

Beautiful morning washed hair Left with
Yetti who was on her way to Rome for a few
days. We walked to Am. Express on the
way I bought some white material to make
sleeves for a sleeveless dress I bought in a
week moment. Then had orange juice at
Motta or something else & watched people
while sitting in the shade. Then she to
the station & I to book stores. Bought a book
on Writing - La Scrittura at half price.
To Palazzo Vecchio then to lunch at a
small restaurant near Via Belvedere &
reached my room at 2:30 very warm
but a breeze. Had a nap & read, wrote
to Mrs Young, Laura,

To-day had received a copy of Bookworker
Journal for me. from Laura Young
& letter from Minnie.

Game of Scrabble with Maria

Giannis & Amelia phoned they are in
Firenze. I will meet them in morning
at Il Duomo at 9 am.

Met Gianino & Amelia at il Duomo at
nine o'clock. We really had a day.
Went to the Palazzo Vecchio, office, to
Or San Michel. Then coffee at
while Gianino went to collect their grip.
To San Miniato made a mistake in
bus but got there eventually. Saw brides
& millions of little girls who had made
their first Communion. Lunch at a self
help - on Borgo San Lorenzo. Then to
San Marco - Fiesole. Not too hot.
Cloudy but no rain. Coffee then to
Firenze station where I left the two.
Came back to Belvedere 29 very tired.
Too much German! and so to bed.

Just looked out the window & there
was the moon! Now it's covered
by small clouds.

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Didn't sleep very well last night but had a good day. Must write to Paul Banks. Lunch with Hillian Moodie, nice English girl. Talked to Judith of CRIA - No word about salary.

Bought apron at Khezzis as smocks is too warm.

On arrival washed book + spread it about on news papers to dry.

New peaches for dinner + apricots.

Newest book to repair is very dark and paper that matches is has been dyed with coffee but when tylose is used to outline missing part it leaves a water mark. I don't know what to do.

No mail

Assembled book which had dried while we had dinner.

6/10

Cold + overcast but Maïna said it would not rain
so didn't take umbrella. By noon it was raining.
Pat has not come in this morning. We were to
start sew my book + go to a Chinese restaurant.
Perhaps she'll come this PM.

Franks Tushingham dropped in this morning
is on the advice coast on "holiday" and come
to see what was going on.

In talking to him + Sig C. he asked how
the production was. I couldn't answer but
Sig C. said that the menders lagged
behind the binders. Average books repaired
are 5 per day, there should be 10 per day.
Not fault of menders but that books are so
damaged.

I had some candy + that was my lunch.

Put second book in press then tried
different methods of mending on the
"monster." Sig C. said he recommended
it be give to me. So I'm really on the spot.

Started sewing my own book on split thongs.
made new ends as per Chris's method.

Had dinner in a Chinese restaurant. It was
good. With Pat who came in to B.V. at noon.

Letter from Ding + invitation from Gillmore's
for cocktails at 2 Tatti next Tuesday for CRIA
restorers.

6 / 11

Cold & raining. Stayed in for coffee break to
sew on my book. Pat went out at one o'clock
to buy some lunch so that I could work on
my sewing. Was hurrying to finish it and
failed to include the end paper which should
be wrapped around last section. So at
5:30 I stopped & did it over again had to
be in early as dinner was at 7. Maria
was at a meeting & brought back 8-10
people for sandwiches & wine. These
are parents who have started a progressive
school for children from 6 to 12. But
will have to give it up as they have no
funds to continue.

Birgitta Pinna came during dinner
from Perugia a Swedish woman married
to a left wing Italian. Has two young children.
Is very upset about her marriage.

The evening was pleasant - talking Italian
instead of listening to German -

Vellum - Leave enough vellum about 2 inches

1st Fold at Top

2nd " at bottom

Score from inside for spine. then about 1/8 inch
from first fold score only inside or fold back.
Mine was just scored. In scoring start about
~~an inch from bottom~~ at top & go to within
1 inch of bottom then start from bottom
& go to within one inch of top. Make
pencil guide where cuts are to be made for
laced in bands & head bands. Cut with
tool - & a second cut just below - remove
small moon shaped ps of vellum. Do back first,
lace in thongs & fold over front & mark
for scoring.

Make same v cuts for back lace in to try for
fit. Remove from book and mark with
needle for two more cuts on each side.

• • (see book)

I

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When vellum is very thick - bevel edges before beginning

Vellum continue

II
6/12

Corpus Domini a holiday. Late breakfast.
The Germans left - nice enough people.
I washed clothes. Wrote to Barb H.
walked to Post Office to mail. Then
a snack near Duomo. Took #13
to Piazza Michelangelo for coffee. Two
bus loads of German with their lunch
bags trooped in & I walked out.
Walked down thru the rose garden
& down into the valley & up to the house.
Had a rest - no sleep. Wrote letters:
iron blouse, knitted a bit & then got
ready for dinner. Yette should be
back. I hope so.

Cool & windy with clouds but also
sun. a good day to rest.

Tomorrow must go to Am. Consul & ask
about shipping regulations to U.S. &
customs.

Phone I Tatti

Money Am. Express.

Phone Alberico

ask Tony if I could pare some leather on
machine.

Barbara Giuffrida is Am. Eng. girl married
to an Italian. Had been doing binding for some
time before coming to B.N. I'm teaching her mending
because the binding is closed because lack of
books. She will show me different headband
& how to make a limp vellum with yaps.

6/13

The Monster JL-II CESARI (Part missing)
SCALIGERI Sententiae
7" X 4" X 1 1/2"

size of book

Whole book Nyloned

Paper dark brown all but three sections in different parts of the book which were light color. Every page was frayed or torn at top of book. Some pages so thin as to be almost lacy. Binds fray top where were corners off - many pieces missing.

Started mending from back using #527 which had been dyed with coffee. Found that the adhesive used on most books left dark spots, that Tylon used to cut line edge would leave a water mark on dyed paper. So tried a denser paste Joe had made with cattle moister. This also left stains - dark brown paper. Tried cut lining paper with needle point, then pulling it would tear apart at midline spot. This worked alright but meant that #527 had to have tissue on both sides. Altho Tony had taken a micrometer reading of finished page - found it not thicker than original paper it soon built up along the top edge. I had Benedeto dye me some thinner paper with longer fiber #18. The build-up was not as great but still there so tried 1 pc. of tissue & one of #18 but was not satisfied with the adhesion of heavier paste, in warm weather it tries very quickly and tho I only took a small amount out at a time it soon had a dry crust. Tried brushing the finished edge with 1% Tylose but this lightens the dyed paper.

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The Monster IL-II CESARI (Parts missing)
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* as #527 does not have long fibers

Sat.

Washed hair - Mail arrived before I left. SS check from Johanna but not one word. Letter from Evy. To BN Pat had not arrived yet. Tony still out of town so no class. Went to BN Am. Express to ~~make~~ checks & returned to work on my book. Then at 12 Pat & I left to do the shopping and Taxi to her home in Selligman. We worked on vellum corners, cooked dinner & took short walk but was very cloudy, thunders & lightning & to bed. Very tired.

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