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Hotel Bären - Sigriswil - Switzerland.
20th Aug. '13

Dearest Pippa

I hope by now you have escaped from the clutches of Margaret. The fact is I believe she ~~was~~ is bored with life at Boznow & wants to go into a hotel in Brighton, & is matching at all excuses. You never told me what place you chose after all. As for us, we are slightly gloomy, acquaintance with Swiss doctors is not exhilarating so far. Janie after having got through the journey splendidly is now distinctly more chesty & more feverish than she was in London. It is perhaps the result of knocking about for a week in the most unsettled & uncomfortable circumstances. After some difficulties we succeeded in discovering a doctor at Bern who we gather has a great reputation as a child's doctor. He was very nice and sensible and kind, and recommended us to come here. It is on the Lake of Thun, the station before ~~Beatenbucht~~ on the same side, and only 800 metres high. so that it is much milder. He says Janie must n't sta for at least a month; the best would be to keep her in bed but at any rate she must n't leave her couch or walk an inch. He says he also is inclined to believe that it isn't tubercle but it is by no means certain, that none of the tests are conclusive (as far as I can gather no tests are) but that we have got to go on trying them. In the mean time I think he thought badly of her bronchitis

and said it must not be allowed to go on! Which is convenient to say isn't it? He won't let me go on with the pneumococcus vaccine, at any rate he says for another week, until she is acclimatised here. Simon is very good but it is rather desperate work being bottled up with Jamie in a hotel room trying to keep her quiet! The room, however, is very nice with a balcony & a view and the hotel seems quite pleasant & comfortable.

I enclose a letter from the mysterious Harlow for Pernel from which I gather that besides a translator she wants someone to make a bargain with the publisher, which is a very different matter.

Jamie sends her love and so do all the children. They are very naughty except Footit. He on the whole is good. Of course I needn't mention D. Bug. We are learning Lars Persena by heart."

Best love to the party

Yr. loving

Dorothy

Please send Marjorie's address on a P.C.