill, etc. Stopped on way back when hair washed. In p.m. drove (horrible road) to S. M. de Gesù for the view which was magnificent, giving the other side from Mt. Pellegrino. A very nice monk showed us around & gave us flowers. Called tonight that Aunt Annie has died Feb. 15.

27. Started off for Taormina on the 10.20, a magnificent ride along the coast & a gorgeous day for it. A splen. did succession of headlands, like T. Imerese, Cefalu etc. & glimpses of Lipari Islands, very blue water & on other side orange & lemon groves & mountains. Only drawback was that coat felt so rotten - had an hour or so at Messina & then beautiful fit along coast until dark. Carter late at Taormina, whose

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lights we saw up above Giardini.  
Good welcome at San Domenico & this  
is a fine hotel & we had nice rooms  
here - I had 12 at first - afterwards 11.  
Fine view over the garden. Glad to  
turn in soon after our busy day,  
but first as it was a lovely moon-  
light night here - I went up the  
one neat little street of the town  
to the theatre, hoping to see it, but  
they do not open it in the evening  
so we came back to the garden  
- had a view of Etna from there  
instead.

28. No one in much of a hurry to  
get up, & we loafed in the garden.  
P.M. like - I went to theater &  
spent most of the afternoon, it  
comes up to all the pictures  
we have seen & has just as

fine a view in the other direction  
from the top. We climbed to the  
very top at first (see 284) and  
from above the arches got splendid  
views, then sat in the niches for  
a bit, then went to custode's house  
& little museum & he took us  
to a higher spot for more of a view.  
Back for tea. Bridge in evening.  
Mrs P. found a very delightful friend  
of hers, Mrs Orr here & we all liked  
her very much & saw a lot of her.  
As Father still felt miserable &  
could do little but sit in garden  
they decided went out Syracuse  
Mar. 1. Had a fine time poking in  
the shops in the morning, lots  
of lovely Sicilian work. After  
I left right after lunch for Syra-  
cuse and had a beautiful trip

right along the coast, most of the time with splendid views. Dark when we reached S. Went to Etangas on the harbor close to the huge fountain, lovely view - balcony. Food not up to San Don.

Mar. 2. Started via Anterosa & around the corner to the Museum which is simply splendid (see Guida, Cat., a notebook). L. had a card to Orsi who was very cordial & told the guard to show us anything we wanted. She had been promised to ask for a painting in an inner room which you reach through the room with the archit. t. c.s. that are not generally on exhibition. Fine lot there & we had a splendid man who had helped excavate a few

us lots of things. Then we did the prehistoric collections & took copious notes & a few sketches. It was a treat to see the things I had read about so much in Peet & others. Stayed the whole morning, then went across to Duomo the ancient part of which is very impressive, but the type of mind which can mix it with all sorts of hideous baroque etc. is beyond me. Both inside & outside (in the wall) the columns are fine. Under the pavement of the st. on. R. side was the great source of a huge number of Syr. finds arranged to take long drive in p.m. - got a pair of horses, went first along the barren ridge to Epiphale, forlorn & bleak ex-

left for the beautiful blue animals. Good remains of the wall. The fort was splendid, we went over it fairly carefully - got some good pictures. Situation is magnificent. There is amphitheatre, <sup>at end of Hieron</sup> piscina (Norman church) theatre which in itself is fine but loses effect because of the horrible new factories etc. you see from it as you look to the harbor. But there some time I then went to granaries, Earl of Lion - etc. Could not stand the idea of going to the other granaries. Somehow S. got on our nerves, I realize what a magnificent site it was - what a brilliant history it had - all the famous men that were there but still is a constant effort

to remember that, I cannot bear it - kept thinking of the Athenians, who had no respectable reason for being here. Anyhow it was frightfully depressing in spite of the lovely day. We got back before tea time, searched for a place, had a horrid time - thought the modern inhabitants detestable - the city most sordid & unpleasant except on the sea front. We did have a glorious view over the harbor.

