PENSIONE "FLORA"
SIENA
PASSEGGIO DELLA LIZZA, 5

October 9 1926

Dear Miss Tarbell. I received your kind letter yesterday & went immediately to ask about the collection of pewter. The lady is willing to give the collection for 9000 lire but would not pay for the packing & express. In any way I wrote to the agency in Florence to ask all the information you need & how much the packing & freight would be. Will let you know immediately the answer. The lady will surely send the guarantee of genuiness of the pieces with the invoice.
She is a lady of the aristocracy of Turin & the pieces have been in the family for hundreds of years. Some of the pieces

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are of 16th century some 18th century
I wish I could write to you in
Italian to tell you in better way
how delighted we were to meet
you & what good remembrance
we have of your staying in our house
I am sorry to say that Mrs Andrew D.
White is not so well now, so that
the plan about sending Hilda to
America is very uncertain. My
daughter is very disappointed.
I hope that we will have
the pleasure of seeing you before
long. We speak of you very often
My younger daughter & my
son are now printing coulered
paper for books covers, portafoglio
& ecc. I wish I could show
you their work. Is all done

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by hands & very artistic They engrave they own woods & print ~~them~~ ~~them~~ after inventing the design. My husband wishes to be remembered most kindly. Excuse my very bad english

Kind regards from

Virginia Colucci

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