

August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Dear Jose-

We sail on the France on Friday and have been desperately trying to clear things up before we go. Milton has had a frightfully busy summer, having read galley and page proof on LAS VEGAS AND UNCLE JOE and galley proof on the new SELECTIONS, as well,- in the early part of the summer,- working hard at aesthetics. He has just been notified by Appleton-Century-Crofts that the page proofs of the SELECTIONS are ready and will be sent to the boat for him to read while we cross the Atlantic!

I read proof on UNCLE JOE, kept house and tried to recover from too strenuous a spring and was doing pretty well until about two weeks ago! My bathroom sprang a leak which has set up a chain reaction, the net result of which is that the house is stripped for workmen who will be in it while we are away to repair broken tile, replace the ceiling of the first floor hall, steam the old painted paper of the walls of most of the rooms on the first and second floors and preparing for repainting which will be done on our return. What a horror.

I find as a result that I have not yet done anything about hotel accommodations in Paris before we sail for home. My niece is in Portugal on holliday, so I am going to ask you to us the favor of trying to find us something for the nights of August 29, 30, 31, and Sept. 1st. We sail on the UNITED STATES on Sept. 2nd. We have stayed happily at the Hotel Quai Voltaire and also at the Palais d'Orsay and love the location on the river. Two years ago, I note, you recommended a hotel on the rue Bonaparte. The Gonzalezes have just returned from Paris, where they stayed at the Regent, 44 rue Madame, which was recommended to them by the Maurins. And Suburban Travel tells me that that the Bradford, off the Champs Elysee, is a place that college people they . know have found satisfactory. Do you think that you could pin down something for us from the choice? Or broaden the choice if you like. We can be reached from Aug. 14-22 % Mrs. V.C.Hal 98 Holyvell st., Oxford and Aug. 23-28, % American Express (% Vth Internat'l Congress on Aesthetics), Damrak 66, Amsterdam.

By the way, Milton did Jaime an injustice as far as his telephone bill was concerned. It was only \$2.15.

Hope all is well and let us hear from you in Oxford. Our best to Renée and Jaime.

Yours

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The hotel we once stayed at, -I think when you were in Paris,- off the Etoile was also perfectly satisfactory, tho' the location is not quite as good for a short stay. I can't remember the name.