3. Went again to the museum which is a rare treat. Should like to spend a long time there, it is one of the kind that should be worked over inch by inch. Before that we went to T. of Diana (or Apollo) most impressive early Doric, part of foundations & some columns left. Left after lunch & had a beautiful

bip back, seeing by daylight—the things we had missed on the way down. Glad to reach T, that eve—  
 4. After running around, we were glad of a quiet morning. Had a nice walk in p.m. down hill around by a convent, after we had gone to see the little Roman theatre in a back street. Glorious views everywhere—Came to a fine place for blouses etc. and got a beauty with Sic. work & like gal—2. Such a nice woman, had heaps of lovely things. Passed villa of Mrs. Putnam where she ought to have been to tea on Friday. She came to tea with us & is a most delightful and genial soul, full of fun. There was to be music in the Gt. theatre, but the moon was too capricious, and little showers spoiled that.

5. Went in a.m. to Mrs Putnam's garden, a perfect paradise of a place all terraced up, and topped by a round temple. Adorable flowers & heavenly views. Went through the house beginning with the kitchen, ending with the room that was made out of a tomb—a music room. Packed away in shops, had tea at Old India, with some extraordinaire music, some compositions by CP played on a terrific piano. Bridge in eve—  
 6. Garden & shops in a.m. Again to the place where we had bought the things on Sunday—L. gd—lots of lovely table things. Either today or yesterday day went to Mrs. Kild's workrooms & got many nice things. Tea at Eng. Tea Rooms, Dres and ourselves. Packed in eve, for fairly early start.

7. Hated to leave such a beautiful place. Left the others comfortably settled. Long trip to Bagheria, though we were very comfortable & the road was beautiful - Charged at Catania where we sent a wire to Bobbi for his birthday - Ride through centre of island supposed to be rather stupid, but we did not find it so. Lots of charming fruit trees left. Were very late & had a long sleep on the compartment seats before we reached Bagheria, about 11.30 & jolted along in an old cab to the Temples in the wet.

8. Lovely morning, gorgeous view from terrace outside room, over the garden & down slope to the ridge on which we could see some temples with the sea beyond - Drove

back to the town where we went first to Museo (see T.C. I.) small, but with some interesting sarcoph., vases, archaic Apollo etc. The town is all on a slope so there are only steps instead of streets across it, & to get to Duomo we had to go away around the edge. Town itself is picturesque and rather unusual, magnificently situated - Fine campanile, but mod. restoration has not been very successful - while effect is poor. Chief interest is the Phaedra Sarcophagus which was much finer than I expected & very ok. in certain parts. Their of work varies, best is long side with Hippolytos & hunt. Then to see Norman door of S. Giorgio - to S. Maria dei Greci built over old temple, showing columns inside & then we went down a dark hole

- saw how they were incorporated in n. wall, with temple steps below.  
 (See plan in CT p. 255). Got a few post-cards - back for lunch. Set out in good time & went to S. Nicola, reaching it by a path through the garden, gothic porch, set-ant. Dr. antae, good interior, old pieces used. Then red woman also showed Orat. of Phalaes & parapet w. Corinth. cornice - a few old fragments around. Then down hill to T. of Zeus, very fragmentary but we took pictures of grant lying on ground. Steaps from very impressive. Then through a charming path to T. of Castor & P. which is just as attractive as its brother - is situated near the sea - Back to our T. of Herae. which they have begun to set up again - Also excav. a little near

by but nothing very important, is mostly houses. Then on to Concord & Juno, perched around inside & out side, wonderful temples in grand positions - Back for tea on terrace. Found it impossible to get to Selinus except by motor at enormous price - 9. Up in time for 8:30 to Palermo, as we had to go round about. Fine trip, wet when we left, but clear before we got to N. coast so we decided to get off at Termini Imerese & go to Cefalù. Fairly decent connection, waited about an hour. At C. left bags, annexed a native & went to Duomo, which is very fine both inside & outside. Mosaics splendid. Went around it though it is rather crowded in. Then started up through goat pastures to the prehist. remains & it began to

blew a wild gale & soon a deluge, struggled along under umbrellas a rare old climb, went very fast. The remains at top are splendid - without any trouble - rain stopped for a little while. Then slipped down again without damage, were well soaked but got some tea before train time & got our things dry on way back to Palermo which we reached in time for dinner. Had wired for a room - luckily got one. Told S. Marucci about Trapani - he gave us a little p introduction to S. Ragusa.

