

Took a taxi to work, decided not to get there all hot + tired. Will do so every morning.

Students doing well, Peter pleased;

8/5 What does Tylose M.H. 400 indicate? amount of viscosity sol.
AM. Express first thing. Money arrived so I'm able to pay last week's hotel bill, buy some stockings etc. Bought a cotton blouse thinks it will go well with blue skirt. Have to change the bottom of it.

Started to look for Pio Colombo's books they are out of print. After the fourth shop Libreria Marzocco - a remainder store found them. Also a set for Chris Clarkson. Then found that they had Gallo's book on Patologia e Terapia del Libro.

Back to Pensione, cooled off, noted all expenses had lunch, a nap, ripped bottom of blouse wrote to Dina + Teresina that I will go up there for the Fier d'Agosto (?) if they are to be home. Am. Ex. was not able to find lodging in Siena + said that August is a bad month - height of tourist season.

So decided to go just for the day. To morrow. Peter picked me up also Chris for dinner at their flat - which is Eve Borsook's am. winter. - Lovely evening - but see below.

2 vols La legatura artistica
" " industriale - artigianale - antica
La legatura Pio Colombo
Editrice Baggio - Roma

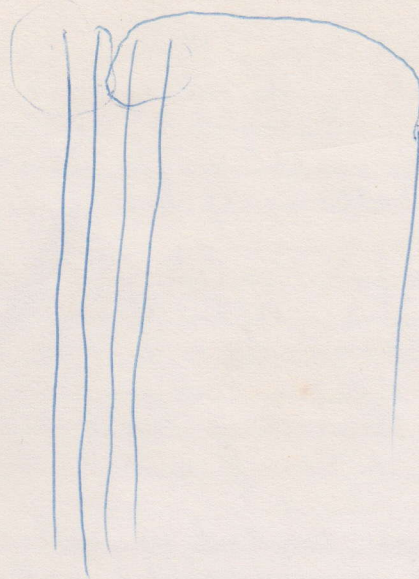
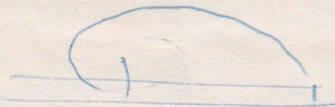
Letter from Peter today

- Marzocco
- Via Borgo S. Lorenzo -

Storm during the night. Poured!

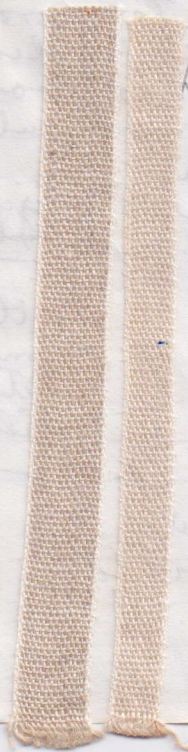
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Desmond
Herring bone



braid - when in book is sound but
boards are off. Put braid over cords &
tack through 4 or 5 sections all along.
then use this braid to lace in book to boards.

Desmond will send me address
where to get these tapes & braid. They
also sell thread.



2 Am. Express tour.
Left pensione at 8:30 left for San Gimignano. Siena pleasant trip. Mr Russo of Oakland, teaches Italian at U.C. was my seat companion. Cloudy + showers first day that I felt comfortable. Guides met us at each place. Lunch at San Gimignano View was beautiful, all shades of green.

Bought a former ^{S.G.} Cotton Umbrella. Always wanted one. Ceramic bottle of wine, slide + card. Siena

Left for Siena at 1:15.

Again guide much better than the S.G. This was a woman her English was very fluent better than her French.

Saw a troupe of drummers + flag throwers, practicing all in custom! Aug. 18th will be Pales.
bought a couple of flags for Parker + Brad.
Cloud burst took refuge in cafe.
Returned at 6 to hotel.

A very pleasant day.

Joe Nakhumak, the man from Ghana had to return to his country last night.
We all went to the roof to have pictures taken.

Had to go down to basement + then up again another stair case!

Diary

8/6

Work going on well. 8 Workers learning
beside Candice.

