

December 30th - '30

Laurie Dear:

Just as I thought I'd done thanking you - along come these two magnificent prints. O Laurie, they really are perfectly stunning. I am overjoyed to have them. I shall take them down soon for Mrs K. to gloat over. Meantime, they had a first showing today, when Mr. & Mrs. Herzog dropped in for tea. I truly have never seen Mrs H. so enthusiastic over any photographs as she was over these. Not only the art but the technical skill of them simply made her gasp. Do you mean to say London actually turned down one of those marvelous cactus flowers? Incredible!

Laurie, your letter came this morning. So glad about Fran's fine news. Hope he'll feel lots fitter for the new job now his tonsils are done away with.

Look here - about that check. Go ahead & get any old books you please, of course, but don't you dare part one penny of the

Please, when you next see Mr. McClymont, thank him for me for his Christmas card. It was nice of him to send it. Oor Luille - what a life ahead of her!

remainders into my stocks! I shall soon have - in fact I have now, more than enough to pay that up in full. If you'll get the bank to let me know how much is still due, I'll send them a check. Will you do that for me? I'd like to clear that up.

And if Mrs Egan comes to her senses, & lets me send down the Charmides on which she's already paid one thousand (!), I'll be simply rolling in wealth. So there. I know there are all sorts of things you yourself want & need, & if you don't spend that paltry fifty on them, you'll just break my heart. A little print of one of those pictures of you will repay me doubly.

Am working like mad these days - Upstairs, downstairs. Running two studios at once ~~is~~ like a 3 ring circus. Am getting along with the working model of the Puck. The Hervey's kindly say it looks very Puckish already. I have a sweet Italian youth of sixteen posing for me.

Now for some duty notes - long over due, & then a romp with the kitten & so to bed.

Hurrah for the lantern slides! Go to it - & may they sell like hot cakes.

Love to you all, & you in particular -
Brendie



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