10. Left at 11.15 - had a long but very beautiful ride, by the sea a good part of way to Castellamare & then inland southward. The views were glorious, a fine day -

thrilled to see it all along w. coast, Marsala, then the islands, then Mt Etna, & Trapani getting away out. It was still only about 5 o'clock and a beautiful afternoon, so we decided to have a try for the mountain. Here begins such a tale as would take hours & pages to write, but I can stick in enough to remind me of all the choice events. The man from the Centrale met us & we gave Sig. R. our letter & asked if we could get a mavor to go up that night. Much telephoning - finally puff puff in the street, & there appeared a choice vehicle, a little red Ford, probably a delivery wagon by trade, 2 little chairs stuck in the back, a large important man bussing the chauffeur & he arranged about taking us up, high

we had no idea who or what he was, but he went along. Steaming drove along side of mt. & then up & up by zigzags, red hot engine etc. wonderful views, like pictures in hot suns like Hophyi's description. Arrived just at dark & climbed up two' town, tried Minerva but it had become a school, then Modern, small & simple but everyone most kind. Very damp on top, flower pots like those H. tells about. kept well bundled up for dinner & found our escort had a place laid for him. Jolly meal - in middle of it in came a fine looking man in a plaid & as he left our man said he was the chemist from whose place he had telephoned, so I knew it odds compare Beats & sent to have him

call'd back & we fell on each other's necks & he stayed all the evening & we talked endlessly. The other man was Aceri the alternation to whom M. had written the letter. Had a very jolly time - II. Thick mist when we woke. Had gone to bed in nearly all our clothes as it was so damp & chill. Could hardly see across the street, it rained off & on during a.m. but we paddled out. Beats took us to his house & we saw the children & hot chocolate & he took us all through the place, though his wife was ill & we only saw her a moment. Pictures of H. & Butler. B is a charming host & a delightful man. Then we went to Balio & castle. The town is all built of grey rock,

streets all paved & clean, houses mostly around courts, so it is plain along the streets. Rain let up now & then & we went to the castello & saw the wall of Humes & the med. buildings & the later castello on the ledge & the Bixio garden & then to Duomo, which has a fine porch. Sun came out at intervals & views were ravishing things the clouds to the blue sea & the islands & Trapani below. Got some pictures of Duomo, went inside & then back for lunch which B. had met us. Went afterwards to see habist. walls which are most impressive, & got several pictures. Finally came off a glorious day - Splendid drive down, then branched off the

other side & saw Aceri's new villa, then back to T. by road along the coast. Molti cattiva with mud, no guards, & we were unhappy sights when we arrived at station. A. put us in the train & we settled our accounts, very amusing about paying for the motor, as it was his own. Glorios along the coast until dark, but it took nearly all the time to Castelvetrano to clean off the mud. Bay from the Bixio met us & took us up. A regular provincial hotel, huge saloon for our room, only ext. high dining room. Insisted on our having a huge dinner about 9:30. Very cold, but there was an electric heater in the room. 12. Up in good time for hair & Sclimenti, took our lunch with us. Fell in with many Italians returned from USA. So

S. had a lovely walk along the coast path to the part where Acropolis is. Very fine situation. Saw small mns first but nothing much, chiefly a waiting room. Then went to most of the temples, minous but impressive. Then to the chief street, fine broad one, full of lovely flowers, wild pansy etc., leading to one p-city gate. Walls magnificent, intricate sys. of several walls, round bastion etc. Overlapping arches. Day had been very fine but became overcast & the pictures did not come out. lunch on some blocks in the street while it was still sunny. Too wet in low ground to attempt <sup>to n.</sup> reccops. Left plenty of time for other temples but it began to rain before we reached them - we had to take shelter as best we could

in roofs of the mns. Got very wet. Finally reached cisterns but as before showers visited the 3 temples. Back to Palermo that night after decent dinner at Castelnuovo. Found family had arrived from T. Magnificent suite. 13. Glad of a day in which to get rested clean, repacked etc. Went again to museum. All had tea at Caplegh's. 14. Horrible foggy futility here except that we left on boat for Naples about a magnificent sail out of the harbor. Not been shed well on our journey by everyone - Boat very decent & had a good sleep. 15. Dull when we arrived, then began to pour. Hotel people got us off nicely first - rooms had funny bathroom so as to change when possible. Very damp - dismal weather but hotel

as nice as ever. Cleared in p.m. we had a walk, then tea at Mrs. Middletons. Went to Teatro in evening, first visit to S. Carlo. Opera very good, fine orchestra. Ballet before made it very late when we got home.

