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Asansole

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My darling Pippa

I got your dear letter
last mail; it was most
opportune - It must have been
one of your inspirations - You
are an angel my dear.

Ruby has left me, and is
in Calcutta with a man -
a different one - Its dreadful.
She says he is taking over

her and Rupert - His baby
is expected to be born at
the beginning of February -

She only met him in April
when she went up hill -

Can you understand it?

When she left Salzburg
she was still in a state
of exaltation about the

other man - Why did
she come out? After

the other I can only
see two courses, either to

come out to me - really to
me and to try wholeheartedly
~~to~~ again - If that was too
much for her surely she
must have stopped at home
with Julia - I told her
so, as emphatically as
possible, when she said she
was coming out - She simply
said she couldn't stand
England and that she was
coming out - She didn't
say she was coming back
to me, but I hoped that
was what she meant - My
dear, she never began to try -

she simply locked herself up
with the other affair and
hugged it - Signet rings and
lockets and things - Of course
all that I quite knew
was only natural; but she
could have done it just
as well at home, with
Julia - Why did she
come out, my dear? I had
begged her not to, unless
she was to come as my
wife - She even once
soon after she had
come out ^{said} that I had
only not divorced her out.



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of selfishness, and taunted me
with posing as the noble
and generous young man - I
think that is hard to forgive -
So that was what it was
like in Sahelgunge - I had
finally given up before she
left there - I was quite
certain, and am now, that
she does not know anything
about being kind. Of course
I have really known it
for years, but one keeps on
trying somehow -

I do not think she could
ever be fond of anyone -

If of Julia, why did she
come out 2 ~~669~~

So you see, my dearest, that
this latest case of love
at first sight is for me
personally not the world-
ending shock it would
have been some time back.

It's like having a tooth
pulled out that's been

aching badly, painful but
really a relief. I am
speaking of myself only of
course, and I expect you
will understand when I
say I cannot honestly call
it anything but a release -
It will give me a chance.

But for everybody else
it will be too terrible -
The actual tooth pulling
is too ghastly to more than
mention; I have already
got into the horrors - It's
horrible, and what I shall

have to face - I don't think
of it - When it's over I
shall go home at once for
six months -

Poor little Julia - She's
early into it -

I hope to get home some
time in January or February -

I do want to be with
you all and Julia again,
and out of these humors

I have been moving in
for so long -

Tell Mamma. & ever your loving

I'm writing to Elsie.

Oliver

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