

HÔTEL DU PAVILLON IMPÉRIAL  
DIGUE DE MER  
BOULOGNE-SUR-MER

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My own, own Darling

Here I am safe sound  
on the last stage of my journey - not  
home - but to P. G. My watch says 9.35  
but here it is of course an hour earlier  
& it is still light, though the electric  
lights are on in the Salon. Where I am  
writing. This is a very nice hotel, infi-  
nitely superior to the "Crystal Palace"  
but I think I shall spend my remaining  
20p piece here. There was no decent

room to be had under 8 frs, but the one  
I have is a real nice one with a delicious  
view of the open sea. The back rooms,  
horribly stuffy are 6 frs but I felt it was  
worth 2 frs to get health instead of  
losing it. I knew what my Bonnie  
would say & I decided at once for  
sea view & air - I have just had an  
excellent dinner (Table d'hôte as I  
know not what prices) with a half  
bottle of Bordeaux. Champagne  
has not been necessary & I have my  
little bottle for the journey tomorrow.  
I have had a very comfortable journey

Today, but the best was the reviving portion  
on arrival here in your dear, dear welcome.  
A thousand thanks, my Precious, for  
all your loving thoughts & wishes.

They have been answered in the happiest way.  
It was quite ideal weather for travelling.  
After the appalling heat of yesterday.

There was a storm of rain & thunder  
through the night & this morning Basel  
was quite revived & the sun was shining  
again brightly. I had ordered my breakfast  
for a quarter before 8, but did not get it  
till 10 min. past, so I had to get up first  
& did not have quite as much rest as  
I wanted, but I was early in the train

I was most fortunate in having a nice  
Carriage entirely to myself the whole way,  
except between Rheims & Laon when a  
pleasant & very superior old priest was  
my companion. So I was able to lie down  
have a real rest great part of the time. I had  
2 meals - of the French potted tongue, little bread,  
fr. Basle, 1/2 doz bananas & peppermints. I also  
read your book, when I was not occupied in  
thinking of you. This latter I need scarcely say  
is my chronic occupation. I long long to  
be by your side again, my Precious. Anyhow  
I am thankful for the happy time we have  
had together & trust to a loving Providence  
to bring us together again soon. Oh, think!  
There was a most beautiful rainbow again  
today, shortly before the end of the journey.  
It was one of the most perfect I have ever  
seen - indeed it seemed to be quite perfect to  
encompass the train. I take it as a sign for hope

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† for good things to come. So you see,  
my Darling, it was an ideal day  
for a journey, especially one through  
France. The dust was laid & it was  
cool & fresh with bright sunshines between  
the showers. I therefore feel much  
less tired than yesterday - the extreme  
heat & the grief of parting from my darling  
exhausted me, but I feel ever so much  
better today & the knee has not been  
troubling me at all.

This hotel is a good way from the Station.  
A fine omnibus with a stout pair of grey was

waiting to bring me, the only passengers  
there seem to be only about 20 other  
guests in the hotel. It is beautifully  
situated, away from the smells of  
Bonlogne, with nothing but a garden-  
terrace & the band stand between it &  
the sea. The good sea-spirits which  
you have invoked seem to be doing  
their best, for the water is absolutely  
calm & I hope will continue so tomorrow.  
Now I must go to my bed. I do hope  
Darling, you are fairly fit & are not worrying  
about anything. Let me know how you  
really are, & let us set our thoughts on  
the near coming of our dear child -

Who will cheer & help us all round.  
Give my love to Wm when you write,  
& a nice message to Miss Hunter & Nurse  
also to D. Hill.

With more love than I can write & of the  
best & most tender kind for your own  
precious self

Ever my Bonnie

Your own loving

Mother.

No need my Darling, for any thanks  
for the small much of help I am able  
to give you. You know I would spend myself  
if I could bring you health & happiness.