16. Took family to museum but did not keep them too long, chiefly Pompeii frescoes & sculptures. Our permission has come from Mr. Stevens where we got to it., & we also captured them for the whole party for the new wear at Pompeii. Signorcola was not there but an old ticket man was able to issue them. Drove in p.m. to San Martino, gorgeous view - a very interesting place to see. Then motor drove up - back through Positano. Roads under repair, non very bad. Moved rooms, good ones on 25-27 corner.

17. Off on 10 o'clock electric for Pompeii. Glorious day - devoted whole time to new we. so as not to tire the others. Splendid old custode took us about. Micle, and they have done a lot more in the garden behind the last house on right as you go from gate. Family delighted with it all - lunch at Swiss, & L & I returned & went to 4 p.m. & some sample etc. Back by train, 1 hr. late & very full. Do not advise that again.

18. Decided we'd do only day trips as family too comfortable to move - Dis odds & ends. L & I had a walk in p.m.

19. To Sorrento on the boat, fine day - Little Tramontano man took us in tow. Glad to see Jim & Dee again, Hugh T. has got rather thinner - Went now to a beautiful orange grove & then to

linen shop - bought 4 cloths etc. I got one for Mo's birthday. Back to lunch at T. & Caffe in court yard, then returned to shop - bought clothes, new net ones mine with blue & white - Mrs P got me - L. two or three. Great orgy of it. Beautiful sail back. See delights with place & world like to stay there.

20. Tod went to Mus. - did the two prehistoric rooms, very damp & dismal in cellar but a lot of the things are very good, though not all marked. Generally hand at sea as Miss Mo. has done a little shopping here & there, but not much.

Spent evening talking w/ Brookless.

21. Went to a few churches, had not been in one since 1900 & since - Bettina Man I had remembered them. Mo.

Decor, fine work of Rutiliano, & B. da. Maiano, altar & monument. Then to St. Chiara with Gothic monuments of the Angevins, impressive but fearfully elaborate - look out of place in Italy - St. Aug. a Nilo, Donatello, Duomo chiefly St. Restituta the old part with int. mosaics in chapel of St Maria del Principe & early bas relief 8<sup>th</sup> cent., old part in former baptistery & ancient columns (Cor.) prob. from former t. of Apollo. Went in eve. to Tida and heard the best A. I ever encountered, Gia Paccetti who looked, acted and sang the part to perfection.

22. Up early for drive to Ravello, left at 8.30 and went via Castellamare & up a gorgeous mountain road to Mt Chiungo & over the pass down valley to Maiori. The shore drive had a land slide so there was

no chance of going that way. This was a glorious experience, wonderful views all the way we climbed up & down. Got to R. before noon & were glad to reach Bedano where Signor Calmo was most hospitable. Parents charmed with it all. Coffee on terrace after lunch then went thro' gardens where you miss the roses but where the wall flowers & other spring things were delightful, then to P. Ruffolo where the dear old gardener took us around, then to Duomo - They have discovered ancient col. inside some of the piers & will I hope clear them all off. This is the col. near pulpit - where part removed sets free more of pulpit. Sorry to have to rush over it so. Weather perfect for views. Back via Vetta-Cava on a most horrible

road, mostly cattura with a vengeance. Top bad there is no comfortable way in & out of Naples to avoid the unpleasant part, but we had a wonderful day. 23. This has to go down as forget what did, mostly odds & ends, packing for our departure etc. 24. Off for Rome on 2 p.m. train, much luggage a full train but we were all right. Beautiful trip, splendid mts. Reached R. about 7 & were met by Flora man. Beautiful suite of rooms on top corner overlooking Villa Borghese - Young Signorini much to the fore - 25. Ate & I went to Terme in a.m. for an hour. Ground floor, chiefly Cyrene & the adjacent rooms with collections of Lombardian things (see new Guida) showing much conn. with Scand. things. In p.m. went

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to Trinita del Monte to hear the mass  
- though the church was cold the music  
was nice. Walked afterwards along  
Pincio - back that way through V. B.

