

deal of time there + effort in  
bringing friends to it.

Can you realize, dear, how  
I miss you and how I would love  
a long newsy letter from you.

This is an incoherent effort but  
life has been very hard for me  
since my return and I must

work to regain a normal outlook  
again. Little Herbert talks of

you all the time - he's a darling  
and is waiting to start music  
until your return. Do let me  
hear from you,

Sincerely  
Sally Kramer

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indeed a slender one. He may  
get by on his personality, however.  
Mr. Kramer could not forgive him  
& the whole situation was terrible  
for me. I dropped my music com-  
pletely - could not concentrate on any-  
thing - but will, now that peace  
has been restored, again resume  
practising. The Master Building  
is beautiful & successful as I  
knew it must be with the  
idealism & spirit behind it -  
and I expect to spend a good



need of a rest but feel I have  
faced things out & all will go  
smoothly henceforth. Of course  
it all revolved about Charlie  
leaving college - refusing to  
study - his utter lack of amen-  
ability to discipline. Now he's  
been working 4 months in a  
large firm & his concern is eager  
to get back to any college -  
study day & night (so he  
says) but the chances of a  
college taking him again is

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Dear friend: -

How often I have at-  
tempted to write you - there has  
been so much I wanted you for  
and so little use in putting thoughts  
on paper. I returned from Italy  
renewed in health and spirits  
but found a very difficult  
situation facing me which I  
have just now succeeded in  
straightening. I am again in



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Dearest -

Your sweet letters are unexpress-  
ably dear to me and so interesting. How  
much nicer, though to have you right  
by me - to feel the warmth of your  
friendships and love at close range -  
this sounds effusive but how can I  
describe the wells of pure feeling which  
swell up within me when I think of  
what your dear self has meant to  
me. I fear my letter will be sadly  
lacking in the color and interest  
which permeates yours. My glorious

Italian trip seems a far away thing indeed with all the bafflement and unhappiness which have since been mine. How can I write of my conflicts and disappointments. As I intimated in my last letter during my absence, Charlie deliberately flunked out of college as Mr. Kramer was insistent that was the only way he could leave. Of course he did the wrong thing and I have no doubt in an resolute + unkind way but when I returned Mr. Kramer immediately desired to put him "on his own" that is out of the house. I could not of course concede that that would aid the situation + it created a strained attitude which was very



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difficult to live with. Now Charles is  
trying hard to return to college, having  
decided Law is his bent, but I doubt  
if he will be successful. Our home  
has become strained and unhappy and  
of course my health has not improved.  
It is so hard to know what to do - our  
life is so complicated by so many  
different problems it hardly seems  
fair. I had decided to relinquish  
the Cohen children & did send Little  
Buster to his aunt but to behold  
Herbert was hysterical and loquacious  
and pleaded so hard I had to



have him back. Herbert Cohn goes away  
next week to a preparatory school -  
Thank God! and I think then all will  
be serene. Oh darling, I wanted to  
write an interesting letter and instead  
I pour out to you my troubles.

Little Herbert is a darling - we  
did not go away this summer <sup>at</sup> ~~left~~  
for 2 weeks as things were so strained  
I had no peace anywhere. N. Y.  
was comfortable however and with little  
trips and parties ~~we~~ passed the time. I  
have done nothing at all with my  
music but hope in the fall to start  
again. With your inspiration gone and  
all my problems something seemed to  
have died in me - temporarily I'm  
sure. I'm having lunch on Friday





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with Mrs. Sichtmann will make some  
arrangements to start again soon.  
The new building is so beautiful and as  
I knew it would be, so successful. With  
such spirit and idealism behind it how  
could it fail! When are you returning?  
You should be here to see the realization  
of some of your plans & dreams. We  
were negotiating for an apartment there  
but alas were unable to sublet this  
one. Perhaps next year - eh?  
How amazing the things you  
tell about India sound! Tell I  
witnessed many colorful and primitive

happenings in Sicily and after all are they  
very much different than our Catholic worship  
or our worship of Mammon for that  
matter. Things seem more noisy and  
material than ever in N. Y. with the  
talking pictures and radios blaring on  
every corner. How restful and beautiful  
your surroundings appeared in the pictures  
and above all how rested you looked and  
how beautiful to me. It is fortunate  
for you I am not a man - I should  
run & India and kidnap you. I  
guess little Frieda would be my greatest  
rival. Do forgive me for unburdening  
myself to you. And come home soon.

Your devoted

Sally



I will be quite strong and able to withstand the worst of the winter. Little Charlie is now back at college and he has a position at night in Shraffts restaurant waiting on table from 8 until 1 each night. He earns between \$25 and \$35 and is quite independent of all financial aid. The dear boy misses his music and is going to work all summer for next year's tuition and he will then have the year free to pursue his musical studies as well as college. He is quite a changed boy- serious and steadfast. Little Herbert, God bless him, is more wonderful, intelligent and adorable all the time. Oh, how glad I will be when you are back to see for yourself.

I do hope you are resting, enjoying the marvellous experience of living in so different a land and with, from all reports so angelic a soul as Mme. Roerich. You do deserve the rest but come HOME SOON- we all need the inspiration of your actual presence, although your dear personality is imbedded in every stone of the Master Building.

