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Dear, dearest Nell, -

Thank you from my heart for everything. You have brought to us so much joy! Not a minute am I without you, - you are all around me. All I have to do - is - lift my head. Two of those magnificent Fotos are next to me on my Desk - on the wall; and two on the left of my easel - you will be on my side when I paint. That will chase away all my fears. The other two are in the living-room, where Jerry's desk is. This makes us feel, as if we are home, - at Villa Serena. What a gift this is. - - Our Apartment feels so good. All along I have regretted

Henny sends all his love. - And we can not thank you enough. Also our very best to Gert!

that I did not take your Fotos along.
It has been the worst, not to have
them on the walls. And now we
have them from Cris, - and of you!
(I will write him especially.)
We are amazed at his talent. I think
he already deserves his Master.
An incredible sensitivity and
feeling he has. But I remember
him from already far back,
how he loved to experiment even
with the Polaroid. Ones at the
Jersey side of George Wash. Bridge,
and ones at Villa Serina. It is
wonderfull, that he pursues it.
Of course he does not have
the mastery of you, - but nor
can I paint like Rembrandt.

Your letters we love - as every
word is a treasure, the more I
read it.

The book of the Spanish
Riding School of Vienna -, how
could you guess that this is the
one thing I wished ?? I was quite

1) speedless when it arrived. Exactly a year ago, in Munich, - I looked at a book almost like it. But I thought that I could not get it. that I would have to wait. And quite frequently since, I thought of it, - and wanted it so badly! And then this Fall, we had it planned, - I wanted to go to Vienna, to visit the Spanish Riding School; - this was a dream of many many years. (But as all stood so bad about Thomas, there was no thought of that.) And you, without knowing any of it: you have send me this great book! Henry was quite stunned, - he said: "Now, how is this at all possible?"

Barbara wrote a very dear letter, which pleased us no end. - Also she told all the

things I wanted to know about.
Her dear Family. They are al-
ready very excited, waiting for
this spring when you will visit
them.

I am very glad, that Chris is with
you. Oh - what fun it would
be if we would be there too! ...
The evenings in front of the Fire -
And now little Thomas, he is
the sweetest thing! And such a
miracle: he is all well and so
healthy. Last week I went to
Munich, to Prof. Fikentscher (the
Director of the University Clinic,
who delivered Thomas) and he
was overjoyed when I told him.
He said he would never forget
that time. He is such a great,
great human being. White hair
and beautiful, blue eyes. He
creates the most wonderful, warm
atmosphere about this huge
clinic. Never have I experienced

2) and understanding and love for women. All I wish, is, that you would know him. - But - you do know him, and he knows you; - for how otherwise could he be like this. People of this kind are united through an invisible band. This is the one and only light which is on earth. There is one thing he must have - he looks at women in this way. Your "Mother and Child". Emerson said, that every ^{great} book belongs to a few souls. (How true.) And if you could dedicate it to him ?? My joy would be complete, - for then he would know - you are there, I could tell him about you. I could share you with him.

It is a mere coincidence that I got to him. Actually, I wrote to Dr. Muller 1½ years ago; - a friend of mine over here could not

get a Baby and wanted one since years. So I asked Dr. Muller, if he could find out who the best gynaecologist in Europe is. (The country would not matter, she ~~we~~ would travel anywhere.) So, Dr. Muller inquired, and wrote: Prof. Dr. Fikentscher, in Munich. Well, I never dreamed of ever meeting him myself. And not until I came into his Clinic did I know, that he was our salvation.

If I think back, I think if I would have told you, - who knows, - you have so often had a miraculous influence over me, - may be I would not have had this terrible struggle. Henry often said, that I should tell you. But I was trapped by one single thought (could not manage a second one!) - not to worry you.

But anyway, - now I only

3.) wish you could hold Thomas!
What it would mean -, if only
he could be in your arms. It is
there - where he belongs really.
He is so dear - so very wonderful,
you only know how impossible
it is to put it quite into words.
And he sometimes smiles! This
is like straight from Heaven.
In the Clinic he used to cry at
all times. Now he very seldom
does. And he drinks his bottle
without ever refusing or stopping.
Unfortunately, the first Fotos
Jerry's Sister took, did not
come out! And the ones we took
with little Brownie, - well, they
are really poor. But - better
ones will come! Our Apt.
here is now adorable. Jerry
made a desk for himself, and
many other things. Shelves, a
Table, etc.. For me he found an
old, sweet Desk at a second hand

Stare (those things we like best
anyway) and some Chars from
the turn of the Century. The seats
had to ~~be~~ be remade, but
they look like something that
was "liked" and treasured.
If only I could take Thomas
in my Arms and go to you!
If only I knew when it will
be. - It all depends on Henry's
Book. - He is now doing the
final "going over" the sentences.
He also read parts of it to
experts, who were enthusiastic.
So, we will see what we will
see. Altogether: "We are a great
Family!" You remember that we
decided that year back. There is
no doubt about it.
Hart Trebor, you remember, he is
now in Frankfurt, he also made the
photos of you and Steichen at the Mus. of
mod. Art. - Well, he is going to N.Y. a
few weeks. ^{in April} I told him he should call
you, - and possibly visit you. It would

be very interesting (if not more than that) for us. Don't be doing anything
very well, but in the advertising field, we've over here in good. He was in
Boston just leaving the Bare Feet. Always my love -
your love.