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**Trouble with Mail . . .  
... And a Disappointment**

Though Mr. and Mrs. John Cordaro are back home from their European jaunt, we still have the balance of the trip to enjoy with them in print. Letter No. 17 strikes the first blue note as plans for a trip to Africa have to be abandoned.

Reggio, Italy.  
We left Cosenza at 6:30 a.m. on our way to Reggio where we planned on a short stop. All along the way we travelled by the sea shore, miles and miles of blue water and sandy beaches. On the other side of our train was the ever changing range of mountains with little villages dotted all along the way, and for every two or three dozen houses, no matter how dilapidated, there is always a church. In the morning at 6 a.m. you are awakened by the insistent bang, bang of the bells. They don't ring slow and musical here like they do in Canada. Here instead of the call "Come to church", it's more like a "Fire alarm". We reached Reggio about 1 o'clock. The station is a new one here, very neat and clean, with marble floors, tables outside, flowers and tropical trees along the platform.

Our driver took us to Hotel Miramore, which is right across from the Boulevard overlooking the sea. We were taken to our room which looked out on this lovely boulevard. From here we could see the glittering lights of Messina across the blue water. John tells me this was the home of Dick Lincati's parents. Next we went for a drive (horse and buggy) around Reggio. The main street runs for miles as far as the eye can see in a straight line. Along the way we came to a very beautiful park. Here one can see tropical trees of every kind, there are very beautiful brilliant flowers and two handstands and the ever present palm trees. I should have liked to stay longer in Reggio but time will not permit. We had left word at our hotel at Cosenza to hold our mail till we reached a spot that we would stay for a few days and asked them to forward it to us when they heard from us.  
So we left Reggio by ferry boat to

cross into Sicilia (Sicily) and landed at Messina. Here we planned to wait for our mail. John telephoned to Cosenza, giving them our new address, and to our utter dismay learned that two letters had arrived from Canada and they had sent them back. We had waited at Cosenza eleven days for mail from home and had tipped the desk clerk 500 lire to hold it for us. This meant 2 telegrams, one to Cosenza post office, where they telegraphed back the mail was on its way to Napoli, another to Napoli but no response yet. Now yet another telegram to minister of post authority. I doubt very much if it will do any good. All seems confusion here. People seem to talk and talk but never seem to get anywhere. We have had no mail from home and am wondering if all is well. The loss of our mail is a trifling upsetting, to say nothing of what those at home will think when the mail is returned. If there is no mail from Napoli tomorrow we may go on to Catania and wait there as it is from Catania or Palermo that we take our ship to Africa.

Albergo Piemonte, Messina.  
I think I wrote you from lovely Reggio, which is situated right at the toe of Italy and right across the river from Messina. I think Reggio was the hometown of Dick Lincati's parents. It's lovely, Dick.  
Now we are in Messina, Sicily, or Sicilia, as it is called in Italy. They tell us that this is the rainy season here, and I can quite believe them for sunny Italy now has the weeps. Every time we venture out the skies suddenly darken and we have to make a dash for home. I brought a rain coat with me from home — also a pair of plastic rain shoes, but every time I need them they are back at the hotel. Oh, well, a little rain won't hurt us!  
Today we paid a visit to several travel agencies to try to book our passage to Jerusalem. What a disappointment. I could have wept. Instead of travelling from Palermo as I had been informed we had to travel all

the way back to Napoli, Italy and the first ship it was possible to take would be October 17th, and when we figured out the time of the trip there and back, we found it was impossible to make the return home on time for the sailing of the Homeric. There was one good thing about it, though. It would give us a little more time for another visit to England. So we took our disappointment with as much grace as possible and made the plans to visit some of the other towns and places in Italy which we had missed on the way out.

I told you once before how I missed our good Canadian roast beef, also the pies. In all our travels I have never tasted one piece of pie. Well, John was talking to our hotel manager about food and he offered to take us to the best hotel in Messina and get us a good meal. We went. Yes, the macaroni was very good but I still wanted a Canadian meal. Oh yes, they could give me roast beef American style. With mashed potatoes I asked. It came. Just a slice of beef. No gravy, one boiled potato. Then the two hotel managers held a consultation and to my utter surprise I was invited to the kitchen to meet the head chef. I went. Then a request by the hotel manager.

Would I go next morning to the hotel and show the chef how to make American pies. Well they seemed so keen I at last agreed and next morning off I went with John as interpreter. I inquired about material and learned they don't have our kind of flour and only very coarse salt, then no vanilla flavouring, no brown sugar, no corn starch, etc. I did manage to get enough materials of some sort to make some apple pies, raisin pies, two custard pies, and two lemon pies. They turned out fairly well when I considered that they were baked in one of those old fashioned restaurant ranges that burn wood.

Feeling very proud of myself I surveyed my handiwork with pride, but the chief chef was apparently miffed that an American had been asked to show HIM how to cook and to our disgust asked John if he would like to pay for the materials I had used! Such gratitude. This was entirely his own sentiments as you will guess, and from now on I will meekly endure the macaroni without further comment. I had sent our address home to England and asked them to drop me a line by air mail and to my delight when we reached the hotel there were two letters waiting for me. After waiting so long for mail from home it was good to get a letter from England. It was from cousin Molly and she began with the usual greetings followed by these words "am writing this while waiting for my Sunday dinner, roast beef and Yorkshire pudding. There is nothing like roast beef and Yorkshire pudding for Sunday." Just imagine how I drooled. Just wait till I see Milly. She said my letters made her feel as though we were in fairy land. Yes, but we still get hungry, even in fairyland. Tomorrow we head back across the river by ferry to Reggio.