26. Spent a.m. in Pubblic. Museum  
much to the disgust of the old  
custode who tagged us around, chas-  
tised at us - called us scimie.  
Have since learnt that they dislike  
interruptions to their checker games.  
(See note book on collection.) Had tea  
at Golden Gate - then did a little  
shopping - went to Liberman's - got  
della Seta's St. Art. also a far-  
new one of Paris which I wonder  
if I shall ever have courage to  
read. Evenings we sit around -  
talk & hear the music -

27. Went to Forum - had a beautiful  
time - New entrance on balcony

- old one is closed. Also one ticket to  
Fr-Palat. so you can go back & forth -  
we parked chiefly around end by big  
basilica, then went to Pal. where  
others were at Tami's lecture, & we  
all met later. Lastly on top, things  
just beginning to come out - Stobbs  
& friend turned up - hot coffee with  
us after lunch - Shampoo at Ruffi,  
tea at Bussi's.

28. L - I went to station to meet train  
due 9.45, supposedly, but found 10.30  
was the time - Sat in garden by the  
Tenne as it was too early to get in.  
Then found train not due till 1.30  
so went back to hotel to tell others.  
Got there to station so early, that we  
went to Litom's for gelati - Ben  
met her, looking fine in spite  
of the long trip. Great to have her.

Went to Terme till it closed in p.m.  
as E. wanted to waste no time &  
few things were open. Tea at Rosati  
which we think best in Veneto.

29. E, L & I went to Capit. Museum  
and had a fine time poking  
about. In p.m. we all went to the  
Borghese gallery & found some  
lovely things there - Archaic  
statue & Tibetan are the best. Had  
tea at cafe on Pincio, lovely  
view - could hear the band.

30. A second morning in Architect. at.  
most finished us, if not the col-  
lection. An enormous amount  
here, needs to be interpreted &  
compared with other things. So  
yet not easily available, have  
to put many details in notebook.  
Early lunch & all off about 2.30.

by tram to Castel Gandolfo, a  
lovely ride up. Strange to see fruit  
trees in blossom & endless little  
bamboo sticks holding the grape  
vines that are just starting. Had  
tea overlooking the lake, then went  
back to the town & returned by  
another line via Grotta Fratina -  
County is looking beautiful & it  
made a lovely trip. Weather has  
been very fine, tho' we struck a  
little shower on the way back.

31. All went to the Terme, tho' L & I  
spent much time on upper floor  
During our visits have gone pretty  
carefully over rooms & antiqu.  
Had tea at Eng. tea room but it  
was very full. Afterwards E, L & I  
went for a drive, down to Forum &  
around by Coast arch, Col. etc.

April 1. Easter Sunday. Went to S.M.A. for 10 o'clock mass to see Card. Vanelli, looking very old but very dignified. After the procession went to Lateran where the music was beautiful but we got rather cold & tired standing; stopped at baptistry. Went in p.m. to Girardet & met S. Eugenia coming out, she insisted on our returning for a little with her. So nice to see her. Tea at Bar Espanolino as of yore. Much taken by their table covers which we longed to steal. Masses at S.M.A. lovely music - then exhibition of robes by a fat & very bold sea bishop. Dear tier by night.

2. Went to S. Tani's lecture on crypt of St Peter, splendid. Had never been down there before - chief

difficulty was having to hurry over some of the very fine robes. Liked T. immensely. Went in p.m. to tea with Mrs & Miss Woodruff, beautiful apartment, Piaz. T.d M15, and found them delightful - One or two other pleasant people there, Mrs Jackson & an Ital. general much taken with E.

3. Up early & started 8.15 for Corneto. Car from Aut. Garage, splendid driver. No longer Umberto is no longer there.

July 3 - Here begins a catching up  
and the intermediate part will have to  
be filled. This is after Crete.

June 24. Reached Brindisi about 7 +  
after various delays with doctor etc. got  
ashore & went to International - Left 1230  
for Bari, arr. 2.45 and got car to see  
sights, Bred. S Italy posted home & no idea  
of town. Museum closed.

W. am. Mus  
 pm. Cath, CP, books, etc, taken,  
 Th. am. C, CP, Eremiti  
 Mt Pellegrino - Iglesia  
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 Duomo, hair  
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 W. Garden - " - bridge  
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