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Kirkellswood,
Charlwood, Surrey.

Aug. 17th '96

Dearest Pippa

I am sending you a letter I received from Mr. Webb. I cross-examined Edith on the subject of M. B.'s health (in a discreet manner) and she says she is supposed to be very delicate and at certain times retires to bed always for two days, but she didn't seem

to know of anything else. It is rather mysterious. I hope you are all well and that Newbury is a success, do write me a line to say how you are getting on. It is rather sad that nobody here cares a pin about Wagner, so that no conversation on the subject is possible! I am longing to see Halsery, and to get the music of Parsifal. I saw Diebr and Grace before they left here, they seemed very cheerful and everybody was full of their

combined and separate charms! My summer is being spoilt by the feeling that I ought to learn the bridge, I went on Editte's as far as the Fox and back yesterday with Harry and fell off three times from sheer nervousness. We called on the Nathans yesterday on Saturday and saw the most amusing sight there; our Capt. Nathan (Mathew) and his elder married brother, who is also Capt. Nathan, are both in the beginning stages of bibing, and they showed off on the lawn for our benefit. It was too quaint to see the way these two

somewhat elderly parties reeled about and tumbled off. Matthew is far the worst and can't guide himself in the least, he always goes over all the flower beds and lands in the hedge helplessly. There is a young brother as well, George, and a sister Maud. The young Mrs. Nathan is too painfully Jewish in appearance and they all talk with a strong Coburn accent. I ~~wrote~~ wrote to Cousin Minnie the other day and endorsed a note for Mildred (of congratulation, as I didn't know her address) and this morning I received it back with a letter from Cousin M. saying she thought it would be kinder

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if for the present no more
letters on the subject or presents
were sent, until it is seen
"which way the cat jumps" !!!
Edith and I are going to Epsom
tomorrow for the day. The babes
here are all very well, they play
a great deal of cricket and
have learnt lawn-tennis, they
also do a great deal of gymnas-
tic exercise in the orchard on
a beautiful apparatus that has
been rigged up for them there.

I wish Jembean could come
and join in their antics, I am
sure they would amuse him.
I forgot to say that Marion Britton
is very likely coming here so
perhaps I may hear something
from her about Maud. If Miss
Schallen is with you do get her to
write a letter to Hochgebirte Frau
Apottelber Meyer and ask her to
get us some Lohr portraits. My
letter from Jim was returned from
the D. L. Office. Love to all from

Your Elvira.