

Beautiful day! Pat said they had a wonderful day at sea side.

I decided to make plain headbands on book. Now that I know how to make them. The book is too small. Two Colon is not good there is a space in front + at end of head band.

Pat + I bought food + crossed the bridge to eat at a little park just to the right.

No mail!

Have tried several ways of refining the monster. The lighter weight Japanese paper dyed by Benedatete + with dark velena is work out well but it still builds up a thickness.

Tony seems pleased with the method.

Marie, Bill Matchette I had a game of Scrabble - Bill won of course.

Lyon Phelps

Bill + ~~Lyon~~ leaving in Morning for Rome

The farmer was spraying the trunks of olive trees this morning + the pumping of the tanks woke me up. Wanted to sleep longer as had been awake quite a bit during the night.

Tony offered me a stocking iron. Say Peter will be manufacturing the tissue room to sell + it could be handled thru the Guild or Corlynn Horton - or Nelson Whitehead. That would be good.

6/25

Finished letter to Tribollet & mailed it!
with Chris's letter on limp vellum.
Hope I get it back.

Was to have taken Maria, Maria Teresa
thru the mending. Asked Tony if R could
then Maria T. had to have her hair washed!

I'm sick & tired of people "who would
love to see what is going on in the B.N."
& then when you set a day & ask permission
they can't come!

Don't think I put U.S.A. on Tribollet envelope
nor return address. Had a new envelope all
addressed properly & forgot to use it.

The hot weather has begun!

Tony was saying that Don was arriving
on the 18th from England & Peter Waters was
also expected but with Peter you can never
tell. Toyed with the idea of staying
longer but am sure I could not stand
the heat. So it's the 19th

Pat is sub-letting her house & will stay
in Florence for a month with Nancy.

Must send card to Pierino for his animastics.

Mrs Stein of N.Y. has returned & is in B.N. pulling.
She is book binder who wrote an article in last
BB Journal.

Prof & Wife from UCLA here also a youngish
woman from London.

Prof. burst into my bath room this evening

Worked on master - have reached the half way point

Lunch with Mrs Stein. She has 5 children.
Also only half a hand - left hand. Says only thing
she cannot do is hold a shoe pole.

It fairly cool inside the B.N. but by the time
I reach Maria's I'm real hot & tired.

2 from K.C. Prof. & his wife Surace
Sam & Betty. Nice couple

Sent Card to Pierino.

Tony offered me an iron think I accepted.

Worked a bit on own book.

Maria & I were playing Scrabble when the
door bell rang - 4 people with 2 suitcases
at door with a taxi. She had forgotten when
they wrote in Feb. for rooms. Quakers! U.S.

But she called several places & found them
rooms. She had the presence of mind when
she saw them to tell the taxi driver not to
unpack the suitcases. So he waited & drove
them away. We continued to play scrabble
& she beat me of course.

a young English girl to dinner

Got off to an early start. Every morning I have to wait for Emma & the fresh bread for breakfast. This morning she was early when I reached the bottom of the hill. Laura picked me up in her car. She lives in this district. Wish she could drive me home or at least to the bottom of the hill!

Four Hungarians for dinner - they only spoke German

Toward four o'clock Tony brought me 2 Americans one a dominican nun from Am. library association so Tony turned them over to me to show them around. I took them in to the washing room, mending & binding. The nun taking pictures. When I had shown them around they asked if I could take more pictures & I said sure so off they went. Soon I had Sig Brumth at my elbow asking if it was I who had given Anna permission to take pictures. I should have stayed with them so did so & saw them to the door. It was almost 4 & I wanted to work on my book with Barbara's help. But Barbara had left early so then I was.

Bill Matchett returned from Rome after helping Lyon to get packed & off to America. After dinner he took Yitty & I up to Piazza Michelangelo for ice cream & we saw the Palazzo Vecchio being lit up. It was beautiful. They use oil in shallow dishes with a wick floating around. One by one they come on. There was an outdoor game of Calcio in Costume at Piazza della Signoria. I had a good night's sleep but felt tired.

Went to Am-Ex for money & make reservations will leave on July 20th.

6/28

Washed clothes, hair, & iron so it all dried quickly. Yelly went for a walk & bought me some food. So we ate in my room then I took a shower & nap. Feeling rested at last.

Haven't had any mail for a long time. Wish Tito & Bobby would write & tell me what Remo & Johanna are doing. I know they must have a million things to do. Have not received any money yet so haven't been able to see about Board Cutter.

Police have come out in their white uniforms.

Warm but had a good day of rest.

Quakers from U.S. here to dinner. 11 of us.

