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Violet Paget (Venice, Italy) to Matilda Paget (Florence, Italy)

Vernon Lee (Violet Paget)

Matilda Paget

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Palmerino (Maiano)

Florence

La Calina

21 Sept

Zabou Vinice Sunday

Dearest Mamma - To my
immense surprise I received
this morning your very kind
kind present. I fear that
what I said about the closing
of the Restaurant at St Mark's,
may have made you think
we were either striving
or getting ruined, & that
you may therefore have
deprived yourself of the
consequence of parting the
money apart from each

ability (otherwise you
must return it you
later) I accept it with
gratitude as a beautiful
present. I wish in fact
to stay an additional
week in Venice, which
I want to do partly,
partly because Maria
P. won't be at Montecarlo
till Oct. 15, partly
because the sea baths
are doing me so much
good; & partly also

Because, so far as Kivi is
concerned, this past week
has been utterly wasted.

I can't conceive what has
caused it, for the heat at
Sena did not seem to hurt
her. But ever since we
went up into the cold she
has been getting ill. Mr. Fran-
ke is horrified by the look of
her. She is awfully thin &
white, eats next to nothing,
and complains of constant
weariness of body &
brain. She has not at all
got over that dreadful

fit of nausea & pain on
her journey to Bologna,
& lives only ~~very~~ rubricated
eggs, altho' scrup' fish.

She does not run when
so bad, & inces to vapors
about. But now she
has got a very bad throat
& loss of voice. I am very
much alarmed, as her
eldest brother, whom she
resembles so much,
died of consumption,
& her second brother has
been plagued by it;
and she herself was

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Supposed to be going there was
when a young girl.

Unfortunately she is too feeble
to take a bath, which might
do her good. I ply her with
Guinnet ~~etc.~~ Vin's auto.

We have found a cheap restaurant
& line at the following rates,
very cheap considering we
have two bedrooms & a large
sitting room & a terrace:

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| A day for 2 persons | frs |
| Lodging & service | 5 |
| Breakfast, candles, oil & ferry boat | 2 |
| Dinner & lunch | 7 |
| <hr/> | |

or 7 a head. My kids 14 baths

Cost 2 franks including
journey swimming
upon. I think I
should learn quickly,
if only I had more
muscle in my leg: as
it is, I can barely
keep up any movement
for more than a minute
or two. I find that
Ameyturon really taught
me a lot at that tank
of theirs.

Verum noster cum in a
gaudula! except from the
station & with Schuster, to
I don't count the penny
ferries over the canal.

But this evening, in honour
of your munificence, we
will have a real row,
as people have a drink.
Think upon his good.

So much love

WJ.

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Mrs Paget

V. Palmerino

Firenze per Mariano

