

As come  
over Sunday  
I must see  
you!

Friday afternoon.  
Villa Marjolaine. Arcachon.

Dearest;

The agent is very anxious that I should take the villa for the winter, for the family who had taken it is broken up, the lady being dead. I have an idea one could get it much cheaper than when I came down. Really it is in some respects very poorly furnished. To be comfortable in winter one would have to have added many things which are not in it. Madame Lalanne, the Belgian widow who is English, came in yesterday. The Lees do not show up, and so far as I am concerned, need not. If they should call I would visit them, but they need not think I am going to <sup>cut</sup> pull them out of their hole just for the overwhelming joy of seeing them! Do the Davells come? Have you seen anything of mine in it?

When you come down for my birthday please bring me a clean night gown and some Dollards to put on my feet.

It was cloudy and windy this morning, and we did not go to the ports aux huîtres. Footing being on hand, I simply stayed in bed until ten o'clock and after. Some people seem to visit the villa about 9. Now that has begun, I presume. It is such a bore too.

Do you remember at the May Ann  
how it worried us?

Pages of Thursday a. m. came last  
night at 9. "La France" of yesterday  
had an account of the election in it that  
was quite respectable. It gave the names of  
the states M.K. carried, etc. Strange that  
Bryan won't allow his name to be used  
again!

I felt no effects whatever from my  
long walk in the rain. Many a time  
a walk around the farm has affected  
me much more seriously. It is nice  
that the weather was good Wednesday so papa  
could put out the flags. Eugenie asked  
naively if the officials in Bordeaux would  
not come and congratulate papa! I told  
her that they were not so polite as that,  
being French - but I did not add that  
probably not 1/100 of the Americans would  
take the trouble. It is true today. I sup-  
pose I will go out for a walk in the forest, but  
for purposes hygienic solely, not for distraction  
Later.

E. wanted to go into town to have  
the oyster-merchant send a basket of the  
bivalve to her people, who have a fête  
on the 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. so I went down to the church  
to investigate that way of the origin.

In the store by the church found a little  
book about it. Thomas Illigius was an  
Italian Dominican of Ancona who was  
sent into France to combat the heresy of Luther  
and found this bit of credence in the matter  
sometime before ~~1520~~ 1520, for at that  
date the chapel was put into the care of  
another monk, after Monas had been  
the fire eremite & discussor for years.  
Now, that's more material for papa!  
and the "Dragon's Mouth" What a  
good title that is "In the Dragon's Mouth,"  
Papa must write it! When you are in America  
do look up a decent U.C. who can give  
you time to breathe. By the way, won't you  
run down to see me one day after tomorrow? I  
am lonely. Just come if only for an hour or  
so.

Mr. Ratchoff was just in with a note from  
Mary Lee to Miss Ratchoff - she says she is  
writing for Miss Lee who has been sick in  
bed for a week; and asks "Eugenie" to  
explain matters at the Villa Mayplaine.  
It is raining hard and très triste.

Yours. Aff