

Whole length of Via del Corso to
the piazza del Popolo then the
Porta Flaminia to a restaurant
recommended by "Europe on 5th day"
Menghi. Good Sunday dinner
pasta, veal, peas, green salad, wine
& wild strawberries & lemon. Wonderful.
8.50 with tip. (2 added was extra).

Then up Pincio Garden & sat
near a large pool with fountain
in center & read until it again
looked like rain so I hid me
back through Pinciana Porta down
Via Veneto home. Had coffee
and started to write letters - phone
call from ladies I met on the
Agustus, Mrs Ruffe & Miss Kraft.
They will walk over. But as raining
Mrs Ruffe & Miss Kraft come with
a few cards for "Mother's Day" they
said. Tired my room an am very
unhappy about this so will try to
change to - tomorrow & come here.

We sat in the lounge & Miss Kraft &
I had a brandy to warm us up.
They are very friendly & we had a
nice half-hour.

Monday.

Walking home to-night spied a full moon. It's been wonderful to-day.

In afternoon sat in Pincian Garden again & knitted & read. Until 5:30 then to Am. Express to get mail.

Letter from Grandmère & 2 checks from Toto Pension. Cashed one

also phoned for apt. which I saw advertised in Sunday's Daily American will go to see it to-morrow. Addressed

"Distinguished English, French & Italian family rents for one or two ladies, bedroom with own bath & little living room in sunny panoramic apartment. Had

to phone from Am. Express & could hardly hear. So tried Eng. then French. Went out to spot the place. Seen nice

Detached house 3 stories in Garden

1 block away from River & very near Villa Julia where the Etruscan Exhibit is. How I miss being in a

Garden. Dutch professors at institute to-day to be instructed. Also met

one of the Italian professors who has been in Paris. Seem I can

stay as long as I want!

Tuesday -

Went to see apartment - not the building I had spotted but a large apt. building, elevator & then short flight of stairs.

2 good size rooms & bath & can cook & wash - large windows & wonderful view of River & Pincian Gardens. It's on the 7th floor. It's rather old & faded but will do very well &

3000 a month, just half of what I'm paying. Went to Ann's Express with Mrs Kraft & Mrs Ruffe & found letter from Elizabeth!

So pleased. Then we had tea at Dadingtons & to Red Lion Bookshop then to my little restaurant for dinner & back to Pensione as

they are going to Opera to-night & I packed and am ready to leave to-morrow afternoon.

How wonderful to have an apartment of one's own, in Rome & with a view. Must go to Questura to-morrow & get permission to stay -

Wednesday

Went to The Questura first thing

and made application for permission
to stay 3 months. Next Monday I'm
to call for it. Worked a little, but
left early to see to the changing
to the apartment. I think it will
be very comfortable - just what I
need. \$48 a month with a small
electric plate & coffee pot, a few
cups & saucers, tray etc. Can continue
to eat at my little place for around
400 h. & have breakfast & lunch here.
Spent 3.00 between tips & taxi which
isn't too bad - three bags. Put every
thing in order then went out & bought
a strainer so I can wash strawberries
& go back to my yogurt diet at noon.
Also a bowl not as nice as Jack
Dempsey's bowl he had made for me,
but will do. Had my dinner, am-
express, spatted a shirt that I think
will go with my new shirt that ^{Winnie}
made for me. The swifts do it back
& forth & it seems as if they will
come right into the room. Tired &
have no idea of time as my clock is
broken as they say. Will describe room
to morrow.

Thursday -

Slept wonderfully well. Had no idea of time but got up when I awakened had my coffee + orange + vc. - Studied a bit + then out and it was just right 8:50 as took 'R' Bus - to institute by 9:15. The swift are wonderful in early morning + evening, darting back + forth. It seems they will surely come right into room. My card to her must have crossed in mid air, her letter. I think this trip has been good for me + has brought to a conclusion some of my doubts + thoughts about my relations to Italy + people here + in U.S. My roots are in California tho I might have set them down here if it had been earlier but its too late, Memo + male! So what! After I've learned all I can + see all I want will go back + work with Peter. Its really wonderful that I have that to look forward to. This has been creeping upon me + I have been thinking unconsciously "when I get back" I'll do this or that. On the roof of the building next to this one + lower by one story I see

a very handsome man sunbathing
in a very brief bikini - black too.

Friday -

Have not seen anyone living here
since I arrived. The bed is made
& the place cleaned while I'm gone.
I hear no voices! Very silent but it
suits me. Came to apt after work
it was almost 2 as I waited for a
letter of permission to see books at the
national library but the Professor
was busy so I waited in vain but was
promised one for Monday. Met Mina
& Alicia at the Synagogue & we attended
the service, as much as we could take.
This was an orthodox synagogue & the women
were ~~not~~ separated from the men, in fact
they were sent up stairs & sat behind
a grill, so I don't know if this is the reason
but it was very disturbing - they just yodeled
yab - talked all the time while the Cantor
was singing & the men were responding
this visiting book & path kept up, children
handed from one to the other & kissed
& mauled until I couldn't stand it.
We all felt the same so we left & had
dinner on the island in the tiber

It seem the Jews of N.Y. & H are
sponsoring all sorts of improvements
for the Jews of Italy. Its hard to believe
the looks like Italians but are jews.
Home about 10 o'clock. Had to walk
from the Piazza del Popolo.

