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My dear Kelly:

Just a few lines to express my wonder at not getting a sign of life from you. Why don't you send me back that article of my mother's, as I asked you repeatedly to do. You will put me in the position of a dun that has to hunt people down for bad debts!

However you have done me a good turn in the mean-while, for which I want to thank you. Your aunt Mrs. Mackenzie wrote a very kind letter to me, offering me a home for the future!

and we are going to make each other's
acquaintance next Sunday, when
she has asked me to dinner.

I should prefer to live somewhat
more within reach of my best
friends, and as I am not in a
hurry — being housed either here
or with the Hails till October —
I shall wait & see if I cannot
combine advantages. However
your aunt's ~~offer~~ offer came to
me like a relief in trouble and
I felt very grateful both to you
and her for sympathising with
my wants.

In case I should after all make
an agreement with her, I should
be much obliged to you, if you
would me give me a few
more particulars about the
family, though of course the
relationship with you is a
strong guarantee in itself.
I enjoyed my visit to Oxford
last Saturday & Sunday as
much as the shortness of the
time and a most inopportune
brothache would allow — but
I think the colleges at Cambridge
much finer!

Though you have behaved very
disgracefully as a correspondent,
I should indulge in a ~~more~~ of
a chat with you, if I were not
so horribly pressed for time —
of course I have to prepare for
that d. . . . geography again!

I hope you are well and jolly.
Please to remember me very par-
ticularly to Miss Slough.

Did you give back the prescription
to Miss Martin with my thanks?
Love to the Leopard from

Yours affectly
Alia van Cottin