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My dear Pippa

The pictorial numbers had one advantage, that they helped you to remember the number of the week before - I post the numbers up on an almanac now which is some good but not a certain method as the almanac is always missing at the critical moment.

Your Easter tour sounded most amusing except la! la!

for les sales petits bêtes. It is called "The Nye House Plot" (fin de siècle) - The train-catching episode at Hythe reminds me of a fearful experience Dorothy and I had once with the old sociable when we nearly broke our hearts in forcing the lumbering old thing up-hill to catch the train and when we got to the station had to borrow 4<sup>d</sup> from the ticket clerk to pay our fares.

Nothing has happened here except that mango fool is

now in stock - This is the most delicious food yet invented and when mixed half and half with iced Soda water makes a most beautiful drink.

There has been a little rain lately which has kept it fairly cool. My bicycle has been sitting for months with tires deflated with the result that they have become quite flat and refuse to inflate - I think they have hardened into a shape which prevents the flaps from coming properly together when starting pumping, though they seem quite good in other respects

and I am sure would be  
all night if I could once  
get them pumped up. I have  
written a most flattering  
letter to old Fleuss asking for  
advice how to put them  
right, in the hopes that  
he will send me new tires  
free of charge as he is so  
fond of doing.

I have just seen in the  
papers that one of the  
hurrayas was drowned in  
the Stella - Is this true?  
and which of them was it?

Yr loving brother

Ralph.

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