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Chauffage central

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TÉLÉPHONE 26

HOTEL WINDSOR

ARMAND DOURY

Prop^e

Dinard, le 5th June 1914

Dearnet Lois - Yesterday we spent touring France in the Railway Trains - It was a very long business - We left Paris at 9.25 & arrived here Dinard at about 8 in the evening - We were told if we would wait in Paris until June 1st all the good summer trains would be on - but June 1st came & the summer trains decided to wait until the 25th - Here

our slow progress towards
Dixard - We had to change
at Rennes, then at Dol,
then at Dixard with nearly
an hours wait there -
Still on the whole we enjoyed
the journey - The country
was looking so lovely -
never, never, have I seen
such roses - little thatched
houses covered with them
& every little garden
blooming fit to burst - There
is so little tree to the
amount of rose - reds
pinks yellows - Then we
passed old chateaux &

many beautiful little Gothic
churches. I felt a continual
heart ache that I could
not jump off the train
& stay - stay with the
things we passed -
Such lovely strawberries
we bought at the little
stations & such nice
friendly polite French
people we met. A
dear elderly lady, full
of fun - the wife of a
Sivard doctor - Will
was most useful on the
journey with all our head

bags - We would push him
out on to the platform
as soon as we stopped
I would stand on the
seat + pull the bags off
the little shelf - Eva grab
+ will catch - At one
station - my suitcase
opened unexpectedly +
all its contents descended
upon the heads of the
passengers. I thought my
hair brush had finished
a fat man - + a thin
man picked up things
that I would never
have thought of showing him.

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The Hotel Windsor Bus met us at the station & we drove up to a much finer looking Hotel than we expected, a dear little garden in front with a large white China cat surrounded by parvies. Madame a stout beautiful smiling Madame in flowing black satin stood on the steps to welcome us, with an attendant to her left - we thought Madame

was a French edition of what
you will be in years to
come. She is really charming.
In the hall we were
surprised to find quite
a few fully evening
dressed grand persons.
You see it is not the
season yet & we were
told that almost nobody
would be here - We find
that Mademoiselle's prices have
gone up since we
were told of her, but
I think we can stand
them for a week &
will then be able to

find something more moderate - & with a sea view too for the winter although so rice is in the centre of the little town - You can get to the "place" in ten minutes.

It seems ages since I last wrote to you, but I dare say Mother told you that I was ill in Paris - It was all so disappointing - The first week we were there it was so hot we could not do a great deal, al -

though we did see quite
 a lot. Then it turned
 cold + I was ill. I felt
 so badly as it kept
 Evee longer in Paris +
 she was just praying
 to leave it, as she found
 it quite too much, al-
 though she loved it, +
 she looked so miserable.
 and then I did not get
 almost any shopping done.
 I am in extremis for
 clothes myself + had
 hoped to replenish in
 Paris - but I couldn't.
 I would love to have

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Stayed another week in Paris
but we all felt we ought
to get to *Amard, le* ¹⁹⁹ ~~country~~ -
God looks better already,
& certainly the air is
the most reviving thing.
You has been eating so
much better than when
at home - she really ought
to gain - We really
liked it so much at the
Pue Washington & met some
very nice people there -
Alphonse & Marie (the French
maid) were so good to
me when I was ill - poor

Marie, her husband has
deserted her & she is trying
to support two children -

Mother & I went to For-
t-aublean the day before
we left - poor Eva was
too tired to come, she
went to Versaille with
Will & found it much
too tiring - Now I loved
Fort-aublean - The forest,
& Barbizon - but it
is too late for details -
I think we all feel
that blue water & sea
air, & oh my dear

fields + fields of red
poppies are what we
most want, + nothing to
do - We loved hearing
of little Alice supporting
herself with her hands
on either side, it made
me just long to see
her - I hate to miss these
precious months out of
her little life - I do
hope Edward is going
to have a good holiday
at Netis - it will be
nice when you all
get there - Did I tell

To my dear
you that we had tea with
Elic Montizambert in Paris
& of her engagement to
be married to an English
man who lives in Paris.
She is radiantly happy.
I hear from Alice often
she was so anxious
for us all to go to
Switzerland we thought
of it, but it seemed
best to stick to our
original plan. —

Much love Lois dear
& I wish I could tell
you much more.
Love to you all from Clare

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