Grand Hotel Flora
ROMA



Saturday Aug 14 '26.

Dear Will:- I just pulled up downstairs the first illustrated Sunday Times I've seen since I left Cornelia. I looked at the pictures & it made me homesick. When I get homesick I always get out your book of photographs & look them all over - they have been a great consolation.

I am leaving here early to - morrow morning to go to Siena where Miss Roberts is staying. I shall be there 2 or 3 days for a rest. I have just finished and mailed my second article and am pretty well tired out though I know I'll be all right as soon as I let up a little. My address will continue to be Roma Commerciale Italiano, Roma.

As long as I stay over, which will probably be until the middle of October, I am thinking of going back on one of the big Italian boats - the new Roma if I can get her. My work is very interesting. Mussolini is probably the most remarkable man in power anywhere today & he is licking this country into shape in a way you can hardly duplicate in Europe. I have had one meeting & may have another before I leave - in the mean time I'm nosing into all

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sorts of things - seeing many people & place and reserving judgment until I know more. One thing I've seen of is that people are attending to business here better than at home!

Your letters have been my welcome & kept me excited over the garden. Did the pepper plants ever grow - the last bulletin said they were the same size as when you put them out! As for the "Mess" flower bed Ella says it looks fairly well. You better make me later care of the next one. I wish you could see some of the garden here - I mean the great formal ones - As for a real garden I haven't seen one that looked as well as yours last year, and no dahlias that compare with the Tuck's & yours. The Mrs Tuck shall have to send the Statesman some of her bulbs.

I know you are all busy as bees - I hope you will all well. The biggest day on this year's calendar will be when I next land at Easton - Twin. Adieu. Love to you all

Ida.

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