

Finished stripping (guarding) 1st book. Started on second book. Value #2 very dark in color using paper that has been tinted with coffee.

Had lunch with Susannah & Pat at a new restaurant cost too much. 1200 but good.

Started a new book. Getting rather tired. Worked until 6:30 & rushed home as dinner was to be at 7 PM so the German guest could depart early & we could. Maria Yell & I could have a scrabble game but there were 2 other guests from U.S. Father & daughter. So we didn't.

Was upset - both stomach & by letter from Johanna. They are going to Honolulu for a year. Brad won't remember me in a few months.

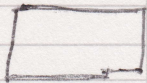
Did not sleep well. Am eating too much will stop this noon meal & do as I did last year, just fruit at noon.

Letters from Johanna & Teresina

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Sab. morning. Tony demonstrated making a Salandar box. 1 hr. A very fast worker.

from measuring to covering outside! Using book cloth, which is stiff & easier to handle, did not finish inside but 2 hrs at most would have finished it. In cutting sides a small slot 1/4 inch is cut off on one edge to make room for turn in at hinge.



Quickest way is to make measurements of Book & work from that. Use two thicknesses of board & three thicknesses of ~~wood~~ material for free play of book. Of course every thing was cut on board dropper which makes it so easy & fast to do.

Went to Olshin Olshin to look for book to bind next week but could find nothing less than #9 or #12. Then to their publishing house but nothing. So to Mazzocco's to main store - looking also for El's books. Nothing. To station, paper, where lunch & bus home. Had started to rain but did not get wet. Had a nap & now to play scrabble before dinner.

^{she gave it to me}
Bought a book from Maria to bind in vellum.

Rained during night.

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Making Solander box

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Sat. June 1st

Book is measured, length, width & height. also measurement if book is thicker in middle, use this. Cut boards from measurements not from having book to use. In this way one gets used to working quickly without having the book. Some times an order will come for 12 boxes for 12 different size books. The books cannot be sent to box maker so only book measurements are sent.

So boards are cut. The four side uprights have a small slot cut on edge to be glued to base about 1 inch long & $\frac{1}{16}$ th wide. Allow 2 boards plus 3 thickness of material for free play of box all edges cut clean. Glue fore edge first then sides. Have back board ready.

Cut material a bit longer & wider than needed.

Glue large outside area of box, lay on one end of cloth leaving an even over hang of about 1 inch on three sides then brush glue on back strip using rulers to set even with edge but eye to measure space for fold.

Do other ^{half} side of box same, close & rub down well with hands, folder & nails.

Cut corners of upper side L & cut corners of underside. The cloth goes up on side boards $\frac{1}{16}$ inch.  Opposit slot the cloth is cut & then the cloth slides into the slot & over edge of back board.

Sunday Overcast but sun coming out about 11 AM.
so the brides can be photographed at the Piazza
Michiangles. from my window I can see three
brides being photographed!

Maina & I are going to a movie this afternoon.
Wrote to Johanna & T.B. a card.
Catching up on notes - doing washing which
is drying on window sill.

Poured about noon then cleared up.

Had lunch in kitchen with Maina. Nap then
off to movie with Laura Mancini, former
daughter, Yetti, Maria ~~et~~. Saw Sordi in the
Fumo di Londra in color. five scenes
of London & country side. A game of scrabble
dinner, to bed.

Laura works for a shipping firm so may
ask her to help me in sending press

Second step in guarding or "stripping"

Place two pages app. near home rulers hold them down then lay guard and rub down with blotter. you are working on a blotter. pick up both pages & wrap around the section they belong to. Do all guards in this manner & stack neatly one on the other. Let dry normally without weight. Next morning put between cardboards, one section one board. Top edge & fore edge are parallel to right hand corner. Do this for whole book. Then divide into 4 or more, according to size of book, groups with wood pressin board & put in press. Be sure they are evenly stacked.

The fold of the section should be in center of press. Press very hard. 12 hrs.

Remove card boards between sections. Open each section to see that is not stuck at any point (for sewers) & check on collation. Make a "loose guard" of machine made paper. 2 CM is cut, then folded in half & TORN. These 2 pcs are again folded & tipped on to the 1st section with torn edge on under part of section.

Work - lunch - with Gillian + Pat.

Am taking down the small books Maria C.
gave me.

Maria also gave me three pages - blank -
from an old account book. These I will
use as end papers.

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Start 3rd book

Kennedy shot - Everyone asking me if it so
One of the men had a transistor with an ear plug
and so the news was handed from one to the
other.

Tony off to some where

Also Father & Daughter from U.S.
who spoke German.

Maria's friend arrived Barones
Marie-Theresa

Very nice woman

Kennedy dead - Feeling very depressed

Another German couple arrived

Rather tiresome hearing only German &
I don't understand a word! Must learn
if Bobby is to be part of the family.

Phone call from Irene Katay.

Double Japanese tech. from Desmond who showed
Pat how to do it

Two thicknesses of tissue is traced with Tylose
pulled apart to gether, edge of torn page is
painted with paste, one layer of tissue is
laid with fibers brushed down. The tissue
is then painted all over with paste, if it seems
a bit streaky, sponge off with damp sponge.
Lay other piece of tissue then paint all
over with tylose. Lay a piece of Teralyn
& turn carefully, Paint second side with
tylose & cover with Tenclyn. Put between
flatt blatter & rubber pad and board then
press tightly. Change blatter & leave under
between rubber pad & boards & a brick.
When dry rub Tenclyn lightly with side of
hand or bone folder to release & peel off.

Friday overcast, took umbrella to work,
Had lunch alone read paper, no rain

Pat + Gilliam off to Verona. Wanted me to
go with them but decided I could not make
it, leaving too early + would be dead on
Monday.

Finished taking down my book. Maurzi
gave a piece of vellum for the cover.

Dottarossa Bubbi gave a monster of a
book to repair. It will be a challenge

Had dinner with the Alberico's in their
new home in Fiesole. Iren. Holay was
there too.

Challenge - provocazione - sfidare

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