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Singapore Ry Stn

Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>

My dear Ralph

Kindly obtain the  
following articles

- 1 large basket
- 1 label marked "Sweets"
- 1 doz. healthy cobras  
(di capallo).

∴ I mean to send a gift  
to 69 Lance Gate.

One letter (of  $\frac{1}{2}$  a sheet)

have I received in

the last 12 weeks (viz  
3 months!) This is a  
literal fact & no exaggeration -

I have written every week  
(also literal fact - very  
nearly) - Kindly mention  
if any news or not - I  
am exacerbated & acrimonious -

If I didn't hear from  
Ruly I should doubt the  
existence of Europe - Poor  
thing, her father has  
just died and she is

very depressed; - she says  
~~too~~ that she won't be  
able to go a stop with  
the family now, - which  
is damn worthy -

Humph has set in -  
As I don't know your  
address since you've become  
a Lillooah white duck  
I'm sending this to the  
Sink -

Adoo

Yours  
Owen Choatey

day and you can  
 take it round to Chappells  
 or some body who sells  
 them and ~~the~~ hear the  
 sweet accents of my  
 voice once more again  
 alas.

I am very sorry to  
 leave the Georges who  
 have been most kind.  
 It is rather amusing -  
 When I first went there  
 Aggie had a strong  
 loathing for me and was  
 only polite from a sense  
 of duty. As I didnt

think this at all correct  
I determined to make  
her alter her views -  
You see she thought I  
was 'Stracheyfied' if you  
know what that means  
<sup>to the vulgar crowd</sup>  
which was very annoying.  
So I took special pains  
with her, with complete  
success, and I now hold  
the position of the con-  
fidant!

I think I shall generally  
be able to come in to  
Calcutta from Saturday

to Monday so it will  
be an improvement on  
Dehri in that respect  
I shall also be myself  
which is a great thing  
and not the shadow of  
somebody else which I  
have been for the last 3  
years -

Well goodbye - remem-  
ber me in your prayers  
y<sup>r</sup>. loving brother  
Napht

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