

Postmarked:

Monday

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My dearest Aunt.

That book is one of the greatest jokes I have ever read - John is now laughing over it - I'd heard of it - ~~was~~ would it have missed it for weeks - Wasn't it an enormous success somewhere about 1890? I've been reading Chateaubriand & he's still fresh & XVIII century memoirs all about people who certainly lived & moved & then the adventures of those paper dolls. But the book is cleverly & smartly seen in strokes, a lively mind played over it - an exquisite in difference to the story side of truth - Was it well-considered then? If so, my taste has improved. It would only pass

for a Society - Shocker now.

Thus cheers for Flaubert - Jane Austen!

Plans have taken another  
turn - leave here on the 23<sup>rd</sup> for Paris -  
- stay there ~~for~~ ~~three~~ ~~four~~ days - Go on  
to break the journey for a night - also in  
Rouen which I know fairly well - Rouen  
- Have the night of the 30<sup>th</sup> as before.

Your idea about a wagon - it has been  
much discussed. The truth is that I've very  
well as is it worth spending so much  
money on so little if I'm feeling as well  
as I do now? One gets worn out &  
shaken to pieces anyhow - May I leave  
it till the time, or if I've spent the money -  
- we shall have just enough - ask you  
for it when I get to England?  
It is very little good seeding water - the  
nearest Bank is at S. Gaudes, 13 miles away.

a practically inaccessible. We have had  
infinite difficulty with the exchange, all  
our money sent by cheque had to be  
sent to Cox's at Bordeaux, who sent it to  
England to its source, who brought francs  
back via Cox's  
varying rates & sent them  
to us. No one here will change notes,  
the Bank only Bank of England notes,  
not Badbrungs.

Perhaps I was rude about 'The Gods' etc.  
It is awfully well-done - She knew a  
lot about technique, her vices were in her  
vision of life.

That child was a treasure! Flower  
on her mother's grave indeed. I wish you  
could see this country, where they are,  
except stony Spanish - and is too prosperous  
a happy for such ticks.

I really am very well — I go for a long  
walk every day, & that is one blessing  
that the infant shows very little.

I have a wonderful French corset, &  
even without it, in a loose frock, I look  
thicker & clumsier, but not at all impossible.  
I suppose it will look worse, but with these  
strong muscles, & they seem to keep it  
up. You know the awful way some  
women sink!

John's love & all mine.

Ever your loving —

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