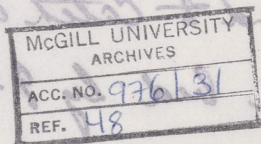


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P.S. Paperis cold is not
quite better at first stage
the sleep weather that we
I have had so we are all in
to Jim now to enjoy

to
of
Mother I know has written to
you & she doubtless has told you about

all our recent doings & so I think that
I had better treat of things in general
this time & not tell you what each
day's program has been. And first
let me say that it is of no use to say
or think that we are hurrying too
much in our trip. Perhaps we are but
mother & I do our best as a wholesome
opposition & no more can be done. Paper

is resting after his own fashion but he
will not consent to remain at a place simply
for the sake of sitting still & doing nothing
& he does not seem to care much for
scenery unadulterated. And so far i. e.
since leaving Paris it has been so cold that
we have all been thankful to get south
as fast as possible & we now hope to have
more time for looking about. Inevitably it is
best to spend most time at the furthest off
places & Papa has his own ideas firmly
fixed as to what he wants to do & see & it is
no use warring him - Besides all
which I think the change is really doing
both P. & M. good. Mother most certainly
is able to walk much farther & do much
more than she could at home without

subsequent fatigue - we have never
breakfasted before 9 o/c - except when we
had to catch a train & we very often are
in bed by 9.30^{p.m.} & seldom much later
than ten - Now all this is good - And
another thing which I regard with hope -
Every night at dinner, between us,
we consume a 1/2 bottle of the ordinary
red wine of the Country - Don't tell
Mrs C - & indeed you had better not
mention it at all for Mother wd be
shocked to think that even you
knew - But you know how bad the
water is & we heard such shocking
stories of it, that Mother won't take
any or has to take wine. I think
it will do her good - I cannot say

that she is much fatter and she looks better.

Perhaps you wd like to know about our luggage - we have four larger pieces - the two valises that P. & M. started for home with P.'s old & well-known black leather bag - & a new basket cabin trunk that we bought -

Then we have a cloak - strap with shells & umbrellas each a hand bag - Now this is very reasonable we think considering that we will have nothing more for four months

M. & I each invested in new cotton gowns for the hot climates but so far have had no use for them. I think of becoming a professional courier if all other trials fail and wd conduct nervous old ladies boldly about & show them all the sights. (and)

Must close now by wishing you all a very happy X-mas this year - I hope that you will all have a very good time notwithstanding the great misfortune of not being at home - with love to all & very best wishes yours lovingly -
 Eva