

La Confidenza fa perdere la reverenza

Wild flowers everywhere along rail road
Throughout Germany the houses all have window
boxes at all windows that are a riot of colors.
Looking down in valleys the houses look like doll
houses in green fields

Colle Lauro, Gossensass, Italian but with a bit of
Germany

Now in Italy, grape vines in terraced hills
& corn in fields. Still cloudy & sunny.
Train was late so change at Verona was
delayed & I was an hour late arriving in
Milano. Changed money & telephoned Gianni
then took a taxi to 2 Tortona where Gianni
was waiting for me. Dined at Dina's.
Cool & had been raining. Slept with
Amelia & Gianni on couch. They have changed
the furniture so that is now a sitting room &
dinning room. They have applied wall
paper to all rooms, flower on balcony. much
improved. They go on vacation Aug. 6 to Israel
for 10 days. Dina seems well & looks the same
but Pierino looks older & has a yellow tint to
his skin not so talkative.

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Enina looks much better than Pierino but is
no longer talkative as she was once. Does not
speak & then only in monosyllables. "No" "Si"
"No me recordi" It's rather sad to see her in
this condition. She knows me & reassured me.
Her sister in law - Tina, goes one day, Amelia the
other. They are looking for a place for her to go

Last night dinner at Dina's again, then to bed with Amelia. Everything ready for leaving in morning for Basel. Amelia took me to station. It was raining. We found an empty compartment & she left as she must take Teresa for visit to Doctor. Soon the other seats were taken by an Italian family going to Germany! They are from "base Italian" Mother, father, 2 teenage boys & grand mother. The train was 1/2 hour in starting. As soon as we left the 5 started eating. Bread, cheese, salame & high smelling food. A soft rain, not too warm so I was able to wear my grey slacks. Crumbs all over the floor, already. Oh well. Forgot to mail cards to Tito & Amelie Anneline. Will try in Chiasso when we leave Italy. Cards will be mailed in Basel. Offered me a pear. very good. Italian family seemed very well adjusted. Father telling jokes & making fun of magazine & all laughing. About middle of trip the grand mother (who's mother?) a tiny woman began talking, a long speech, then the husband & wife started - a battle royal. The boys saying nothing. At last arrived in Basel at 3 PM - was really 4 in Italian time. 7 hrs.

Basel - checked luggage - got change went to Travel agency. It is still overcast but no rain. Everyone carrying umbrellas. Took a room next to travel agency in Hotel Jura. "A modest room" as the clerk said for about \$16 with breakfast.

Does not seem to be a boat from Basel to Mainz, would have to go to another city Cologne. I still don't see why. So looked for train to Mainz & Frankfurt. Went for a walk. The city is

getting ready for a holiday - Banners in some of the streets, stand selling fireworks. Ladies in costumes & children selling badges. Can't get Lilian out of my mind. That desperate appeal of "Ma, call my mommie to come & get me". Makes me cry. So anyhow, had a bit to eat at the station & started to walk. Nice shops, bought a pastry & after wondering about looking for the old church & the platz that I remembered of 10-15-17 years ago - found it. Still overcast & gloomy. Ate my pastry on the ramparts of the "Münster platz" (?) & wandered on my ~~head~~ back to station to collect black bag for night at hotel. Was in bed by 8 o'clock & slept until 4 but slept again & up at 7 AM so had my first good night sleep in spite of soft bed & could open window! & get fresh air.

Sat.

7/30/77 Breakfast & filling in this "report" & will be
Board off at 11:21

to Mainz Raining - bought some Swiss Kleenex & a
Herald-Tribune to read on train. Bought
a Swiss Redcross badge - It is the National Holiday
Aug. 1st. Checked out & found my train &
reservation. Had it all to myself almost half
the way then a nice German family boy of 5,
girl about 12, mother & father. He helped me off
with suit case. No ramp, so have to take bags
one at a time to go thru underpass. I noticed
several young negroes on platform, wonder what
they are doing here. One of them asked if he
could help me & I said yes, ah thank you very
much. "You're welcome" Put green suit case
in storage box & took black bag to look for

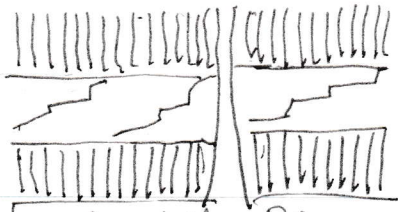
"Penthouse" by Paul Flora

drawings by Howard brother-in-law from Austria
saw the book in a Basel bookstore circa 16th I think

Hotel - It was now warm & sun shining.
No room at first hotel & she suggested
around the corner. Only room left is a
double - 20⁰⁰ so I took it. Too tired
to look further. Elevator to 5th floor then 1
flight of stairs. Tails in hall. I noticed a
negro girl in room next to mine. Went
walking looking for Cathedral that I had
seen briefly on visit to Gutenberg Museum. Found
it. Everything closed up tight except beer
parlors. Returned to station & had dinner
the waiter suggested "Hawaiian". Sandwich
toast, ham, (good) cheese, 2 slices pineapple
Mandarin oranges all tasted. Good plus beer.
Almost 4⁰⁰! Too much. To bed it's al-
most 9 & I must leave hotel by eight to
make the boat trip. - If it doesn't rain.

