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DRYLAW HATCH,

OXSHOTT,

SURREY

My dear Nelly,

Let me just thank you
once more for the delightful wine
you have given me at Roebuck!

I am full of it still, and Caroline
as well as Mrs. Lark and her daughters
are most interested in my accounts
of the school and in the photographs
I have brought with me. I find the
Leopard quite restored to its former
look and vigility and even not

much changed in
appearance. I think she
would very much enjoy a visit to
Racine at one time or other.

In going to Clapham Junction the
other day the train was late more
than an hour on account of blockages
on the way (owing to the opening of
a new platform at Victoria), so that
I had lost my train to Clapham and
came by the next only. I had a
lovely day there on Tuesday and came

here without any trouble yesterday
day afternoon. The country is
charming and so are the grounds
about the house, with a profusion
of pretty flowers and views, but
unfortunately the weather has
turned quite cold and misty.
I found a very warm welcome
from Mrs. Lach and Caroline and
shall probably stay here till the
23rd leaving it uncertain at
present whether I shall then go

to the Kennedys for two days, before
setting out on my homeward journey.
We plan going to an afternoon-per-
formance of Colonel Newcome
next Wednesday at His
Majesty's Theatre. Is there any chance
of your coming too and meeting
us somewhere? I will certainly
write again and let you know of my
definite plans before starting, and wish
in the meanwhile that you may have a
very successful Half-term-ferient.

With love

Yours affectly
Alm. V. Colth.

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