Desmond - To flatten parchment or vellum

Dampen blotting paper interleave it with dry +
put in press for a few minutes so that dampness
will be evenly distributed. Then lay vellum
between damp blotters, put in press for few
seconds (6) not more. This will release it
or it can then be clipped around edge with
paper clips that have been specially prepared.
(see sample.) As vellum dries + contracts
it will slip from metal clip. Desmond use
small pieces of blotting paper where clip is used.
Cadmium coated clips so they would not rust,

The clips are then attached to a wooden board
with hole punches or big pins or needles in wooden
bundles.

Rec. S.S. from Tito

M	1000
D	500
C	100
L	50
X	10
V	5
I	-1

Worked on a book - between demonstration spells.
Chris demonstrated how he had mended a very rare & torn
title page he explained it in English & I translated into
Italian.

Too many cooks!

tired after battle of mosquitos last night. killed 3 +
then slept.

Heat control - or Simmer stat



Diamond - Coated lens tissue

Texicoat 1 water 5 P.V.A. Emulsion
after dried on glass size on with 1/2 T-glass to 100 CC
Why

Elizabeth Davidson Librarian Princeton
Roxlyn Meyers B.B. Milwaukee
2 friends of Cockrell - girls

Diary

8/8

Much grumbling & mumbling. Seem B.M. men who still draw their salary from B.M. & were sent over here & get paid are putting in enormous expense accounts. Consulate is grumbling.

Women workers (Italian) get a "take home" pay of 69909 lira for 25 days of 183 hrs. or about 1.60 (cents) an hour or a bit less.

Wife came for dinner, looks well & more mature and also more pep. Is doing art restoration at .55 an hr. the Italian wage scale & also acting as an interpreter & translator for some of the restorers. Is very enthusiastic about the work.

These Italian workers ^{in 1 mo.} get what the English B.M. workers get in one week & what I'm getting in 2 1/2 days. I haven't told anyone how much I'm getting!

Letter from Minna & Trudi
Jeanne Bombed.

The Library Crisis in Italy by Arthur T. Hamlin
Reprint from Library Journal July 1967
Copyright R.R. Bowker Co. 1967

150 lira airmail letter

12 d to a shilling s.
20 s to a pound £

Did a herring ^{bone} sewing. Desmond set it up for me.
+ started it.

go around lead cord - that is the cord nearest the
direction in which the needle + thread are pointed
then go down around both cords in lower
section.

- that is always in direction of lead
First two section do plain but carry on herring
bone stitch right to last section.

Put loose guard on 1st + last section + sew
through. The end paper can be tipped on to this
+ have freer play than if tipped right on
to first + last section.

Herring bone stitch makes for ^{greater} strength + flexibility
not all BB. use it.

They all cluttered around as Desmond was demonstrating to me.

Thought of buying Candice's car a little
second-hand Citroen ¹⁹⁶⁰ for a hundred dollars,
but had decided against it as I would have
it only 1 month, September. tires are smooth.

Bought ticket to Milano leaving at 6 A.M.
letter from Dina, saying come. One from
Tersina that she will be away, so are Amelia
+ Giannis, but will go anyway.

Sigirena Cocchetti assistant to Signor
Cocchetti

To-morrow begins Ferragosto a holiday until Tuesday night. Many Italians leaving for vacation. Palazzo Vecchio all decked out with flags & lights at night. To day celebrates the liberation of Florence from Allies - 22 years ago. The lights are oil & wicks. Band played but I did not stay up late.

I tripped over a wire & fell hitting my left temple on on marble floor. A bump big as an egg! Every one very solicitous, getting me aspirin coffee ice to put on bump. Peter insisted I go home. So I did. Ordered a conyao & went to bed. Didn't sleep. But thought it best. English speaking doctor is in hospital. Dr. down stairs on holiday. So decided I'd live. Got things ready for To-morrow.

