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Georgian House,
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May 15th 1925.

Dear Dad,

I warned you when I wrote you from Bavaria that I should not write again until I had arrived in London. As you see, I am keeping my word.

I came down from Bavaria after the slight disadvantage of being unable to get a sleeping car and sitting up all night, and had 3 days with the family in Paris before coming over here. Gracie and Wells will remain in Paris because they have nothing in particular to do here, while I must get some clothes from my tailor before I sail. The steamer will pick up Gracie and Wells at Boulogne and then myself at Southampton - I suppose also including a certain number of other passengers as to whom I have as yet no information.

Most of my time here in London will be spent in sort of knotting up odd ends, particularly with my English publisher, and I hope to get a certain amount of rest after our rather hectic and rapid travels since Paris.

I have not seen Wells since November, and I think I have never seen a more really beautiful increase in intelligence and good manners in anybody in so short a time. Apparently the English school there was exactly the thing that he needed - both as to having plenty of playmates, which the only son always needs, and as to learning French in between lessons in English. He and I have become the most tremendous friends, and I look forward very greatly to joining them on the steamer.

Dr. E.J. Lewis.

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One of the nice things about this trip home will be that there will be not only my family, but also Philip and Mrs. Goodman and my American publisher - that is half my American publisher - Mr. and Mrs. Brace who are now here in London and who will sail with us, so that there will be 6 of us altogether, and it may be possible that Fred and Mrs. Howe, who are now in Paris, may also join us.

London is very lovely just now with the sunshine, rather unusual, and I am happy to be back at Georgian House, from which I have written you so very often. It really seems like home!

After I return to New York I shall have to be there between a week and 3 weeks, but as soon as possible I shall come out to Minnesota. I shall wire or write you about my plans.

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