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Dearest Julie:

Your postal and later your
good letter were most
welcome. I am glad to report
that things here cleared up
some what for us -
desperately ill, you
here slowly creeping back
to us again. She sits up
for her at it best. She suffers
a little each day, and suffers
no pain, but it has been a
daily question for months to get
her to eat enough to sustain
life. This weakness
with an
terrific energy that has no
outlet, makes it very hard for
her. She has almost no back
eyes, but it is not yet ready
for an operation, & I doubt if
she could stand one, any more.

After the trained nurse left
I succeeded in getting a
good woman, who comes at
four in the afternoon &
stays until nine the next
morning. This lifts the respon-
sibility from me at night,
which is very necessary as
she so often needs me
then. It also enables me
to go out in the evening
with an easier mind.

Now that I've definitely given
up all idea of writing
for the present, I hope to be
less upset in my mind.
A novel, all blocked out, and
one fourth written has been
side-tracked twice in the
last year, and I had planned
to settle down in earnest
and finish it this winter.
But what with running a
some what complicated house-
hold, and trying to keep my
dear ones as well and
happy as possible, I have no
time or strength for writing.
Cecilia rebels at this and in

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sist that I take part of my
mornings for writing. I don't
be less in realizing that the
many domestic duties which
Mother has always taken off
my shoulders are added
to my care & constant
concern for her. Each other-
you say some when that the
trouble about doing one's
duty is that it unfit one
for anything else!

Oh! well, things are straight-
ening out, and now that
the terrific heat is abating
I am sure we will all
feel better.

Essex Park was entranc-
ing! A glorious panorama
of snow-capped mountains,
hundreds of varieties of ex-
quisite wild flowers, endless

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interesting trails to explore,
and camp fires, and pic-
nics galore. - The high alti-
tude (7500 feet at our hotel)
Exhilarated Cole to such an
extent that he gooped &
tramped and painted large
Caucasians and modeled in
wax, and sighed for more
worlds to conquer. You
have I seen him so
well. Over the past month
has taken most of the pep
out of us all.

We have many things to
tell you of our two
months in Europe. The
weather, so far in Jordan, was
glorious, and I don't
think we have ever had
a better time socially.
After all the P.E.N. Club
fellowships in Paris, we
preferred them up with the

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big London dinner, at which Cole
and I were honor guests with
Theop. von Hoffmannstahl. John
Drinkwater presided as Mr-
Galsworthy was ill, and there
was much dancing & int-
eresting talk present. For all
of which we are largely
indebted to our I.M.T.!

The reason you did not
see us as we passed thro
N.Y. was because a telegram
was waiting urging us to
come home on next train
as things had gotten into a
tangle which we had to un-
ravel. I never knew such
a family as ours for sud-
den happenings - Our visits
should be "Plans & Exer-
cises".

It is good to know that

your big job is almost finished.
I have not seen the article
in McAnnes, but shall be
interested to read the Complete
Series.

Shouldn't you like to be in
Kenosha these days? We had
lunch with Prof Gilbert Murray
at the League - had quarters in
London, and heard some
most interesting talk. We
also saw Miss Eliza Sidmore
in Paris; she is now living
in Geneva, and she pronounces
it the place in the world
to be.

George Martin has just been
talking to me on the phone.
She says Miss Julia is all
set up, and enjoys seeing her
grandchildren, though she grew weaker
last month. What a blessing
that she does not suffer!
Caleb sends his dearest love out
to you. We talk of you often &
love you always -

Yours Alice