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Avon, October 4. [1923]

Dear Dad:

We're off today for Paris, busy in Paris tomorrow with visas for passports, etc., then leave for Lausanne, Switzerland, tomorrow evening, spend perhaps a couple of days in Switzerland, and on to Italy. Everything is packed -- the house has that curious naked look it takes on, however full of furniture it may be, when one has removed one's own personal things. Especially bare seems the room I have used as office all summer, without typewriter, manuscript, piles of paper, carbon paper, books and so on about.

I've finished up the first draft of the MS, as I'd hoped to; mailed it to Paul, who's in Paris, and tomorrow I'll have lunch with him in town and we'll go over that last part. He wrote to me a couple of days ago, "Plans for my immediate work are just beginning to return to my brain, from which everything was driven by the overpowering attack of the novel. The more I think of it, the finer it becomes, and no words can express my admiration for the superb thing you have done." So (since Paul really is honest!) one person likes the darn thing, anyway!

Two years ago, just this time of year, when we were in Paris on our way from Bearsted to Italy, it was hot as the devil and all sun. Now for two days it has been chilly, windy, with a sturdy and determined rain which makes us glad to be on our way. But before that we had superb day after day and with the first draft ~~done~~ I've been loafing and Gracie and I have had some fine long bicycle rides to delightful little un-tourist-ridden villages about here. And I've been reading a lot of Italian, to get it back into my mind, from which French has been driving it all summer. After a week in Italy we'll be spouting Italian again fluently -- and most incorrectly, probably!

You must be off duck hunting now. I hope you will have had a marvelous time. Next, from Italy, or

Switzerland.

Love,

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