

Vellum

"Slunks" unborn animal or premature
used for mending

A Chris's Corner for Vellum

Irish vellum very lovely in shaded
brown to tan. Chris says they hit the
animals to cause bruises + these cause
blood clots + this in turn makes for
nice shades of brown + tan!

4/16

Did not sleep too well. Pat has a
charming house with fresco ceiling
in living room, one wall red, a grand
piano, dining room, kitchen, 2 bedrooms,
beautiful tiled bathroom but no water.
It's in a lonely spot but a 20 minute
walk from end of bus to her house.
Thinking of moving before winter.

Roberto & his wife Gabriella & Christine his
little girl. Maria & his fedanzata
Patrizia. We had roasted chicken, tomato
& tuna salad, bean salad & green
salad, wine, cheese, 2 cakes, coffee.

It was rather tiring. Come back to
Maria's. Ytla is back. Very glad

6/16

Tony is back. was very cordial. Asked if I could
pare some leather on their machine. I will bring
in my leather to-morrow.

Working on the monster. I was doing the right
thing in not using paste as it stains but notice
that edges will be much thicker at edges if
the whole is not laminated. Because in not
using paste and even when not overlapping
new material, the two layers of tissue make for
a thickness.

Lunch with Gillian at open air place.
I like her.

Thunder storm + cloud burst just at 6 o'clock
was wearing my sandals + got wet.

Letter from Johanna. Remo hasn't told G.
yet about the move to Honolulu. He
must know!

Started a letter to Johanna before dinner

Game of scrabble + worse again from Maria
but as I had two helpers it was not a great
thing. Maria-Teresa + Gitta helped me.

6/17

Foggy this morning. Brought grey suit to BN
so I can change for Cocktails at the Hillmores
to-night.

We were to leave at 5.50 from biblioteca for
L'attici but Joe & Chris were delayed by the
arrival of Santucci from Patologia in Rome
& so at 6.30 we hailed a taxi & so to Settignano.
Pat did not come to work to-day. She really
did not want to go to the cocktail party & I had
talked her into it. But it was too much.

Gillian, Floydine, Mamma & I took taxi. Sussanna
went with Chris & his wife & Joe alone.

We the four of us came back in Joe's battered
Herman car. First he filled his tank from
a large square plastic bottle with red gas.
He's as wild a driver as the Italians.

Party was as all cocktail parties are.

You know no one except your own
group & the hostess, Mrs Hillmore made
no attempt to introduce us. Both she &
Prof. Hillmore went over-board to be nice
to Floydine, a negro girl, & was so very
obvious. Left without seeing host & hostess
but wrote her a card of thanks.

The formal garden at L'attici are beautiful.

6/18

Nice day to start. Had lunch with Pat at open
air trattoria. Washed on my head bands at coffee
time, A card from Chris. Barbara had an 8 page
letter from him all about velleum. A real
manuscript and written in a calligraphic hand.

Was over cost as I started for home but thought
I could make it before it started to rain
but was fooled. Half way across the bridge
it started. Waited under a tree for a while then
started for the wall. I reached half way
up which it poured and a little river rushed
on each side of the road. When I arrived
at the gate I was drenched. Four people
were huddled there & invited me in & when
I said thank you & made for the front
door they said "oh no there is no one there"
"But I live there." I could wring the water
out of my shirt.

Letter from Tito & Bobby.

Changed clothes, had a drink of Brandy
& started to answer T & B's letter.

Friend of Maria (2) for dinner. Did not
sleep well

6/19

Over cost. Had lunch early with Pat, we
bought at the delicatessen. + sat on a stone
ledge in front of a building near by. Pat has
Italian lesson on Mondays + Thursday at 10 o'clock.
I returned to BN and worked on my head band

More rain + Thunder

Letter from Tito + Bobby

Pat + Gillian came to dinner. We stopped
+ bought 2 small glasses so I could give
them a wee drop before dinner.

A Swiss from Canada

A wild German - Wolf

6/20

First day of summer I carried an umbrella as it looked like rain & there was a heavy shower at 10 - just at coffee break.

Went to lunch with Pat, Roberto, Marius & 2 other boys, one of them from Mauzzi's department.

It's a pleasure to walk through their room its always ship shape and an enormous amount of binding is being done there.

At dinner there were two ^{men} guests beside the Swiss-Canadian. Lionel & a very nice Quaker from Seattle, prof of Lit at U of Seattle.

Had some ^{top} tissue # dyed by Benedeto with coffee. It is thinner than #527 & has longer fibers. 527 & 2 layers of velina are building up at the edges. As the whole book will have to be repaired with out adhesive of any kind this seems the only way.

Must try the thicker paste on fibers, one layer of velina & a narrow strip of velina on other side.

6/21

Beautiful day - sunny - will be warmer
Sat so went to BM a little later. Barbara
started me on the herring bone headband.
Tony was doing a slip case with leather
edges. Pared my leather for me. Made
a hole in one but will manage as I have
more leather at home.

Bought some food & came back to
Belvedere. Maria met me at the door &
offered me a glass of wine. So had a fine
lunch.

Washed clothes, Hair and at 4 o'clock
yette & I started out. Went to a store
where clothes are made to order or are
fitted (if you have made a selection.)
Gillian gave me the diagram of where
store is & we found it.

Bought a Red cotton suit. After I got
home had qualms but will stick to my
guns. Hope it turns out all right \$36.00
to P.O. & bought toy for Munnico, ice cream & home
An other guest, friend of Maria Teresa
an american doing research in Rome in
16th - 17th centuries ~~list~~ Italian literature
time of Leo X.

Swiss-Canadian is doing research on an
Italian who fled to Switzerland in 16th century
who was against capital punishment for
religious causes.

Scrabble with Maria - Lionel helping me
of course & lost.

Letter from Barbara

6/22

Sunday: Late breakfast - 8:30 - then start
to catch up on letter - card writing. Had apricots
& cheese in room. Then Yetty. I started out
for Fiesole to bring a toy to Mennico who
had his tonsils removed - without anesthetic
poor little guy - but he is terribly spoiled.
We had a fruit cup first then in the double
decker. Had tea with Alberico who leaves
to-morrow to lead a tour of students. Spain
Italy, Greece, Turkey, Africa Italy, down
Dalmatian coast. Young man from Santa Barbara
there.

Returned about 5 - met Floydine & baby
near Porta San Niccolo. Baby does look Persian

Full house at dinner 8 of us & then Wolf
appeared & we all had to squeeze up a
bit. Marie a bit high strung & nervous

6/23

Monday - Holiday San Giovanni, patron saint of Florence. There was a thunder storm during last night, much rain. It is overcast this morn. & looks like more of same. It could clear up. Finished letters, had a game of Scrabble with Maria. Walked to Postoffice to mail letters then to Boboli gardens but it started to rain. Had lunch & back to room to rest.

Went to Calcio Game in midenail dress. The Signorelli Piazza had a deep covering of sand & bleachers all around. Started at 5:30 Great Pomp & Ceremony. Very colorful. The game very rugged. The winner wins a big white cow - very young. This is sold & the money given to players.

Maria, Yetty, Maria Terasa, Bill Matchet, Lionel -, young Swiss Canadian & I had seats. Well worth the \$3.00. Rained a bit

at 10 o'clock the fire work on the Piazza Michelangelo. Most beautiful I've seen. Best seats on the terrace - ever.

Too much excitement - couldn't go to sleep.

Cleared up for fire works.