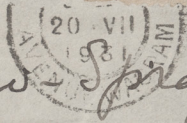


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looked very quaint tucked up in bed, you could just see 2 large pillows, a pig tail & a large red quilt, as for myself I felt as if I had been stowed away in a cream puff. — We saw the most fascinating Ri Chen here, all white tiles & rows of shining copper pans on the walls, the old cook was wearing Sabots & mopping the floor. — I had a nice early morning walk here & found wild fox glove & other pretty flowers, the gardens were full of large hydrangeas, fuschias, poppies etc. Alice & I went down a funny little old road by queer little stone houses, where one saw a profusion of dirt & beauty side by side — we talked to an old Normandy woman in white cap who gave us some flowers for our "bouloniere".

We left here at 10 o'clock and returned to Cherbourg where we had lunch, such mackerel fresh caught & fried! it was good.

Our driver is a good fellow & we understand each other quite well. He knows the country remarkably well, & tells us everything there is to see.

Leaving Cherbourg we drove on through pretty gently undulating country, we passed through many villages & then came to Coutances where we got out to see a lovely old church 12<sup>th</sup> century

Then on to Granville which is on the sea coast again - We walked about saw the beach, the main hotel, casino & a very old church of Roman architecture which had been built "par des Anglais" -

Passing from here we drove along a road above the sea level! & after a time we espied Mont St Michel, where we were to spend the night - We arrived there at about 5:30. To get to Saint Michel one drives out on a slightly elevated causeway or road above the sands to reach the Island - Your car is parked on the sand a smiling rosy faced boy greets you with "Hotel Ponillard" & on you get. You enter under the heavy massive stone archway & before your eyes you see a quaint street lined with fascinating & intriguing shops, Coppes' Brittany & Normandy china, post cards etc. You turn to left where people are sitting drinking at an outside cafe. You enter the hotel on one floor & before you arrive at your room you have walked up two flights inside then up an outside stairway very steep with stone wall at side then on to a flowered terrace then inside & up another flight. Our rooms had tiny balconies off them over looking the sea & sands - miles & miles of sand flats. - In the evening we walked about the

ramparts, when you looked down on the outside you saw the sands far below & on the inside sometimes cafes <sup>or shops</sup> on a level with the ramparts & sometimes you looked away down to what seemed to be back doors, where were, chickens birds in cages, dishes being washed etc. We walked a long way around town up steps through terraces & later Alice & John made the complete tour of the Island & the sands. I had a headache so I did not do this - In the morning we went to see, at the very top of the Island, the church abbey, cloister, & crypt. dungeons. etc. I have ~~been~~ always heard of this place, but never imagined it could be so splendid. It was begun to be built in the VII<sup>th</sup> century. It is absolutely a solid marvel of masonry, full of beauty & mystery - It was begun by St Auben as a shrine to St Michel, and through the ages has been used by franciscian monks, politicians & celebrities & many prisoners have been ~~kept~~ <sup>imprisoned</sup> there. - John would not get up so missed the first party, however when he did come out he was wise enough to follow another group of people. he did not realize where they were going or what doing, when suddenly he heard these huge gates close behind him, he was quite thrilled and continued the tour of inspection with them.

This is getting to be a very long letter so I will just briefly say what we did yesterday.

We visited Dol. The St Malo a strongly fortified sea port the sea was glorious ~~the~~ we had a really swell lunch here + I thought of you when I was eating periwinkles with a pin. They had all sorts of creatures in shells! - I liked best the large prawns they were nice - Alice + I are quite horrified at the way people eat + enjoy their food. drolled up girls, looking so smart, just cramming their food in, sucking the heads of the prawns + diving into their fish etc. -

We took a ferry across to Dinard, it was such fun, there were dozens of sailing boats all racing, they were beautiful, you would have loved to have seen them. We passed the wonderful beach full of bathers + saw some very lovely hotels for fashionable people. -

We ~~if~~ visited a quaint old house at Dinan furnished with old furniture + china saw the boats going up the canal - visited Queen Anne's Chateau started in 9<sup>th</sup> century. + crossed over a tremendously high bridge. from there to Vitre where we saw a castle. + from there to here where I have witnessed