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My dearest Lois

Everything you did for me worked out well. I put a few of my little fancy biscuits into the Page & Shaw box with what is left of the fudge and I enjoy them both quite often. The coloured wrappers you made for my boots and my collars also come in very usefully. I arrived here two or three days ago and while I have already applied for permission to go home again still I am less uncomfortable in Paris than in London. The service is so much better. The meals are fine and they clean my clothes and boots very well and without any trouble. I went to the Folies Bergeres the first night when they have a kind of revue or girl show culminating in the shaving of about a dozen beauties one after the other and each with a few less beads on than the one before. The final one rose through the floor on a rather gorgeous couch and wore the equivalent of three fig-leaves.

If I had been with some congenial friends and had been in a good humour I should have been amused but, not understanding any of the words of the show it is more interesting to remember than it was to sit through. The next evening I stayed in my room and wrote a long letter to Mr Gilman.

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Last evening I enjoyed more. I had dinner with a Mr Palin, to whom I had been recommended and a Miss Baulard who is a secretary to the Associated Press here, speaks both languages fluently and does a little work for some of our business friends when they are in Paris. We had intended going to a certain place to dance but unfortunately found it closed. The second place was not bad but there were only nine couples there including an American Major Dorey and his wife who came with us, Palin + I and Miss Baulard and two or three other people. He danced just as at home only that the people here do not go in for any of the extraordinary grips that became a feature in Sherbrooke. Today I got up late and am writing this just before lunch. I should like to see something of Paris but have not got the courage to go and see things alone. Yesterday afternoon I wandered into the Tuilleries? Gardens - the day before into Notre Dame Cathedral. I don't know what to do this afternoon. I wish you were here

and we could do something together. I found the French train from Havre very comfortable and rather like an American train with larger cars than those in England - outside cylinders and valve gear on the engines. I also like the hotel and the shops look attractive from the outside. When the English score in a material & economic way is in living more austerely taking more sensible meal hours and less time for meals and amusement. But the French office staff is very brisk while they

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are working.

On the boulevard the girls do not seem to be prevented in the very least from coming up to one asking for a cigarette, and, as soon as they have got it asking me to go home with them. In fact the guardians of the law do not obtrude themselves at all and I must say it is a rather welcome relief after New York where the regulations have got pretty onerous.



In France and in England a driver can pull in at either side of the road instead of having to turn around and pull in on the right hand curb only. A man can be dressed as a dude or a hottentot and no one rudely stares. One can talk rotten French and still they are polite. In New York everyone wears absolutely the same kind of hat and coat at any given moment while in England and France there is more variety. In America we must only eat what is good for us and drink what is good for us and do what is good for us. If we do otherwise we would be arrested. Over here they can eat, drink and do what they like so long as they do not interfere with their neighbors. Probably as a result they have learned to say "No" in a way that is unknown in America. People here won't pay more than they want for a thing.

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They wont sit at a table (at a restaurant)  
that they dont fancy. They wont eat  
a dish that they dont like when it  
comes on the table. These girls seem  
to get "no" for an answer much oftener  
than "yes" and in fact I have been  
very much struck with everyones  
assumptin of their right to say "No"  
and not simply saying "yes" to please  
people they dont know simply because  
it would be to the other persons advantage.  
Thats very badly put but I expect  
you know what

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I mean.

Well its time for something to eat.  
I hope darling to be with you again  
before the end of August. With very best  
love to you and the baby's and a bundle  
of kisses for each of you.

Yours affecly

Edward S. Winslow