6/29

Sunday Bill Matchett took Maria, Maria Teresa
& I for a ride into the Chianti country. We
went thru Greve, stopped for a coffee then
on to San Donato in Poggio where Bill
was looking up a friend who had bought a
farm there. He had moved - was not there.
So back to San Donato in Poggio for lunch.
then headed back toward Firenze by an other
road. Went to Machivelli spot where he wrote
"The Prince" But not a fan. It was hot but
not unbearable. Arrived back at Bevelde
about 2:30 had a nap, took a shower & left
for Fiesole for dinner with Sig. Albérico & Menico
Young man from LA was there. Menico is very
excitable and very spoilt. Took an early bus
home, besides it was so hot. Arrived at 29
drifting at 9:15 PM. Wonder if I can take the
15 working days left.

2 English - she charming - and an ^{English} ~~American~~ girl

6 30

Hot. Hot. Workers were handed a leaflet to-day of reprimand that they must state when they come in that they will only be there until the lunch hour & why they must leave. Not just decided that they are tired. (2) No going out of the room on the afternoon break. It is supposed to be a 10 min. but has stretched in to 20 and over. Great talk about it.

Lunch with Pat & Mrs Stein - Met the Suraces on the street.

Tony asked if I would mind moving as there are 2 Daves come and they should be together. So I'm in the corner - no air. But facing Pat's department. So I can see all that happens there

Barbara not in. I had hoped to work on my vellum. Hope she come To-morrow.

4 letters awaiting for me. Johanna, Tito, CRH with check. Both Tito & Johanna say the money was wired to me on the 24th of June.

Now I can get the board cutter! Break.
all at once all is well. I was really worried

Pat & Gillian off to Pisa for the Palio. I was to have had dinner with Gillian but she asked in her very soft voice "would it be alright if we made it another night" as this trip had suddenly materialized. So I said of course do go. As I had told Maria I would not be home for dinner decided to stay in the center. Had my hair cut, same place as last year, got my suit, had a pizza & walked home a good girl & it was hot. Everyone very worried - Maria had forgotten that I had told her I would not come.

Very hot in my corner. Tony asked if I was "alright" - I said yes but very hot. So he got an electric fan. Now it is bearable.

Tony was to have taken me to Vaggelli to get my board cutter but his car was jammed in and he could not get it back-out. So as Ruth Stein wanted to go - very much so, I asked her if she would take me the next day.

^{Ruth Stein}
We left about 10:30 in her car and I bought the board cutter + press. Then to see Laura Mancini at H.E. shipping firm. Vaggelli had already contacted her + she told them they should not have charged me a tax (14400) + they offered to return it to me. But it is too far so will phone them to send it to me at Manaus.

Could not reach them by phone so asked Maria to write to them for me. It was a happy thing that I knew Laura who is the farmer's daughter at Belvedere 29

Lunch with Pat, Ruth Stein

Dinner at Hillions with Pat. It was delightful. Hillion paints. Pat shares an apt with Nancy. When Hillion's lease expires in September, Pat will take it. Just one big room with a shower. Toilet is out in the hall to be used by three people!

Watched the man in Mauzzi bindery cores a vellum book.

The book is first covered with white paper - Ubris III - any kind he says. When dry it is put in a small hand press with spine up (as when lettering). The adhesive - P.V.A. is painted on the spine then the vellum is painted with same adhesive both fore edges are folded over about 2 inches then the vellum is placed on spine + with heel of hand is pressed + pulled well over the spine. The book is taken out of press + vellum is pressed well down with hands + little adhesive applied to turn ins + just as leather first over fore edges then top + tail. The corners had been cut off of course. This awful yellowish vellum cannot be dampened first as other skins are because of its color. They dampen vellum on both sides.

Bob! Still on monster. Lunch with Pat
+ Ruth.

A nice man who has an antique shop near the B.N. was dusting a crucifix one afternoon - last Friday as I was on my way to Am. Ex. So I asked him if he knew where I could have the pictures framed - that I had brought from Quebec in 1921. He said "pensez-y" so I left it with him. And to-day I picked it up. No charge!

at Maria's Am. Ex. Check from Johanna. Had gone to Am Ex.
Had - fairly comfortable in B.N. but
hard to sleep at night.

Sal ^{MAZI.} Maizzi left word that if I wanted to go to the San Laurenziana on Saturday morning he would show me around. He does the restoration for that library. No time was mentioned. I arrived a little after nine & no Maizzi only a young man who's Italian I could not understand let me in a small room. Talked & then showed me some of the books he had to repair, is the only one working there. At ten I left to go see the ~~books~~ at the Biblioteca. Beautiful! Had just ~~about~~ finished one side when Maizzi appeared at my side all apology because - I don't know why. So we went back & he showed me the same books the young man had shown me - but I didn't say anything. He also show me other books - all William. Very interesting work. He runs 3 or 4 restoration workshop at different libraries.

Met Yitty at about 10:45 - we went to buy my
dress pattern, then to Bookshop Antiquarian where
we had seen small prints with letters. Hozzini
Via Ricasoli. I bought a few. Yitty bought a
map. They gave her a small h.b. volume "per la sua
bellezza". She was thrilled then to another book
store where I found a nice book on Tuscany in German.
Lunch at "Le Sorelle" then to via Belvedere & a nap.

Hollow back = SIOFFETO

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