The Arcady
Los Angeles, California

Sisters of the
Holy Nativity
Los Angeles
(return Friday
to Tucson)

1936

Darling Idalle—

It was a real temptation
to take this $1041.67 & spend it
on exotic presents for you T.
1st a dray would draw up
with every variety of swell
wine.



& next very squashy bath Towels—
I bet yours are worn out—
Then dozens of silk stockings so
you could have a run a day &
never darn them—
Lets compromise— You told me
to put it away for capital—

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I tell you please, very dear,
to put in a fund for pleasant
foolish things, taxis, a massage —
Lots of massage, a facials
(they're very relaxing) a wine,
& some very swagger & comfortable
shoes — all the things you'd
say "Oh I can't afford that"

Please
please
please — (I'd order a course of massage)

Then if you swear you'll do that
I'll put your other check, the 500
& something into the savings account
you started for me years ago —
Only this thousand isn't for
Scott or anybody in the family but
your dear Spartan self —

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Fred has inherited 4000. a year
& when his mother dies it will
be 12000 a year — I think I have
3000 a year of my own — (I have more
~~probably~~ probably but I mean net, after
taxes are paid) so you see we
are flush — & damn secure too —
Real estate taxes have been a supprise
in my young life

Of course the biography
things are worth $2000. so
dismiss all that. Throw ~~it~~
William James manuscript into your grate for
this check if it worries you —
I really do covet that MS —
something so living about it
& so lovable —

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That little house I got hoping
you'd use it brings in $600 a year
investment was $1400. so you see
you bring me luck —

Jim & I having a retreat in
a little house on a run down street
3 rums in the house — all very
shabby & domestic, paint peeling
off & I simply love it & am
so happy I shall burst presently.
Never saw the rums before, an
Episcopal order Jim not met, but
I fooled em up & they treat me
like a beloved daughter — mostly
in silence — Jim not talking —
Julie Kent gets back Thursday &
then we go to Tucson.
Time for ✠ Vespers

Oh I do, God never made
another like you — Yr grateful
(another page) Ada

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Would you do something for me -
Put this thousand in a special drawing
account & draw out $10 a week
to do something extravagant with
a grand dinner, or wine, or theater, or
massage, or a powder puff for the bed.
There must be something it would
be fun to do — silk stockings & white gloves
& unnecessary hats — a course of
discipline for Ida T. Unless you have
some system about it you'll never do
it. And if you won't, send the check
back, I mean it, & see send the
things or put it in some irle bond -
which will at once explode - the taxis
especially. I don't mean to be a nuisance
but it would mean an awful lot to me
if you'd pamper yourself — just a little
Please — (over)



You'd get almost ~~a~~ two years of little comforts out of it if you'd do that and make your child very happy —

Ada