

'Chateau Mont Ena

Therresse

Clix-la-Bains

May 28th 1921

My dear Duval

Your good letter of the 15th inst, deserves a better reply than I am capable of writing. It gave us both the greatest pleasure, & we enjoy the charming little photographs more than I can say. They are excellent. That of the well to the

only one that has ever succeeded.

My writing is now so bad that I hesitate to imprint letters on my friends - I am actually considering the acquisition of a little 'Corona' type writer, that I may learn to use it, & amuse myself while sparing my friends!

We have had constant showers of late, but this is our first genuinely wet day. We have lined in the veranda - but today I built in the 'little den' wth a wood fire & cheer it & cut off the dampness.

I am now quite recovered, & Ena has more flesh. Gabriel too, for he was *garde-malade*, valet, secretary & major-domo all rolled into one, for a time.

We wish you could see the Roses now. They cover the little studio building; big pink ones, white ones etc. & 'Anthezmine' perfumes the air on its East side.

The treillage of the Rose arbor is quite beautiful. - covered wth Roses of varied colours - flowers are everywhere now, & sprouts begin.

How constantly we talk of our delightful days wth you both, that have vanished too quickly - the cherished memories.

You hope next year - when autumn again finds you. The Repine that you both consider La Savie more attractive than La Touraine -

What you say of my books of Uncle W.I. & his portrait by Leslie - expresses my own feelings, & I shall ere long have more to write you on the subject.

I may say to Catherine that I was about to have printed copies made of the article I showed her in Munsey's Magazine on Uncle W. & the V.W. family in England, - for her. When I was

taken ill. I hope to have this
completed soon - & send her.

Family Records should be preserved.
Some of the little family history I told
Catherine - no one has ever known - but
I think I well truth should prevail.

Lady Angelsey writes me a long letter
from Rome. She has left for Bologna
& stay at her little place at her beautiful
palace - where she has been very ill.

He returns to Paris in a few weeks.
I don't like to think of you leaving
for America so soon -

Your stay was all too short -
We feel deeply and truly & sincerely
you here as we would.

We have at last a "good" cook
engaged - & so by degrees all will
be well, I trust. Write whenever
you can - Catherine has been very good
& writes us often. I shall take up my
family Reminiscences I think as you suggested.
Yours very affectionate Cousin
Anne Van Wagon