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## Violet Paget (Rome, Italy) to Matilda Paget (Florence, Italy)

Vernon Lee (Violet Paget)

Matilda Paget

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Palmerino (Maiano)  
Florence

Rome Monday

Dearest mama

I send you back "Michael  
Field's" letter about  
Eugene's poems. I think  
part of their criticism  
aboard. If they  
object to "Crimson  
Clouds to West" they  
must object to half  
of Webster's finest  
thing, and so to the  
finest thing in

Experiences of Racine

"Dieu qui ne suis-je  
assis à l'ombre  
des forêts."

I think the page they  
devote to inculcating  
the mysteriousness  
of this dualism is  
a pathetic instance  
of the self-importance

of the literary world,  
which always imagines  
the eyes of the world  
fixed upon its  
precious wriggling  
I have my brains  
got two photos of  
Lewker.

We had such a pleasant  
dinner at the Princeps of  
Venosa's - all clever

people, the very beautiful &  
beautiful rooms. One or other  
interesting person is to dinner here  
almost every evening.

Still, I feel I ought to go back. So  
I have settled to return next Sunday  
I shall bring Olive Thomeau if  
possible.

I hope Amy Tartan may give me some  
another ride before my return.  
So much love to you.