Saturday

Left about 9 for the Vatican Museum
on the E.S. the double street car that
circles the city. Got off at the wrong
stop - of course - had to walk back.

"Did" the museum between hoards of
people on guided tours, French, English,
Italian, German, Spanish. The poor things
are just rushed through, the more
valuable things pointed out to them.

My notes on books will tell about
things. Some very nice things & some
pretty awful.

Bought my ticket to
go to the Christian graves & town next
Thursday. Will go with Maria & Alcega.

Bought a blue blouse to go with
grey skirt with flower spots. Alfred
Lord Tennessee! Haven't tried it
yet but think it will be alright.

To-morrow to the Forum early
& dinner with Alcega & Maria.

Singora Bozzi came in late this afternoon - Wash why I didn't use the pillow & the extra blanket. So we had a little chat. She tried to sell me a Campello that I keep admired - but I'm not buying picture. So evidently hard up, wanted to sell me some old books because I showed her one I had bought, with worm holes - to take back as a sample. Asked how much I had paid for it 2000 L. Said "she" I have old books too that I can sell. Showed me some - but were in good condition. I need real beat up books torn, with worm holes - etc. I ironed grey dress & blouse when to Cit to buy my tickets for next Thursday when I go to Etruscan towns at Cerveteri & Tarquinia - 6000 L. - 10⁰⁰ but this is one trip I cannot do alone, have to have a car or vespa. This also includes lunch - 9 hr trip. This is something I have wanted to do for many years. Bought blue blouse to go with my Alfred Lord Tennyson shirt, 450 L. - jogglin & will do very well in the hot weather. Had dinner, bought food for Sunday breakfast.

egg, yogurt, little strawberries, oranges & tomatoes
Sunday

Left early was on street car by 8 am.
to Colosseum & Palatine. It was so early
the ticket seller did not have enough
money to change 1000 L note so bought
couple of cords which show the building
in the forum as they were. It was
so quiet & heavenly in the Palatine
gardens, the scent of green grasses,
sagebrush, morning glories, clover,
birds - hardly any people. Climbed
every where, also to the highest
point allowed in Colosseum. Looked
down into the Forum but by that time
it was 12 o'clock & it looked so hot &

I was tired so decided to save that
for next Sunday early - Got back
about 2 - Washed my hair - & it feels
so good & clean. Later will take bath
& dress for dinner - Halla affair with
Mina, Alicia & a Roman lady. We are
splurging. Feather to - morrow!

There is a little speed boat bobbing
up & down on the river. Not one but two
Mrs. Buzzi offered to sell me a Campigli
that I admired! but I wasn't interested

Saw 15 cats at the Colosseo! all
but one looked well fed + sleek.
Had dinner with Alicia Ruffo, Mina
Kraft, my Augustus friends + a young
Italian lady friend of Alicia. She
took us to "La Cisterna" in Trastevere
very good food, Waiters in costume
short ~~hose~~ pants of velvet, white
shirts + black cummerbunds. Three
for musician, violin, guitar + accord
+ singer. Fte too late + cost too
much! But once won't hurt, I
guess. Typical tourist trap.

Monday 89° heat! too warm.
Went to the Questura to get my
permit to stay 3 months. Worked
until 1230 + came home -
showered - ate, washed clothes
+ ironed + then went to Am.
Ex, no mail, very disappointing
so walked up to Villa de Melici
+ then down again + had dinner
at my little place - walked
home + across bridge to see
some of the new apartments
not bad but not too good.
Will not go to Am. Ex until Friday

Tuesday

Alicia & Minna came to my apt. & then we started out for the De Vecchi House for tea. Lovely breeze & not as warm as yesterday. Felt depressed but cleared up by time of meeting them. Seems work is progressing so slowly. Still filling holes & repairing pages. Professor from Holland & Signore exchanged experiences with Germans during war. Not as pretty picture. Neither like the Germans. It was so peaceful & beautiful sitting on the terrace & having tea with Rome at our feet. Its above & to the right of the Spanish Steps - half way bet. Spanish Steps & Piazza del Popolo.

Wednesday

Went to Pensione della Legazione & had picnic lunch with Ming & Alicia & then to the Villa Giulia. Got caught in the tight street car jam & rode past our bus stop & had to walk back about three blocks. Saw again the Etruscan exhibition there. It is one

of the final. Then left them
* went to Am. Ex. letter from
Grandmother. Bought a book shop.
Thursday

Left early - took day off
from catulato to do the
Etruscan Excursion with Nina
& Alicia on Cit. We were to
start at 9:10 - pick up others
but it was 10 o'clock before we
left. Seen the Mirad' Italia
was starting to day. They first
went to the President & then
to the Vatican to be blessed
by the Pope. I saw two teams
go by the Bus. All little
boys were being brought by
school teachers & priests to
the Vatican to see them off.
Well we got started & it
was a most successful trip.

Sunny & warm - but not too
much. We drove through
green fields of wheat, early
vegetables, Olive trees &
wild flowers, along tree
shaded roads & along