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## Violet Paget (Venice, Italy) to Matilda Paget (Bagni di Lucca, Italy)

Vernon Lee (Violet Paget)

Matilda Paget

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Venice 22 Sept. Tuesday

Dearest Mamma - I am  
 very glad it is settled about  
 my returning Saturday. I am  
 getting tired of this sort of  
 life, & very anxious to  
 be back with you again.  
 However fascinating a  
 place may be, & this is the  
 most fascinating of any,  
 one can't always get  
 up to the imaginative excitement  
 necessary; and when the  
~~imaginative~~ imaginative  
 excitement is 'nt there

There is only a great wave  
of reality in all the little  
details of life, remaining.

Besides I am physically  
& mentally tired with the  
rigorous eight weeks  
have gone through.

I had seen that kind of

the critic. I will write  
to Miss Rollins from

Home.

The letter you sent  
was from the 20th and

She had just returned  
from the country & found  
that her landlady had  
refused to post the letter  
containing the introductions  
to his Secret Councils  
Mornings which she  
had addressed to me here.  
It was stupid of her not  
to have posted it herself.  
But as neither Mrs Eden  
nor the Mornings is here,  
it did'nt matter  
only that Mrs C. has

scold in my mind as  
a pig in the meanwhile  
Sunday, I went with a  
Lij Perrino, who lives  
in Rome & an American  
girl to Cioggia. It  
is 2 hours by steamer,  
a most picturesque  
little place full of  
boats with yellow  
& painted sails.

Yesterday I dined

with the lanterns I had  
a row in the moonlight.  
The people on the Canal  
sang La  
Biondina in l'ouverture  
a very improper but  
extremely pretty song  
of the end of last  
century.

This evening a party  
at Mr. Broussier's  
a friend of M<sup>r</sup>'s

of H. James; tomorrow  
dinner at the good

Curtain; Thursday

I am with Mrs Brown.

I think I shall go for  
a few hours to Padua

tomorrow.

I am sure

sleep this morn

afternoon; )

supposed it the  
awful heat.

So much love

W. B.

Will you please have  
some of those handsome  
pistols got? Mrs. Colburn  
wants some, & I want some  
to put in the hall.



Venice  
22 Sept  
/85

My dear Mr. ...  
I have the pleasure to ...  
and I am, with kindest ...  
Yours faithfully,  
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