Day dawned and once again we hit the trail. Between showers we headed for the docks and our ferry.  
Am not sure if I told you that the ferries carry passengers and freight cars and buses and cars, etc. I counted eight cars of passengers which were shunted from the railway tracks — also 4 freight cars of huge poles.  
Back again in Reggio we purchased railway tickets to take us all the way to Le Havre, France, with stopovers any place we decided to stay along the route.  
Salerna looked a very likely place, so we stopped over here, but sunny Italy had not yet decided to dry its tears and although we got a glimpse of a lovely beach it was so wet that we decided to make our stay a short one. Maybe we could outrun the rain. So on again, this time to Rome. Rain again? I thought it was only England that rained. Don't they like us here. Oh, well, we had been to Rome twice before so once again we made our way back to the station and decided on Torino.

This was it. After getting settled in a very comfortable hotel, Hotel Asoria, we went for a walk. Ah, all the arcades! Let it rain now any day, we should worry, one can shop all day long under those high broad arcades without getting a drop of rain. The street runs between arcades on both sides and at every intersection there is a little park or fountain or very beautiful statues. We walked for miles looking at all the shop windows and taking in the sights. As we neared the end of one intersection there was a smell of something roasting and sure enough we came upon a woman roasting chestnuts right in the arcade! Of course we stopped for a sample.

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and ended up with a bagful each. They were piping hot and very good so we ate them while strolling along the rest of the way. Torino is a place well worth visiting and it sure was a relief to get out of the rain.  
Our next stop will be Paris.  
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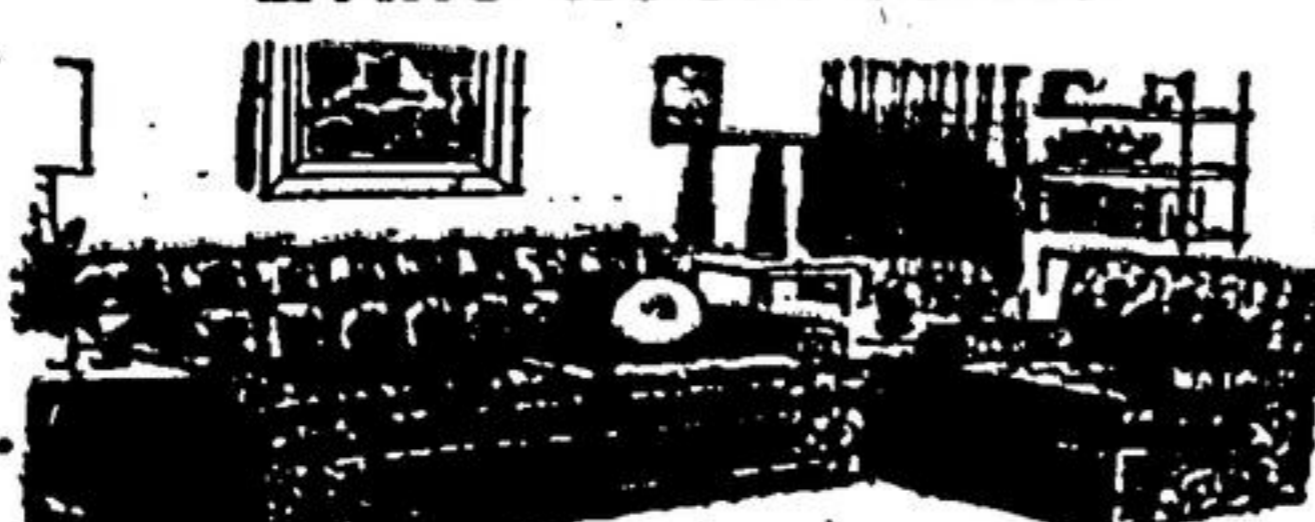
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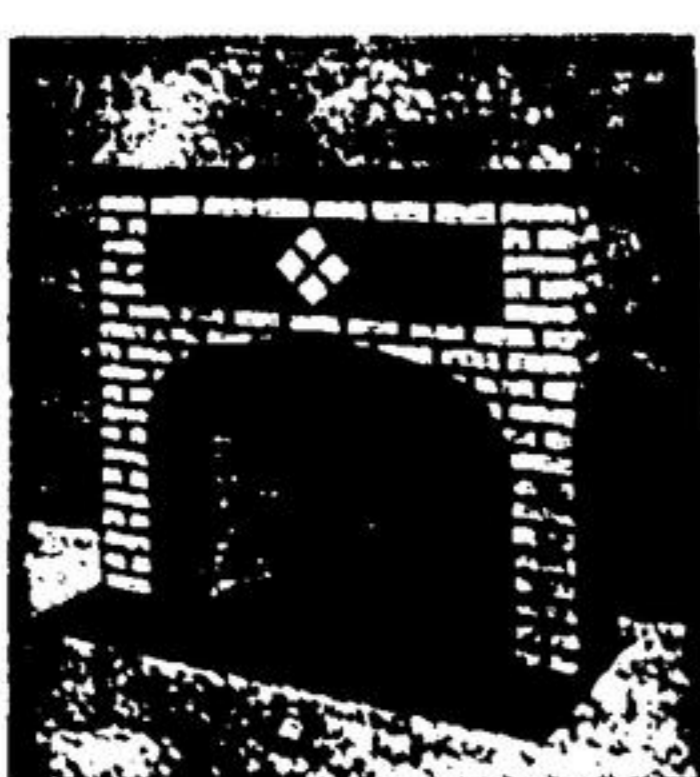


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