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La Souco

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Dearest Pippa

Rather late in the day to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and cheque - It was most peculiar of Barclay to send it to Cambridge and as for the English woman their business arrangements have become quite dotty - I had had a long correspondence with them dated from here sent them my reviews etc in November + couldn't conceive they could be so idiotic - They don't even know how to spell my name now - which is very irritating after dealing with them for about 10 years.

Your short-biographical sketches of the family were very instructive and most welcome.

Did you hear that we established Rhondda successfully at Valery's? She professes herself delighted with it. She is a very nice creature and we all like her very much. We took her to tea at M. Hanotaux' who was in very good form that-day and held forth in the most-entertaining manner. I think she was greatly amused and also the young Waac she had in tow. Your telegram by the way took two whole days to reach and I gather mine took as long to get back. However we were able to meet the party at the station and

convoy them to Valery's. I was in
some hopes that the 'lady friend'
mentioned in your telegram might
turn out to be you! However it
is very refreshing meeting some
one once again from feminist
circles.

All is well here. Jamie quite
blooming. The weather absolutely
divine. The Vaudeus more or less
~~re~~ recovered their health - but -
an immensely sensational piece
of news and of the most
foudroyant effect - as you may
imagine is.. that Jeanne is going
to present the family with an

Armistice baby! Seventeen years
younger than Zoum. There is no
reticence ~~over~~ the affair and the
country side is buzzing with it.
In the mean time the Brussels
family are expected here on a
visit and it is to be hoped that
by April prices & conditions in
Brussels will allow of the party
returning there for the event ^{in June}. It
would be very difficult to manage
it here.

Prices are getting more and more
outrageous and appalling every day.
And all the Riviera is seething with
rage - as everyone says it is the
Pripel's fault. No where in France

do the prices come any where near what they are here. The whole American army takes its leave here - two thousand quartered at Mentone - two thousand at Monte Carlo - four times as many at Nice and so on - They come for ten days and then move on. Trains, trams, roads - buzzing with motor char-a-bancs have become absolutely intolerable. The only good point about them is that they have caused an immense wave of enthusiasm for the English! There is one loud cry of fury as to the outrageous barbarity of their manners and

it always ends up with - Ah! comme
les Anglais sont distingués!

Please tell Bray and Mama that -
I have begun letters to both of them.
No news of the type writer and I
think severe steps ought now to be
taken as it has certainly been stolen
en route & the insurance ought to
be claimed.

Simon is very busy and
working very hard at his animals.
Janie has begun oil painting and
her father is giving her lessons.

We have become bosom friends
with a very comic Spaniard who
has a world wide reputation as a novelist.
Name Blasco Ibanez.

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Farewell now dearest love. Don't kill
yourself with over work. Don't make it up
with Margaret. Fondest love from all yr loving
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