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Violet Paget (Bagni di Lucca, Italy) to Henrietta Jenkin

Vernon Lee (Violet Paget)

Henrietta Jenkin

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23d July 1875

My dear Mrs Jenkin,
I have vainly tried to obtain a
postal card wherewith to answer
yours, as my explanation must
take the disagreeable form of a letter.
Perhaps you are displeas'd with
me for having communicated with
Mr Ruffini on the subject of a review
of yo novels before mentioning
the affair to you. I had that
mistaken notion of making a surprise,
which invariably gets the
Schemer into a scrape; I wrote
to Ruffini on the subject in answer

to his remark that he thought
such an article might not
entirely disgust you with me.
The article is for October -
Another time I shall drink
tea without a stratagem -
As to your permission, I really
thought no more of asking
for it than for that of Homer
if I took to reviewing the dead -
your works belong strictly
speaking to their readers -
I hope this is not impertinence -
Your card crossed a letter
in which I begged you to
get back my MS from

I trahant to send it to Coomes -
As to the latter applying for it, that
would be worse than useless, as
being sent by you, the lib cannot
possibly be given to anyone but
yourself.

I am sorry - very sorry - to cause
you all this trouble - Indeed I
shall not do so again -

An marriage francais is being read -
pazinga - (I mean by someone else) -

Your very affectionate

Violet Paget

The enclosed is like, but appears
to me considerably flattered and
ringiovanita - You see the whole
woman in that fine, poetic,
coarse, masculine, feminine
faa —