

October 7, 1926.

Signora Colucci,
Pensione Flora,
Via Lissa,
Sienna.

My dear Signora Colucci:

I am afraid that you and Signor Colucci will think I have forgotten all about our talk over the collection of pewter. No indeed; I wrote at once to America and have only just received an answer from my friend. She is willing to take the collection if she can get it, packing and express included, for Lire 9000.00. If I remember our conversation, you thought Lire 750.00 would cover the packing and freight. You also assured me if I recollect rightly that it could come in duty free the pieces all being over a hundred years old. My friend is particularly anxious that the guarantee of genuineness of the pieces go with the invoice.

She says in explanation to asking the reduced price that there is at present no demand for pewter in the country, as I know to be true, and that she probably would have to keep the pieces for a long time on her shelves. Her shop is in the country and is closed in the winter. As it is near a little place of my own which will be opened only in January she suggests that you send it directly to me.

Of course, I understand that you may already have disposed of the collection. If not, and you are willing to accept what

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my friend offers, I will send my personal check from here. She and I can arrange the affair when I reach America. This I told her I would do. Kindly let me know here what the decision is. I am not sailing until October 24th and my address will be until the 22nd c/o Banco Commerciale d'Italia.

I remember my days with you in Sienna with real pleasure. It has been one of the bright spots in my months in Italy. I only wish I felt sure that one of these days I could come back and have your son's little apartment, and then have the pleasure of a daily talk with you and Signor Colucci and your daughter. I went to Florence from Sienna, and after a fortnight there made a motor trip through Amelia and Romana, very interesting; then north to look at factories in Genoa, Turin and Milan, tiresome work but necessary. I had also a little holiday in Southern France with very dear friends north of Cannes and have been back now over a week.

If your daughter is coming to New York, you will surely let me know, will you not? I do not know I could be of much service for I am irregularly there, but you may be sure if I could be of any service I would.

With good wishes to you all,
believe me,

Yours very sincerely,