Basel While on my way back to hotel & train about
10 am, suddenly saw Buckbinder - FLÜGEL
Flügel - 18 AESCHENGRABEN. Might have
tried to write to him. I rang the bell
but no answer. It looked like it might
also be his home. The other half of the building
was a paper concern. Makers of paper or just merchant
of paper - ?

Sunday 7/31/77 Dining room full of Frenchmen & women
After breakfast took street car to pier Adenauer Ufer
to board boat for a days trip up & down (?) the
Rhine. It left at 8:45 AM & it was 9 PM when we
docked. Only a few taxis so I hurried & followed
some people to street car & made it.



the banks of the Rhine from Mainz to Koblenz are more or less rather steep & covered with vines of grapes. They are all perpendicularly planted in very straight rows. The soil appears to be sandstone (?) light tan in color and as far as I could see, terraces are cut out & then planted with steps cut in face of wall. A trough like canal runs from top to bottom for run off of rain (?) I don't know. How they manage to cultivate & pick looks almost impossible. Many castles and towns at which we stopped to let off passengers & to pick up more. Many German, noisy & laughing & drinking. The boat was a "fast boat". We reached K at 13:15, where I got off the boat continuing on to Koln. At 2 pm another boat going back to Mainz picked up the passengers returning. A long, long slow trip. Very tired. But very beautiful. At K during the wait I walked thru a beautiful very formal garden with simple borders of the same kind & color of flower, Begonias, marigolds etc. some that I did not recognize. Standard roses but nothing like the roses that I saw in London, at Katherine & on Holland Park roads on way to Denise's flat. It was very windy & rather cold, overcast. So by 11 o'clock I went into one of the three restaurants to have a bowl of soup & a bottle of beer. On the return trip I had some potato salad with hard boiled eggs, anchovies & caviar & tea.

Mon After breakfast paid bill & went to station to see about trains. Some poor guy who was

Checking out at the same time as I was trying to explain to the desk clerk that he had forgotten his camera, the night before when checking in at 12^{mid} night on the counter. They couldn't find it. Possibly the night clerk had taken it! who knows. Had to get the baggage clerk at station release my suitcase as I had left it in the box over-time. Got on train at 10:15 and arrived at hotel about 11 AM. This room has a bath & balcony & a little more costly than when I first came on July 7th. Just a few dollars more for the two nights. Cloudy upon leaving Mainz & more cloudy in Frankfurt. Even a few drops, while I was looking at some of the old buildings, shops & new buildings. Had an espresso near the roman ruins. Returned about 4:30 with fresh buns, linz must, apicatio & grapes. Ordered a beer. It took so long coming I'm sure the bus boy had to dress to bring it up. So had a good supper & will knit until bed-time. to-morrow to Offenbach

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Aug 2
Tuesday

Raining - a soft rain - very light.

Good night's sleep. SUN! This will be a good day for Offenbach - just hope they are open & not on vacation, then to Leather Museum. On return from Offenbach will cash last Travelers check & get ticket for train to airport for to-morrow. Did not get ticket, One gets it from an automatic Box. So I'll get it to-morrow.

Went to Offenbach. It was not closed so saw some more bindings & bibliography of Herman Zaft & his wife. Then to the leather Museum which was really interesting. Ate my bun (from breakfast) & wandered

back toward the station or rather where
street car ends. Back to hotel about 3:30
Very tired. It has been a beautiful sunny
day, not too warm. Just right for my cotton
dress, the brown one. After resting a bit
when out in search of fruit for to-morrow
before we are served lunch on plane it
will be about 2 or 2:30. Decided to have
dinner, a proper one, in the dining room.
& beer. I think I scandalized every one
by ordering another bottle of beer to take
to my room! 2 Hectemins & 1 bunch of grapes 2⁰⁰
1 bottle of beer 1⁰⁰ Things are costly!
Tito telephoned (I just knew he would)
& Bobby. It has rained there too, poured!
I've had lots of rain but it was always a
soft rain.

Really only 5 days of sunshine,

The first day in Frankfurt

Five days in Paris

One day in England - at the Sissingham Castle

Last day in Frankfurt.

All packing done.

Sat. Aug. 20

Show Joanne how to repair paper the
P.W. + Florey way.

Tito - Forrest Bailey will be here this
week

Write to Peter W. reminding him to
send me Xerox copies of Santa Cruz
classes.

Measuring method of pulp for leaf casting

Margaret Hay's address

		\$
Taxi from Airport		9.00
Fare to Paris	65 DM	28.28
" to Mainz & return	9.20 DM	4.00
" " Offenbach "	4 DM	1.30
Hotel in Frankfurt	98 DM	41.30
Train to Paris	65 DM	28.28
Taxi in Paris	30 FF	6.00
Train to London	154 FF	31.00
Taxi to station Paris	30 FF	5.00
" in London		
Ballentine	37 ⁴⁰ FF	7.00
Flight to Munich	£ 63.50	110.00
Baggage	£ 5.00	9.00
Munich - Milano -		
Bozel - Mainz }	87 DM	38.00
Basel to Frankfurt	56 Fr.	24.30 ?
Hotel Basel & Right	25 Fr	13.00 ?
Mainz - Koblenz boat trip	48 DM	20.50
Hotel in Mainz 2 n.	85 DM	37.00
Hotel in Frankfurt 2 n.	120.40	51.50
with dinner, one.		