

[20-3-18]

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Pool. Theory.

My dear Pippa

Here I am in a baker's &
procurer's shop in a little slum all down among the
crackhouses & wharfs near the harbor & as busy
pretty as can be - don't have a job, my dear, I nearly
didn't dare to come 'cause 2 days in London last
week - & meeting Off. gave me such a bad feeling
that I thought I shd. never be able to do anything
again but I rested carefully Sat. Sunday & with
great recuperation set off Monday. Now I've had a
day's work & feel better than I have for ages. You
see I've got such good lodgings with a room to
myself & they cook me excellent fresh fish & nice
eggs & I can have all the butter & sugar (antiseptic
ration and) & it's so near the books that I
come back to lunch & lie down like a lamb &
in sleep it's all right & I'm lucky for it

But London, with all its emotions & telephones
& buzzing of people just hovers over us inside.
Pam comes home at end of this week as Dr I
& has already written to Clarendon for her Pippen
which means you must come by car - when?
I take her to Farnham 27-28 to 30 & we have promised
to call at Chiddingfold on our way back. I suppose
we shall be back at Gosport 6th & then on
steadily for a fortnight so Dr I by to put in a
good time then.

I've been painting myself at Dunkirk, front de
merci - but that I could get much better in
the matter of posing & I find it great fun. I get
such complete detachment from the object in the
mirror that I realize Cozanne's ideal of a
person that's like an apple in a dish - but that I
look like an apple or at least only like a green
apple that's all wrinkled. Do write to me here
his lovely but pleased with you.

Add: Gr. Pigeon.

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