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Violet Paget (Venice, Italy) to Eugene Lee-Hamilton (Bagni di Lucca, Italy)

Vernon Lee (Violet Paget)

Eugene Lee-Hamilton

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[1885]

Venice 19 Sept.

Dearest Eugene. If really
it's not on your account
I can't afford to stay longer.
Besides I feel I am
getting worn out with
sight-seeing, I want to
settle to work.

The latest date would be
next Saturday. Will that
suit you Mamma & you?
I shall arrive at night.

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Yesterday I called
on Laorazard.

He is a handsome,
very stately woman
with grand & decidedly
frigid manners.

Mr. Johnson said

"You'll never get
on with the Laorard,
he's an old stiff

She is a pretentious
& pretentious ex-beauty.
She certainly was
not hospitable, tho'
civil. The Crown
Princess of Germany's
husband she is her
best friend, which
perhaps is a certain
indifference to

humble mortals. She had
asked me to call in morning
before lunch, but she never
asked me to stay to lunch.

They have a splendid little
collection of pictures, among
others, Guntis Belini's portraits

of Calomet II, which
 he went to Constantinople
 to paint. The piece is
 Italian, refined, thoughtful
 and cruel; Lady H. says
 it's Armenian in
 style. Some one
 met Sir Henry coming
 in. He was civil
 & had me ferried
 over the Golden Canal in

his gondola.

They Curries are
too kind. Someone
of them comes nearly
everyday. They would
me to dine the
day before yesterday
again, & to lunch
tomorrow & tea
on Monday. They

are coming to give ~~to~~
a row this evening.

Young Brown (visited
with me yesterday.)

though this town,
the Newmans are
here & young Brown,
I much love.

Phoebe Marmadoc
& at me know what
let not will do

W.P.

