

4 Club Road - Lahore
Jan 1st 1941

My dear Madame Riech,

The Exhibition was a great delight. I only wish we could have spent more and more time there. We have, of course heard a great deal of discussion about the pictures, but here I am afraid we have no standard of judgment to go by. People do not, perhaps, know how to criticize, but they could not help being wonderfully impressed - and to feel revived and healed by the Professor's vision. But I was filled with said longing, too, for the narrow mountains and all that they begin to mean to me. Yet I believe we must learn to live serenely in any place that it falls to our lot to be in. Sometimes in a town the world begins to seem terribly small!

we have had an amusing - if not very
wholesome Christmas. My two brothers &
my sister were here - and very much
in demand by people who would
like to see them married to their
friends or relations. I wonder who it
is, in the end, who brings about a
marriage, whether it is the young
lady or the young man or the
relations who triumph most. Meanwhile,
I think the brothers were glad to
get back to their work after the
holidays without sealing their fates!

The baby alarmed us very
much by suddenly developing a
rash which looked like measles, but
it turned out to be due to a
throat infection. She was very miserable
for a few days & absolutely refused

to eat, but now she is as bright & happy as though she had never been ill - and has found a better appetite than before. Now, I think, in the Spring she & I will visit Naggar - and when she will be able to talk a little to her god mother and to feel the mountain. She has a passion for flowers and very gay colours. Otherwise she loves best of all to play with match boxes and cigarette tins, so she is not yet a very elevated character. But there are times when she simply quivers with delight and sweetness which makes me feel there ought to be a baby in every household!

The writer is pleasant in Lahore - but it is so flat ^{watering} ~~at~~ ^{well} as though it does not get one anywhere & one feels helpless & lost like an ant!

I had a long letter from April ~~and~~ and
she sent her very warm regards to you
all. She ~~seems~~ so busy keeping
house for her father - that she was
almost reconciled to being there ~~and~~
in India.

I am enclosing a few snapshots
of the baby with our very best wishes
for the new year - & much love

Yours affly

Shirley Hall

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TAJ MAHAL HOTEL,
BOMBAY.

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My dear Madam Roerich,

It is very long since we heard
from you - but from time to time
we have had some news of you
from people who have been to
Kulu - and all the time we
have been hoping for an opportunity
to go ourselves. We have been in
Bombay for over a month now
feeling very imprisoned in this
vast place - and then in Dec.
we go to Delhi. This is
a dreadful place - which
seems to have no seasons -
no change at all - and it is
hard to believe it is winter!
The baby has loved it.

though. She likes the hurry &
excitement of a big place -
& loves nothing better than to
ride on top of a bus. Then
too, she likes being admired
and people smile on her
in this big hotel and she
turns away shyly but likes
it all the same! She is
tall for her age now, but
still very light - a very strong
will which gets her into
many difficulties, but absorbed
in her own wonderful
world, where there are birds
and animals & smiling
faces - and gleaming
motor cars. Speed has a

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BOMBAY.

dangerous fascination for her. This
strange love quickly a child grows
complex - and then it is so
long a way to go before she
can begin to make a unity
of life again. But meanwhile
at this stage it is not
necessary - so delicately they
choose their way, so quickly
respond to things. Here we have
the sea beating up under
our windows - and big
ships and tiny fishing
boats to watch, and
a wonderful sunrise from
behind a rocky hill island
hill.

I had one long letter from
April - from which she seemed
busy and more than ever
before in harmony with her
own people. It is good, I
suppose, for the time...

Do write - we long to
hear more about you all.
Mr Sarabhai from Ahmedabad
was here & told us Mr
Svetoslav is going to stay with
them.

With our very best wishes

Yours affectionately
Shusheila Lal

We shall be in Lahore for
Christmas at 2 Panj Mahal
Road - and then at 1A Queensway New Delhi

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Dear Madame Rœrich,

It is very pleasant to be back in India,
and I greatly look forward to seeing you soon,
when I have the energy to make another journey.
Tobie and I arrived this morning and my
husband hopes to come at the end of the
month.

I hope you all are well. With
best wishes.

Yours sincerely

S. Kusheils Tall

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June 13th

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my dear Madame Rœderer, Thank you very much
for your letter and your kind invitation. I did
not reply earlier as I could not find time, having
previously agreed to go with Mr. Wain if he
should go to visit you in Naggar. He has now
suggested Wednesday the 20th. I do not know
whether this is decision for him or not, but
may I come that day in any
case? We are very much looking forward to
seeing you all again. Toobie is six years old
today and although we have agreed to
wait and celebrate the event when her
father comes she is very proud of this
advanced age.

My husband sends his best wishes
to you all

Yours sincerely
Shirley Dall

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My dear Madame Rivie,

I was very sorry indeed to hear you have a cold and hope you will very soon be recovered from it. Please do not bother about our visit. We shall come to see you at a time that is convenient to you - and as I know my husband will wish to see you also, perhaps we should wait till next month. Unfortunately we cannot get to us of the date when we can leave Delhi - probably not till after the 7th of July. -

With our best wishes

Yours sincerely
Shubale Hall

Osborne House ⁷
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My dear Madame,
Thank you so
much indeed for the
chestnut, the size
surprised us all - we
have never seen such
large ones.

Our friends left the
morning. Professor seemed
to have helped the young
man. After you left last
evening he talked to us
to quite naturally &
we could approach
him a little.