With dear wishes and love from all,

Stella Kramer

P.S. Chas. had to quit work as he lost 12 lbs & looked dreadful.

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October 18th, 1929.

Dearest friend:-

I've not yet had an answer to my last two letters but I just felt the need of a little chat with you so here goes. Firstly I must tell you about the opening of the Master Building. It was, to me, a most brilliant affair- men of achievement spoke fervently the audience was an overflow one very distinguished looking men and women in gals raiment- you must have heard how the styles have changed and curves and bouffant lines plus long flowing skirts and corseted figures are again the vogue. The museum is simply gorgeous- all the pictures show to such advantage and some of the women, including myself acted as hostesses. We had the extreme privelege of having Prof. Roerich explain the pictures and the symbolism toms a few days before and I was quite an authority in showing various friends around. Then, I have started my lessons again under the guidance of your dear brother. Of course, it is needless to say how I miss you, dear and your kindly tolerance of my blunders but he is also sweet and kind and I must confess a little stricter and consequently I find myself practising one and one quarter hours instead of the usual one. I hadn't touched the piano in almost a year and am quite a beginner again but I feel an improvement already and by the time you return will be up to where I left off at least. About myself I am under a new regime for three months. No walking, no driving of the car, simply sitting in the sun, music, reading, lying a great deal and only walking the steps I cannot avoid. The Doctor thinks after three months



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Dearest Esther:-

Just as I was about to mail the enclosed your letter was handed to me with the most interesting enclosures. It is so nice to hear from you but not at all like seeing your shining head or watching you look for your pencil or shake out your nice clean perfumed handkerchief, or hold your lorgnette at inquiring young lads, or any of the other mannerisms which I love to think upon and not at all like having you to talk to and confide in. Although just now I have nothing to confide. All is going smoothly - I am learning not to worry, to enjoy life again and to make the most of everything. I am getting along so nicely with my music. Even Prof. Lúchtmann at yesterday's lesson commented heartily "not so bad at all" when I played No. 3 Scriabin. I am also studying the Beethoven Sonata which Charlie had started and Kullak- a good hard one- with a Chopin Mazurka.

Yes it was dreadful about darling Oriole. My heart ached for Mrs. Horch but I cannot but be inspired by the manner in which she takes her sorrow and the fortitude and courage of her demeanor. I had lunch with her yesterday and she fairly staggered me with her optimistic, idealistic thoughts on life and things generally. Surely such persons must act as a powerful stimulus to the rest of us to take unwhiningly what fate has in store for us and to continue life with zest and belief.

Well, dearest enjoy your stay and gather all the knowledge and inspiration you can for I know we will all be the richer for it when you return. With my fondest and heartiest love to you and my kindest thoughts to Mme. Roerich,

*Sincerely*

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My dearest friend:

Surely you must feel aggrieved at my long silence but it was not because I did not think of you. I've been so unhappy and my spirits have been so downcast I simply could not burden you with my cares. That does not mean I did not think of you at least each day - and oh, how I longed for your dear sane council. Well all is well now. I think of my health picks up a bit I can go on happily and courageously. I've taken a small apartment at 120th St. Herbert, Charlie, Mr. Kramer + I are together and the other boys are at Brooklyn with their Aunt + Uncle. Charlie is pursuing his studies diligently also his music and while he does not still know just where his headed - I feel this year will determine his future. Herbert - well he just goes ahead in every way competently as ever and always at the head. He is studying violin

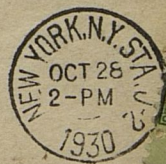


with Mrs. Vreton at the school + loves it  
He wants to be exclusive + have an achievement which the rest of us haven't I'm keeping up my plans with dear brother but do not somehow make much progress - well I do a bit each day and like to feel I've not given up. When you return, dear, with your strict pedagogic air I'd be scared not doing more. Just now I'm sitting on the roof and our little Irish Gerner, Sally, is annoying me with joyous carresses.

Last week I saw Mrs. Horch for just a moment and was indeed happy to find her looking so well, strong and youthful. From her reports your stay in India has been fraught with interest for you and I look forward so eagerly to seeing you and hearing of your great adventure -  
Believe me, dear sweet friend, I have not allowed a day to pass without a prayer for your safe return and your continued joy in being with your beloved Mrs. Poivich.  
As ever  
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My dearest friend:

How I wish I were travelling with this sheet to see all the wonders of the East in such dear company as yours. I just know you and Nettie will enjoy every moment of your trip and if thoughts can propel themselves through space the air is quivering with all the good wishes, love and blessings which I trust you will both have until I again see you.

There is very little new here- that's why I've been reluctant to write. Prosaic workaday things seem not at all appropriate in the dark romantic atmosphere in which you are abiding and so to say Charlie is fine- Herbert is doing well at school- Buster has the chicken pox- Herbert Cohn is troublesome- I have insomnia- my new maid is good- well, it just must be imagined. Instead I'll say I love you dearly and look forward to seeing and hearing you- that I am so glad dear Nettie is to be in your company- seeing and hearing new and interesting sights- that I'm sorry I'm not the possessor of a magic carpet so that I could see the greeting after so long a period of separation- Au revoir- dear,

Scotty