



THE MIRAMAR
SANTA MONICA
CALIFORNIA

Thursday.

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My very dear one.

Two things happened

yesterday which will make me a
better wife — and a better person.

The first and most important is
- that I spent several hours with
Earnest Smith and his dear wife.

I couldn't help thinking of those lines
of Steiner's: In the last atom, the earth
consists of Life. There is no filter

left of earth about Earnest Smith -

but it is pure life — as if it were

actually The Word. Oh John darling
he is something to meet face to face.

so beautiful, so pure, so deathless.

'To think that I might have missed it.'
 That taught me what we miss when we
hurry - with our eyes fixed on what
 we fondly think is our goal - in this
 case, 'The Dorr Co Around the World.'
 How little did I dream that here was
 something worth a trip around the world
 itself. We laughed so and talked and
 talked and talked. I remember everything
 as though everything were that important -
 even the unimportant things. Everything
 was from the heart. clear, beautiful and
free! Truly the Spirit has set him free
 from the flesh - and he freed us
too - triumphing over all his infirmities
 as nothing. Whenever anyone tries
 to put the law of flesh on you
 I shall remember one freed soul
 and his victory shall be ours.

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Compared with this experience, the second is nothing - yet the second one happened first and in some peculiar way added to the perception of its meaning. I had a Finnish Bath! There is a place here in this dreadful Hollywood called "Finlandia" where they give the hot baths and massage like the Old Country. I thought, this I would like and I did. The room where the Baths are is of Red-wood - with wooden benches for lying on - a stone fire burning and hot stones - all quite primitive. The effect is that you leave the place feeling cleaner than you have ever been before! Inside and out!

They do not switch you with willow
switches as they do in Finland - but
instead they rub you with salt -
Then finally comes the massage where
every muscle is exercised and relaxed.
I felt alive to the tips of my fingers -
and that is how I went to Earnest
Smiths. You can imagine the combined
effect!

To-day we are still awaiting the camera
but I have talked with Henderson
and laid all our plans for Arizona
and New Mexico. It is fortunate
that the mishap happened here -
and one must not forget the relativity
of annoyance to real trouble. It is nothing. I
know and count on your understanding - I
feel the delay has had great compensations.
Please get yourself a Finnish Bath and Massage!

Bless you dearest - and the Tie
that binds us - Ever -