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Dearest Nell:

no doubt you are again at Villa Serina,
and it is Spring and the warm Sunshine
making it into a magic place. It is
so good to think of you being there like
this. And surely you feel free again,
your dear letter from Mexico made us
think so. Here so many things have
happened, that now I don't know
if I can possibly write it all. - Well,
I think most of it has to wait till
we are back again. (How wonder-
ful that will be!!)

Of the exhibit, well I met a man,
a critic, who is an unbelievable
character! I could not leave the
gallery till 1³⁰ in the morning.
I, in spite of the fact that I liked
him at first sight, and even more as
he rumbled along, - got into a
terrible fight with him. - However:
he wrote a fabulous review on

1/ my show. Yet is known to always
be very sharp and hard. Other reviews
also very all very good. And 4
Paintings were sold, and a gallery
from Stuttgart requested also if
they could give a Show. But I
don't know if I will agree.
I want to paint, and frankly, am
not so keen on getting "well known"
(or whatever one says) in Germany,
- simply because I have to go
my way in America. It is more
difficult there for me, more stones
on the way, - but I do belong
there.

Politically, Germany is the worst
mess. - I spend weeks working on
letters, protesting, to send to 10
Newspapers in Germany. - By the
time I got through, - there were so
many more terrible things going
on --, well one can not keep up.
It makes ones hair stand on
end! Dictatorship is called
Democracy, suppression and lies -

2) Justice. - And just as a small side-dish: Old Nazis, who held important positions under Hitler, - are now again in leading positions.

France is no better. They indulge in a form of nationalism that is positively monstrous.

So I have, recognising that it won't do any good, - given up the idea of starting a war with Germany.

We actually by now wanted to go to Greece. But since a few weeks, Henry's back made itself known again. Two experts looked at it, x-rayed it, etc.. And there is a possibility, that it may have to be operated again. (Which we would do in N.Y.). But all measures will be taken, of course, to prevent that. Daily medical bath's, etc.; - and already it is much better. What caused the relapse, one can not know. But perhaps after a

3.) few weeks it will be alright. -
We will and can not do much
driving now. So, - it is not too
bad. Even if we could not go to
Greece before returning, - I would
not mind, - Greece does not run
away. Nothing good does.

I have gained 8 pounds! Have
an appetite like whenever we were
at Villa Serena. And on Easter I
baked a Turkey, with Stuffing,
(Imported from U.S.A.) Cranberry
Sauce, Creamed Onions, and a green
Salad with fresh herbs from the
market. We wanted to drive to
Stuttgart on Easter, but that had to
be cancelled because of Henry.
However, my Father is alright
now. He met some nice people,
and came to see my Snow together
with the nicest lady. They see
each other often, and she may move
in the Fall in the house of my
Father. I know my Mother would
like her, u. be glad. - You can imagine

4. That it is a great burden off our shoulders.

And here to, it is spring. The winter seemed endless and cruel this time. How is Erika? I have not written to her, please give her my love.

The Traffic in Munich is worse than in N.Y.C. ! I would not dare to drive, - whereas in N.Y. I drive anywhere. Of course they make it complicated with lots of signs and so on additionally.

We are anxious to know what Project you now will work on. I can not get it off my mind -, I think of you doing a book of Flowers. It is just that I can see how beautiful you could make one. - Now I got that idea, I don't know, - but the few black and whites you did, - are always in my mind.

Now I will close, and send all my love to you, - and to Gilla Sina. So does Henry.

As always your Rose.