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Kate dearest – long overdue letter – but your poor Pike went through something similar to a nervous break-down (that is between us). I just had too much of everything and all of a sudden packed out on all – Lost interest and did not care what happens to whom houses apartments included. – I spend a month in Deauville last place I wanted to go but it was close to Paris where Arthur was. One month of rain mind Palace Hotel life.

And taking care of the children who were alternatively ill with asthma (Alice) sniffles (Johnny) etc. — Finally we left yesterday when weather became heavenly — Today in Paris it is hot stifling my heart dropped to my feet have no energy even to think. Eva is leaving tonight for U.S.A. — and we leave tomorrow for 7 days to Edinborough I am leaving the chicks alone I have no strength to figure things out any more. There is a nice maid Gabrielle Eugene and a cook — they will just

What do you suggest I do? I discovered it weeks later as I was not wearing any jewelery. I am still looking everywhere in every corner of the house, purses, drawers, rugs furniture etc. — I am wearing no more jewels being absolutely fed up with this responsability for which I have no mind any more. — You never gave me the list of representatives of McKelly here did you? — If you did I dont know where it is — Also I have no idea where is the return ticket of the cadillac? Real fun isn't it. You will have to ask them to issue me a new

have to survive. — In spite of the rains etc. the sea air did the children good — They are always happy everywhere. Paul as you know (maybe) is back in U.S.A. made up finally send him by a passive resistance act to all our suggestions.

Now — comes the rub. —

First of all my sapphire and diamond brooch is gone — where, how, when — god only knows. I can't even recollect but vaguely when I wore it the last time — on my birthday? — As I told you my mind was not and still is not functioning too well —

one if I don't locate it soon.
As to checks I will enclose here one to Bekins - one to you for further doings - Eva it seems neglected to mention the pictures but I hope and pray that they went too? The pink "denim" she called her own pink curtains of course I know the others dont exist nobody wants them anyway. - When we come to end beginning of december we shall decide what else to take what to get rid of etc. until then it has to continue at Bekins - Oh Kate how I miss you! Is there any chance of you popping for a few months to New York? -

Perhaps drive with Bob – or just simply "associate" as before with these crazy people for a starter. Mrs. West has 250 left over – I will ask her to give it to you for the account. OK? – Last bill from June said we have in the bank 4,300. How much the shipment will cost? – Oh how I would like to stop shipments and all!!! – Arthur wants to sell this house. He will decide in the next 2 months what to do. It is lovely now – even the ice box is fixed (3 days ago) and the hoover works – and the washing machines – Can you believe it!

Why I am so tired? – it must be the weather! – Sweet Kate, how lovely was our trip, remember? – I will think of you when we go to Italy again in October! – How is Bob? – Did he have a lot of work this year – how does he feel? – Give him my best! – How is the Olds still alive? – Write to me please. The Simca drives now like mad – at 120 kil. per hour with ease. Cute little car it is. The car shines and glitters beautifully – Eugene now serves too and cleans downstairs –

the Cook is the one of half of Geana
not too brilliant but nice — Mademoiselle
proved to be a formidable stinker not
It could be she has the brood too !!
Would not surprise me a bit! —
I must finish so that Eva
takes the letter. Arthur is fine
played the first concert in Deauville
on the 30th magnificently with all
his fire and power — he does not
feel the operation any more. —
Give my love to Beverly Hills —
I hear Bonnie sold the house and
bought another? — I love you
and kiss you my good real
honest to goodness friend Kate. The
children, Papa, Eva all love you
and send their love. — Your Helena R.

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