Peter gave me a very good book to read

New Methods for the Restoration & Preservation of Documents and Books. Translated from the Russian. Editor-in Chief N. Y. Sulechinskii
Israel Program for Scientific Translations
Jerusalem. 1964

Available from the Office of Technical Services
U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington 25, D.C.

I must get this

Compton's de la Relieur, 6 Rue Danton, Paris VI^e

Left Florence on the 6 o'clock train for Milano to avoid crowds - 1st class ticket too, but there were none. It was cool when I arrived took taxi to Adamo. Terasena is in the mts + Amelia + Gianino are at the Adriatic sea shore.

Was shown Gianino + Amelia's new apartment - next door on the first floor. Very nice, clean modern with real kitchenette + real bathroom with tub. Also a little balcony. For this they pay 325,000.00 per year plus heat, gas + elec. This is about 4500 per month.

Dina + I went shopping for a blouse for me, found one at Rinascente. Took a ride on the Metropolitan to Stalgione Nord to buy ticket for to-morrow's trip to Como. Watched TV. Storm during night. Rain, thunder, lightning.
13th 6:55 train to Como where we walked around trying to find a place to buy bread, salame + cheese. Everything closed. After a walk on water front + coffee we boarded a boat at 9:30 beautiful day, but a stiff breeze on lake. Debarked at Bellagio found stores + bought food, cards, took a walk up till we could see both Lake Como + Lecco. Many first class hotels, German, English, French + Am. tourists. Boarded another boat at 2:30 continuing to end of line + then remade the route back to Como. That is the boat did zig-zagging from shore to shore, delivering passengers + taking them on. Aboard at 6 P.M. train at 6:15 + back at Via Tortona 7:30. Very good timing.

It's amazing how deserted the city is!
14th To station to have ticket validated + ascertain time of train departure. Leaving to-morrow. Dina had to work this morning for one of her ladies. So I will start the meal. To St. Duomo with Dina + looked at toys at Rinascente for Peter + Brad. Nothing that can't be bought in U.S. T.V. at night "Raconte da Estate" Sordi, Mastroianni + assorted Italian ladies.

15th Early lunch + left for train. Pierino + Dina accompanied me to station. We had coffee + then aboard very few people. Train left at 2 o'clock. Not warm as we neared Firenze. Glad to get back to my little room. Some one has my table!

My left eye is black from fall last Friday. Nose is red!
Encountered Carolyn Horton in RR Station Milano!

8/12-13
14-15/67

Breakfast + to Bibbico but it was closed. Only 3 Englishmen working. Peter - the Welshman, George the boarder one + Taslingham. Peter W. off to Elba with Cossmann so back to Santa Trinita, found Am. Ex. opened + picked up 500⁰⁰ Tito had sent. Returned to hotel Package from Tito ^{from} my Mexican book. Wonderful shot. Also letter saying Dr. Larsen thinks he did not have lupetilis as he got well so fast. Such good news. Walked out to buy cheese, bread, fruit + Old Romagna Brandy. A little washing + nap. Lunch, write letters + read Finish "The Consul of Florence" poorly written but much quoted from Maria Comberti's diary of occupation of Florence by Germans.

I'm a pretty sight with my red nose (sun burn) + my black eye, result of fall last Friday

Finished reading "The Consul of Florence" by David Tutaev, Secker + Warburg, London 36s. Maria Comberti, a prominent Florentine Quaker is secretary of "Amici dei Friends" also co-founder of "Movimento per la Nonviolenza" in Perugia.

Carolyn Horton arrived + has the room next to mine

Call Maria Comberti - will see her at end of month
Letters received upon return from Milano

Peggy Lecky, Hannah Koler, Sab Benies - Piero by Trasse
Cards from Magnelli children, Don
Am. Express that money had arrived. Tel. from Tito

Mrs Stubbs upset because someone is sitting in my place + she wants me to make a fuss + demand "my table". But I really don't care. We took a walk after dinner + she treated me to a "brandy". She goes to Lucerne to-morrow.